

AUSTRIAN
OMBUDSMAN BOARD



Gaby Schwarz
Ombudsperson

Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT)
Ms María Luisa Romero
Country Rapporteur for Austria
UNOG - OHCHR
CH-1211 Geneva 10
Switzerland

Contact:
Mag. Karin Wagenbauer

Ref.Nr.:
2023-0.771.182 (VA/9000/V-8)

Date:
Vienna, 22 August 2024

Dear Ms Romero,

On behalf of my colleagues, Ombudsman Walter Rosenkranz and Ombudsman Bernhard Achitz, I am pleased to convey the English version of the **Report on the Activities of the Austrian National Preventive Mechanism 2023**. The report is available on our [WEBSITE](#).

In 2023, the NPM carried out 505 monitoring visits, which provided a picture of the human rights situation in Austria. In addition to positive observations and best practice examples, numerous deficits were identified again in 2023. Some of these deficits could be rectified quickly, while others - especially those tracing back to systemic failures - require a great deal of patience.

The budgetary framework conditions are usually decisive for the situation on the ground. The Austrian NPM therefore reiterated its appeal to Parliament and the Diets to provide the necessary resources, as sufficient financial means and appropriately, qualified staff are essential factors in creating humane conditions for those deprived of their liberty.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gaby Schwarz'.

Gaby Schwarz

