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## HUMAN RIGHTS AND HEALTHCARE IN PRISONS AND OTHER CLOSED INSTITUTIONS IN GEORGIA II



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**More than 150 prison staff from all parts of Georgia  
trained on managing prisoners with mental health  
problems**



The Council of Europe and the European Union organised 1-day training sessions for 7 groups of medical and non-medical personnel of the penitentiary system, on managing prisoners with mental health problems, between 26 June and 3 July 2017. In total, up to 158 participants from different prisons of East as well as West Georgia were trained.

Participants learnt about different mental health related issues, including assessment and treatment approaches, medical examination upon admission to prison, psychiatric care and treatment plans, therapeutic and rehabilitative psychosocial activities in prisons etc. This was a follow up phase of training sessions held from 7 to 15 February 2017.



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## Supporting professional development of temporary detention isolator staff



The Council of Europe and the European Union are assisting the Ministry of Internal Affairs in developing of a distance learning program for the staff of the police detention facilities.

The CoE international expert participated in a working group meeting in Georgia on 16-17 May to review the training programme, prepared by the Police Academy for the staff of temporary detention isolators for its compliance with European standards and best teaching practices.

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## Better Crisis Management in Georgian Prisons



On 1-2 May Council of Europe and European Union organised working group meeting on introducing the crisis intervention in Georgian prisons. The meeting is part of the assistance provided to Georgian authorities in developing crisis intervention in the penitentiary system.

As a first activity of this process, a briefing paper on possible crisis intervention models in prisons was developed. This is to be followed by elaboration of an Action Plan on introducing crisis intervention in penitentiary establishments.

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## Developing special program for psychiatric nurses



The European Union and the Council of Europe are assisting the Ministry of Corrections of Georgia in training of the psychiatric nurses. These trainings are based on the program initially developed by the CoE international and local experts and represent the first trainings in this field in Georgia.

The twelve-day training program aims to equip the nurses for working in the prisons with the basic theoretical knowledge on mental health issues. The program consists of twelve modules and will be conducted in two phases: first phase, consisting of six-day trainings will be held in June 2017 and second phase, six-day trainings will be held in July 2017.

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## Implementation of Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Programme "Choose for Change"



The Council of Europe and European Union were supporting the Ministry of Corrections in implementation of psycho-social rehabilitation programme "Choose for Change", designed and implemented by the Georgian Centre for Psycho-Social and Medical Rehabilitation of Torture Victims.

The programme "Choose for Change" lasted 6 months and consisted of group and individual sessions.

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## Assistance with assurance of the quality control of the healthcare services in prisons



Continuing a range of activities that assist the Ministry of Corrections of Georgia in assuring the quality control of the healthcare services in prisons. As a part of this process the CoE expert started the work on the development of the action plan and on elaborating the guiding document for quality control methods and mechanisms. This is a follow up of a concept and guidelines of the quality control assurance of healthcare services in prisons developed by the CoE consultant.

As a third phase, a working group meeting was held on 3-4 June in Tbilisi where the Action Plan and budget related issues of quality control were reviewed and finalized.



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