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Setting up an active network of independent non judicial human rights structures

**Rights of persons deprived of their liberty :
The role of national human rights structures who are OPCAT mechanisms
and of those who are not**

DRAFT PROGRAMME

**Workshop for specialised staff of national human rights structures
Padova, 9 – 10 April 2008 (Hotel Plaza)**

co-organised by
the Office of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
and
the Centre on Human Rights and the Rights of Peoples of the University of Padua

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pour les Droits de la Personne et les Droits des Peuples

Tuesday, 8 April 2008:

Arrival of participants at Hotel Plaza in Padova and dinner at the hotel starting 20.00

Wednesday, 9 April 2008:

9.00 – 9.15 **Opening of the Workshop**

Markus JAEGER, Deputy to the Director, Head of the NHRS Unit, Office of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

Professor Antonio PAPISCA, Centre on Human Rights and the Rights of Peoples of the University of Padua

9.15 – 10.00 **OPCAT, European Convention on the Prevention of Torture, European Convention on Human Rights: complementary systems ?**

Introductory presentation by Professor Paolo DE STEFANI, Centre on Human Rights and the Rights of Peoples of the University of Padua

Discussion chaired by Eliana NICOLAOU, Ombudsman of Cyprus

10.00 – 10.45 **Institutional and functional requirements regarding the national preventive mechanism (NPM) to be set up under OPCAT**

Introductory presentations by Marina NARVAEZ, UN & Legal Programme Officer, Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT), by Maciej DYBOWSKI, Advisor, Office of the Polish Ombudsman

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 13.00 Discussion chaired by Professor Paolo DE STEFANI

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch break (Plaza Hotel)

15.00 – 16.15 **Pros and cons of the various institutional options between using an existing body or setting up a new one**

Introductory presentations by Carmen COMAS-MATA MIRA, Head of First Deputy's Office, Office of Spanish People's Defender and Charlotte CLAVREUL, Human Rights Officer, French Mediator

Discussion chaired by Christina PAPADOPOULOU, Greek National Commission for Human Rights

16.15 – 16.45 Coffee break

16.45 – 18.00 Discussion continued

20.00 *Dinner (Restaurant Alle Piazze Da Giorgio)*

Thursday, 10 April 2008

9.00 – 10.45 **The co-operation between the national actors (NPM, ombudsman, national human rights commission) and the international actors (UN Subcommittee on Prevention, CPT, CoE Commissioner for Human Rights, ...)**

Introductory presentation by Johan FRIESTEDT, Secretariat of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT), Council of Europe (tbc)

Discussion chaired by Eric SOTTAS, Director of the World Organisation against Torture

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 13.00 **The co-operation between the national actors (NPM, ombudsman, national human rights commission, NGOs)**

Introductory presentations by Ivan ŠELIH, Senior Advisor, Office of the Human Rights Ombudsman of Slovenia and by Patrick MAREST, National Delegate, International Observatory of Prisons (OIT)

Discussion chaired by Armen GALSTYAN, Head of the International Department, Office of the Ombudsman of Armenia

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch break (Plaza Hotel)

15.00 – 16.15 Discussion continued

16.15 – 17.00 **Winding-up of the workshop**

by Markus JAEGER

17.00 **Close of the workshop**

by Professor Antonio PAPISCA

20.00 *Dinner (Restaurant Alle Piazze Da Giorgio)*