"NPM Impact Assessment" conference, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 17-18 April 2018





At the invitation of the Slovenian national preventive mechanism, celebrating its first ten years of operation this year, Gergely Fliegauf, Head of the OPCAT NPM Department, attended the conference co-sponsored by the European Union and Council of Europe as the representative of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights.

The participants of the conference discussed four topics in the frames of workshops:

- Reasons for assessing the impact of an NPM; who should do the assessment and when should it be done?

- What is the NPM impact (criteria)?
- How to measure the impact of NPMs?

- How to establish causality between the changes observed and the work of NPM?

At the conference, the activity of the NPM Obs and the European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (ETC), and the establishment of a network led by national preventive mechanisms were also discussed.

Gergely Fliegauf mentioned at the conference that the Hungarian NPM had published the <u>SPT's report</u> on its operation, and announced that they were looking for partners from the region for common fund raising. The Hungarian participant also mentioned that they planned to organize a training for NPMs based on the <u>CHARM methodology</u> of the Validity Foundation. The CHARM methodology covers, among others, the monitoring of homes for children with disabilities.