

## Strengthening National Preventive Mechanism in Kosovo\*<sup>1</sup>

### *Project summary*

<b>Project title</b>	<b>Support National Preventive Mechanism in Kosovo*</b>
<b>Country</b>	Kosovo*
<b>Budget</b>	450-650,000 €
<b>Funding</b>	Government of Switzerland/Council of Europe
<b>Duration</b>	24 months (01 May 2017 – 31 April 2019)
<b>Partners and beneficiaries</b>	Ombudsperson Institution, Ministry of Justice/Correctional Service, Police, Police Inspectorate, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Office of Prosecutor, Courts, Kosovo Judicial Council, Kosovo Judicial Institute, Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Kosovo Chamber of Advocates, civil society, international organizations including UN entities, OSCE, EU and embassies
<b>Main objectives</b>	<p><b><u>Overall objective:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To contribute to better protection of the rights of persons deprived of liberty in Kosovo</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Specific objectives</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To strengthen capacity of the National Preventive Mechanism Unit (NPM) within Ombudsperson Institution in Kosovo* (OiK) to apply international and European standards and domestic legislation in the area of protection of rights of persons deprived of liberty</li> <li>• To assist NPM in carrying out visits to places of deprivation of liberty within its annual plan of visits in line with European and other international standards</li> <li>• To raise awareness on the mandate of National Preventive Mechanism among the relevant stakeholders in Kosovo* (people deprived of liberty, the OiK as an institution, public opinion, staff operating in the places of deprivation of liberty, governmental structures, judiciary, CSOs)</li> </ul>
<b>Expected outputs and results</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All OiKs NPM staff are trained to conduct preventive visits to places of deprivation of liberty and a sustainable training methodology developed and handed over</li> <li>• OiK capacity to deal with human rights violations is strengthened</li> <li>• The annual plan of visits to places of deprivation of liberty is prepared</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> All references to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions, or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

	<p>in realistic manner corresponding to NPM’s mandate and capability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The visits to places of deprivation of liberty are carried out in line with European and other international standards and in accordance with Kosovo* legislation</li> <li>• Relevant Kosovo* institutions are aware of the NPM mandate and are prepared to cooperate</li> </ul>
<p><b>Implemented or planned activities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery of eight 4-day training sessions on conducting monitoring visits to places of deprivation of liberty by a public authority, places of deprivation of liberty under the responsibility of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare</li> <li>• Placement of four local legal consultants to the OIK for a full-time work on individual applications and other tasks assigned by the Ombudsperson or one of his Deputies</li> <li>• Assessment of the draft plan of visits prepared by the OIK’s NPM unit</li> <li>• Conducting six 3-day visits to places of deprivation of liberty supervised by the CoE, including a feedback session upon the visits’ completion</li> <li>• Organizing six 1-day awareness raising round tables for representatives of Kosovo* institutions (judiciary, penitentiary, prosecutors) and OIK staff on the NPM mandate;</li> <li>• Organizing one-day conference on results achieved during the project and on modalities of co-operation between the NPM and other Kosovo* institutions.</li> <li>• Organizing Two 1-day round tables (in the beginning and in the very end of the project) to introduce the project to the beneficiaries (beginning) and to discuss the follow-up of recommendations of the NPM (in the end).</li> <li>• Organizing a one-day regional conference on the challenges to the functioning of NPMs in the Western Balkans for up to 50 participants.</li> </ul>