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## FORMALIZING COOPERATION BETWEEN KOSOVO NPM AND SWISS NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PREVENTION OF TORTURE

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On 24 April, the project facilitated signature of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on professional cooperation between Kosovo\* National Preventive Mechanism against Torture and Swiss National Commission for Prevention of Torture. The signature ceremony was organised in cooperation with the Ombudsperson Institution and the Swiss Embassy in Pristina.

The MoU sets the basis for joint work and partnership in coordinated monitoring activities of forced return operations involving Kosovo\* citizens from Switzerland. Strengthening of this partnership is one of many positive side effects of the project that resulted from interaction between beneficiaries and international experts and synergies created during the implementation of activities.

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\* "All reference to Kosovo, whether the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo."

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