

OPCAT visit
to the Márianosztra Strict and Medium Regime Prison

2 February 2021

On 2 February 2021, the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary, who is responsible for performing the tasks of the OPCAT National Preventive Mechanism (hereinafter referred to as the “NPM”) and his colleagues paid a visit to the Márianosztra Strict and Medium Regime Prison.



The purpose of this visit was to inspect the measures taken to prevent the spread of the coronavirus infection (COVID-19) and to cope with the challenges of the pandemic. The NPM inspected the living conditions, and inquired about the steps taken by the management and the staff in order to minimize the impact of the restrictions imposed during the pandemic (e.g. ban on visiting the institution).

The visiting group was composed of the following members:

- Dr. Ákos Kozma, Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary
- Dr. Eszter Gilányi, lawyer, psychologist
- Dr. Rita Rostás, psychologist, educational expert
- Dr. István Sárközy, lawyer

The NPM will publish a report on this visit.