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

**Name and first name**: Yurii Bielousov

**Date and place of birth**: December 31, 1976

**Working languages**: English, Russian, Ukrainian

**Professional background**:

Have more than 15 years of experience in monitoring human rights (HR) observance by law-enforcement agencies. In 2004 participated in introducing in Ukraine a prototype of NPM which were mobile groups on monitoring HR observance within police.

Since 2008 until 2010 have worked as the Deputy Head of the HR Monitoring Department of the Ministry of Interior. During this period the Department together with NGOs have conducted more than 1000 monitoring visits to police stations all-across the Ukraine.

Since 2012 till 2016 have worked as the Head of NPM Department at the Ukrainian Ombudsman office, establishing the NPM from the very beginning (hiring and training the staff, developing public network of monitors, establishing cooperation with other state institutions, etc.). For this period, the Department has conducted more than 1100 visits to places of detention, published 3 Annual reports and 3 Special reports of the NPM.

**Current position/function**: Executive Director of the NGO “Expert Center for Human Rights”,[**www.ecpl.com.ua**](http://www.ecpl.com.ua)

**Educational background**:

* Master degrees in Sociology and Law (1999, 2000), PHD in Sociology (2003);
* Trainings in a sphere of HR and law-enforcement: *Investigating cases of torture: best practices* (CoE, 2010); *2nd Jean-Jacques Gautier NPM Symposium on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) deprived of liberty* (APT, 2015)*; Workshop for NPMs “Implementing a preventive mandate”* (APT, IOI, 2015), etc*.*

**Main professional activities:**

Have a good research and training background. Regularly support Ukrainian NPM by conducting trainings for public monitors, drafting manuals and improving monitoring tools as well as carry out studies on actual problems related to HR in criminal justice sector, including ill-treatment practices (see publications below). Participate in working groups on reformations within the National Police, Prosecutor General`s Office, Ministries of Justice and Health.

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:**

Permanently provide training for NPM colleagues from other countries. On request of the Council of Europe in 2016-2017 had conducted trainings for NPMs of Moldova and Kazakhstan. Currently coordinate the research group studying the practices of documenting and investigating of ill-treatment within police, prison system, psychiatric and social care institutions (for further implementation of the Istanbul protocol in Ukraine).

**List of the most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:**

* Study report “Ill-treatment in the activities of the national police of Ukraine: types, scale, reasons”, 2017[[1]](#footnote-1);
* Study report “Prison through the eyes of prisoners”, 2017[[2]](#footnote-2);
* Study report “The role of the public prosecutor at the pre-trial stage of criminal proceedings”, 2017[[3]](#footnote-3).

1. <https://rm.coe.int/analytical-report-ill-treatment-in-the-activities-of-the-national-poli/16808b2928> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <http://ecpl.com.ua/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/PRISON-THROUGH-THE-EYES-OF-PRISONERS.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. <http://ecpl.com.ua/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/prokuror_engl.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)