

## **Deputy Head of Department Katalin Haraszti's participation in the events of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, 3–8 November 2019**

Between 3 and 8 November 2019, Deputy Head of the OPCAT National Preventive Mechanism Department of the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights Katalin Haraszti participated in the consultations organised on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment and Punishment (hereinafter referred to as "CTP"). The subject of the consultations was the use of safeguards to prevent ill-treatment during the first hours of police detention.

The Deputy Head of Department explained in her comment given at the meeting held within the framework of the consultations that during its visits, the Hungarian National Preventive Mechanism had examined the arrests, the transport of arrested people to a police station, and also the duration of arrests and the circumstances of their execution. She outlined that the detainees had complained most often about the use of handcuffs during their transport. The Commissioner for Fundamental Rights pursues a dialogue with the competent police authorities on the abovementioned issues, both within the framework of performing its general tasks to protect fundamental rights and as part of fulfilling its duties as a National Preventive Mechanism.

As a result of the work carried out by the CTP and the National Preventive Mechanism (visits, reports, and general recommendations), police arrests, as well as the treatment of detainees by the police are adequate in Hungary.

