date: 14 May 2012

venue: European Youth Center Budapest

(Európai Ifjúsági Központ) (1024 Zivatar str. 1-3.)

**Monitoring in order to prevent torture  
– preparing Hungary for the operation of the National Preventive Mechanism**

**8.30 – 9.00 arrival, registration**

**9.00 – 9.30 introductions**

**chair: Thomas Hammarberg**

*former Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe*

**LEGAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE (OPCAT)**

**9.30 – 9.55 *Prof Malcolm Evans*** *chair,*

*Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:*

What is the National Preventive Mechanism? Why the National Preventive Mechanism’s operation is important for governmental agencies? *– background paper:* [*SPT Guidelines*](http://helsinki.hu/wp-content/uploads/SPT_guidelines_NPM.doc)

**9.55 – 10.20 *Dr Matthew Pringle*** *programme officer,*

*Association for the Prevention of Torture:*

What steps should be done that the National Preventive Mechanism functions effectively? Good international examples *–* [*the presentation*](http://helsinki.hu/wp-content/uploads/Pringle_key_NPM_elements.pdf)

**10.20 – 10.45 discussion with the participants**

**10.45 – 11.15 break**

**THE HUNGARIAN SITUATION**

**11.15 – 11.35 *Prof Dr Máté Szabó*** *Commissioner of Fundamental Rights:*

Preparation in 2012-2015 for the operation of the National Preventive Mechanism

**11.35 – 11.55 *dr András Kádár*** *co-chair,*

*Hungarian Helsinki Committee:*

The actual legal regulation in Hungary – in the view of NGOs

**11.55 – 12.25 discussion with the participants**

**12.25 – 13.45 lunch**

**INTERNATIONAL EXAMPLES: CHALLENGES AND GOOD PRACTICE**

**13.45 – 14.10 *Dr Rachel Murray*** *director,*

*University of Bristol Human Rights Implementation Centre:*

Challenges and good practices of NPMs operating in different organizational structures *–* [*background paper*](http://helsinki.hu/wp-content/uploads/Murray_briefing_paper.pdf)

**14.10 – 14.35 *Ivan Selih*** *deputy ombudsman, head of the National Preventive Mechanism:*

The Slovene example *–* [*the presentation*](http://helsinki.hu/wp-content/uploads/Selih_Slovene_NPM.pdf)

**14.35 – 15.00 discussion with the participants**

**15.00 – 15.30 break**

***FORGING PARTNERSHIPS***

**15.30 – 15.45 *Prof Malcolm Evans*** *chair,*

*Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:*

Cooperation between the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture, the NPM and the government *– background paper:* [*Analytical Self-assessment Tool for NPMs*](http://helsinki.hu/wp-content/uploads/analytical_tools_NPM.doc)

**15.45 – 16.00 *Oliver Lewis*** *executive director,*

*Mental Disability Advocacy Center:*

Similarities of the NPM and the monitoring mechanisms of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities *– presentation and background paper:* [*Checklist for Effective Implementation of Article 33 of the CRPD*](http://helsinki.hu/wp-content/uploads/Lewis_checklist_art33_crpd.pdf)

**16.00 – 16.15 *Dr Matthew Pringle*** *programme officer,*

*Association for the Prevention of Torture:*

Domestic and international partnerships of the National Preventive Mechanism – [*the presentation*](http://helsinki.hu/wp-admin/media.php?attachment_id=4660&action=edit)

**16.15 – 16.30 discussion with the participants**

**WAY FORWARD**

**16.30 – 17.00 panel discussion**

moderator: ***Dr Renáta Uitz*** *professor, Central European University*

speakers:

* *Thomas Hammarberg, former Commissioner for Human Rights of the CoE*
* *Prof Malcolm Evans chair, Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture*
* *Prof Dr Máté Szabó, Commissioner of Fundamental Rights*
* *dr Krisztián Gáva state secretary, Ministry of Public Administration and Justice*
* *Oliver Lewis executive director, Mental Disability Advocacy Center*
* *dr András Kádár co-chair, Hungarian Helsinki Committee*

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