

OPCAT visit

at the Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County Prison 5 October 2023.

On October 5, 2023, the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary, responsible for performing the tasks of the National Preventive Mechanism, and his staff members visited Unit I of the Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén Vármegyei Prison Institute (hereinafter referred to as Unit I).



The purpose of the visit was to examine the general conditions of detention, with particular attention to female detainees, in the Unit I.

The visiting team interviewed detainees, management, staff and inspected the relevant documents.

The visiting team inspected the cells of the Institute, the wards, bathrooms, communication facilities (Skype, phone), separated walking backyards and the rooms for communication, and was informed about the experiences of the COVID-19 epidemic, the visiting team was also informed about that the health quarantine still applied during the prisoner admission procedure.

The visiting team consisted of the following members:

- dr. Ákos Kozma, Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary
- dr. Dóra Deák-Kondákor, lawyer
- dr. Júlia Tóth, lawyer

The National Preventive Mechanism will prepare a report on the visit.