

STRENGTHENING THE KOSOVO* INSTITUTIONS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TORTURE, ILL-TREATMENT AND OTHER DEGRADING TREATMENT (IKOS)



18 months (1 July 2019 - 31 December 2021)



€ 550 000

Voluntary contribution - Norway

MAIN OBJECTIVES

- To **improve the rights and freedom of persons deprived of liberty by reducing ill-treatment**
- To ensure **effective investigation** on allegation of ill-treatment

EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND RESULTS

1. National preventive mechanism (NPM) staff are taking steps to improve their skills in monitoring detention facilities and to follow up on their recommendations
2. Kosovo* Academy of Justice is taking steps to improve trainings for the judiciary related to fight against ill treatment and torture
3. Kosovo* judiciary and law students are demonstrating better understanding of ECtHR standards in relation to fight against ill treatment and torture

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Development of the **NPM strategy for prevention of torture and ill-treatment for the period 2021-2025** and a gender-sensitive monitoring guide
- Establishment of a **working group to follow up on recommendations of the NPM**
- **Trainings on monitoring detention facilities** for NPM staff
- **Study visit to the CoE and the ECtHR** of the NPM staff and judiciary of Kosovo*
- Development of specific module for NPM in cooperation with CPT and GRECO on how to better **monitor corruption in the prison system and report on allegation**
- Conducting **raising awareness events** on the work of the NPM with judiciary, correctional and police officers on: (a) usage of alternative measures instead of detention (b) involuntary placement in mental health facilities
- Development of **training material** for trainers related to prohibition of ill-treatment and case-law of the ECtHR and conduction of training of trainers
- Cascade **training activities for judges and prosecutors** with ECtHR case-law
- **Workshops and moot courts with students of Law faculty** on the prohibition of ill-treatment

PARTNERS AND BENEFICIARIES

Ombudsperson Institution, Judicial Council, Prosecutorial Council, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Law Faculties, Justice Academy, Ministry of Justice/ Correctional Service and Prison Health Department of the Ministry of Health.

* All references to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions, or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United National Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.