

Biographical data form of candidate to the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT)

Name and first name: Kristina Brazevič

Date and place of birth: March 10, 1981, Riga (Latvia)

Working languages: English, Russian, Lithuanian; basic understanding of French, Spanish, Polish and Ukrainian

Professional background: Experience in human rights monitoring and conducting visits to detention places for more than 10 years. Since 2007 working at the Seimas (Parliament) Ombudsmen Office of the Republic of Lithuania (National Human Rights Institution), where was developing the idea of OPCAT ratification, strategized preparation and drafted necessary documents (regulations, job descriptions, and manuals for inspections). Have been investigating citizen's complaints, made full-scale investigations on human rights issues and numerous inspections to various detention places, participated as expert in international projects aimed at improvement of work effectivity and human rights situation (detention conditions, etc.)

Current position/function: Advisor of Human Rights Division / NPM

Educational background: Master degree in International Law (Vilnius University, 2006); Master degree in Human rights (European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation, 2007); International Diploma in Mental health Law and Human Rights (ILS Law College and WHO, 2010). Trainings on issues of vulnerable persons (courses on International Refugee Law, psychosocial and mental health interventions for refugees, immigration detention, numerous training sessions on disability issues and issues, faced by children in institutional care, during criminal process) and human rights topics (rights in criminal process, psychosocial rehabilitation of offenders, legal aid, patients' rights and other). Also trainings on improvement of the efficiency of torture prevention (training for NPMs on communication skills and techniques (Vienna, 2017), Baltic and Nordic Ombudsmen meeting (Stockholm, 2017), NPM and judiciary cooperation workshop (Vienna, 2016), monitoring psychiatric institutions (2016, Vilnius), effective national torture prevention (Riga, 2015)

Main professional activities: carrying out prevention of human rights violations in various detention places, drafting reports and recommendations, monitoring implementation of recommendations (including those made by international treaty bodies and at UPR); organising meetings with authorities and human rights organizations problems; carrying out different educational and promotion activities and events; working in groups on strategic planning, annual report, shadows reports, carrying other functions of NHRI

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the SPT: carried out investigations on: education programs of staff in detention places (2018); rights of persons subject to involuntary hospitalisation (in 11 psychiatric hospitals in Lithuania, 2010); the right of health of prisoners (2009); participates (-ed) in projects as an expert: twinning project to implement the best European practices and strengthen the institutional capacity of the Ukrainian Ombudsman Office (2017-2018); Human Rights of Older Persons in Long-Term Care (2015-2017); FRA (2015); ITHACA (2009)

List of the most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the SPT:

- General instrument: Framework for implementation of monitoring function (2018, <http://www.twinning-ombudsman.org>)