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**Council of Europe and European Union help to develop
screening tools on Mental Health for Georgian
Penitentiary and Police Detention Institutions**



A 2 -Day Workshop took place on 24-25 November, in Kakheti, Georgia. The representatives of France, Germany and Switzerland prison Services presented the tools used in their respective countries to screen the mental health status of prisoners, and detainees as well as the relevant procedures and tasks of the prison personnel.

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Strengthening Public Defender's Office's capacities in monitoring mental health issues



The Council of Europe and the European Union continue to support the capacity development of the Public Defender's Office in monitoring mental health issues in the closed institutions. As part of this support a 3-day training session was held on 3-5 November 2016, with focus on mental health services in prisons.



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On the way of Developing Internal Inspection Mechanism in Psychiatric Institutions



The Council of Europe is assisting the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs in developing a concept of internal inspection mechanism responsible for monitoring the human rights situation in psychiatric institutions. The concept paper developed by the CoE local consultant, was reviewed by the international expert and presented for discussion during the round table meeting held on 2 November 2016.



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Address the needs of people with mental disorders - Training sessions on Managing Prisoners with Mental Health Problems

From 30 October to 1 November included, the Council of Europe international experts conducted a 3-day training session for prison staff on managing prisoners with mental health problems.

Participants were provided with in-depth knowledge about: assessment & treatment approaches to patients with mental health problems, medical examination upon admission to prison, suicide & self-harm prevention and other mental health related issues in prison.



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Working Together for Better Protection of Human Rights of those with Mental Disorders

The Council of Europe and the European Union have launched a series of refresher training sessions on human rights of those with mental disorders and medical ethics, especially designed for the staff of psychiatric institutions.

The aim of the training sessions is to consolidate the participants' knowledge and further advance their understanding on the issues of ethical standards, human rights approaches to mental health care, and rights of persons with mental disabilities, so that they can apply them in their daily work with more confidence.



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Strengthening the suicide prevention programme in prisons



The Council of Europe and the European Union continue to support the further enhancement of skills of Georgian prison psychologists, psychiatrists and social workers in administering Suicide Prevention Programme in prisons.

As a part of this support, on-site supervision of multidisciplinary teams of suicide prevention has been launched in November and will continue in December 2016 as well as in 2017. It is expected that the local experts will supervise the work of the multidisciplinary suicide prevention teams in the prior selected prisons.

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Continuing to strengthen the capacity of the General Inspection of the Ministry of Corrections

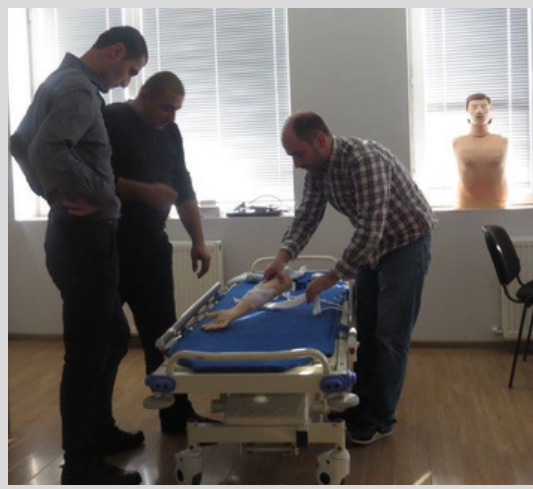


A 3-day training, covering theoretical sessions on the prisoners' rights, international standards of internal inspection, standards and specifics of systemic monitoring was conducted on 28-30 November. Theoretical part was followed by a supervised simulation of prison inspection visit, where participants were able to apply techniques and consolidate theoretical information learned during the training sessions.

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Training of Prison Staff in Modern First Aid Standards



The Council of Europe and the European Union have continued a series of training sessions on modern first aid standards with the aim to assist the Ministry of Corrections in preparing the non-medical staff of prisons to provide first aid for prisoners.

The sessions cover the training of future trainers selected from the medical staff of the penitentiary service as well as training of the non-medical staff.

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