

Women in detention and imprisoned juveniles at the heart of the NPM South Africa's study visit to the National Guarantor.

The National Guarantor received a visit from the National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture (NPM) of South Africa, a young Institution that brings together several monitoring bodies coordinated by the South African Human Rights Commission (<https://www.sahrc.org.za/index.php>).

With the collaboration of the Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT) in Geneva (<http://apt.ch/en>), the study visit has scheduled a full programme of activities, including a visit to two penal institutions in our capital city: the 'Casal del Marmo' juvenile penal institution and the 'Germana Stefanini' women's prison.

The aim of the South African delegation's visit has been to develop a comparison with some of the most accredited European NPMs, including the National Guarantor, in order to strengthen their action to prevent torture and serious ill-treatment, especially in the field of juvenile penal execution and women's detention, and to identify best practices to be remodelled in their own country.

The exchange of views with our non-European counterpart also involved an in-depth examination of recommendations formulated by the National Guarantor on the detention of women with specific vulnerabilities and LGBTIQ+.

Lastly, the study visit was also extended by the National Guarantor to the discussion with some territorial Guarantors for the rights of persons deprived of liberty who have presented the condition of detained women in their local prisons. In particular, the Municipal Guarantors of Bologna (Antonio Ianniello) and Turin (Monica Cristina Gallo), the Guarantor of the capital city of Rome (Gabriella Stramaccioni) and the Guarantor of the Apulia region (Piero Rossi) have participated in the meeting.

The topic of women in detention has been at the core of the monitoring activities carried out by the National Guarantor which is about to publish its report on the recent visit to the nursery section of the women's prison "Germana Stefanini".