



**Mari
Amos**

WORK EXPERIENCE

07/07/2021 – CURRENT – Geneva, Switzerland

● **Member of the Group of Governmental Experts on Torture Free Trade**

United Nations

Examining the feasibility, scope of the goods to be included and draft parameters for a range of options to establish common international standards on the matter and to transmit the report of the group of experts to the General Assembly.

01/03/2021 – CURRENT – Tallinn, Estonia

● **Legal councillor**

Tallinn City Office

I provide legal counselling on the fields of social care and health issues. I am also overseeing the legality of City actions and acts on those fields as well as adherence to basic rights.

01/10/2019 – CURRENT

● **Enforced Return Monitor**

Frontex - European Border and Coast Guard Agency

I am shortlisted as return monitor who is following flights in order to give impartial insight regarding upholding human rights during returns.

Warsaw, Poland

01/01/2019 – 15/11/2020

● **Advisor to minister**

Estonian Ministry of Environment

My task was to enhance the efficiency of administrative procedures and curb the bureaucracy in the Ministry. I was engaged into building up the anti corruption measures.

Tallinn, Estonia

01/05/2004 – CURRENT

● **Legal expert**

European Citizen Action Service (ECAS)

Advising clients about their European Union rights, enforcement and means of redress.

Brussels, Belgium

01/03/2019 – 31/12/2019

● **Editor of the European NPM newsletter**

Council of Europe

Collecting news from various international sources, contacting National Preventive Mechanisms for their input, cooperation with various academical institutions and international organisations regarding specific topics.

Strasbourg, France

01/01/2018 – 31/12/2018

Independent expert

EURinSPECT

Assessment of Latvian health care supervision and funding system. My task was to evaluate activities of Risk Assessment Fund.

The Hague

01/01/2011 – 31/12/2018

Independent expert

United Nations Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture

I am one of UN human rights experts appointed in my own capacity and elected by the States parties. My field is prevention of torture in places of detention. Main activities within this framework are visits to the States parties (with the focus on places of detention), drafting guidelines, providing trainings and capacity buildings to states as well as national monitoring mechanisms and working closely with other UN treaty bodies. I have been leading committee's work in Europe for 4 years and additionally I am currently member of the Medical Working Group.

My special focuses have been, i.a, on women, children, immigrants and other vulnerable communities.

Geneva, Switzerland

01/11/2016 – 31/12/2017

Estonian presidency of the Council of EU European Parliament coordinator

Ministry of Social Affairs

Task of the coordinator was to liaise between Estonian state authorities and relevant EP units as well as keep background information regarding the activities in the committees relevant for the ministry up to date. Responsibilities of the Ministry of Social Affairs are connected with the activities of 3 EP committees: EMPL, ENVI (public health) and FEMM.

During my employment I was also posted to the EP EMPL committee for a period of time in order to maximize the impact of presidency as well as to enable smooth exchange and cooperation between Council of EU and European Parliament.

Tallinn, Estonia

2014 – 2016

Maternity leave

Tallinn, Estonia

2012 – 2013

Project manager

Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs

In the ministry I was responsible of implementing the European Union directive 2011/24 on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare. As being the sole person in the ministry coordinating the issue, I was drafting the legal acts, negotiating with stakeholders, communicating with the European Union bodies as well as counterparts from other Member States.

Tallinn, Estonia

2005 – 2011

Senior legal advisor

Office of the Estonian Chancellor of Justice

The institution of the Chancellor of Justice is carrying out a triple task of performing the constitutional control over all legal acts, acting as an ombudsman and leading the fight against the torture in all places of detention. I, as an adviser on the health care issues, was responsible for handing complaints regarding the activities of the public bodies or private undertakings performing public functions (such as health care providers in Estonia). Additionally my task was to perform the constitutional control over Estonian legal acts. Big part of my work consisted also of preparing own-initiative inquiries in order to help securing person's basic right to health. I was tasked to assist in implementing the activities of the National Preventive Mechanism created under the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Tallinn, Estonia

2010

Study visitor

Council of Europe

During my stay in the Council of Europe National Human Rights Structures, Prisons and Police Division Directorate of Co-operation (Legal and Human Rights Capacity Building Department) Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs (DG-HL) I was providing assistance for the directorate's 2 projects concerning cooperation between National Human Rights Structures and National Preventive Mechanisms. Among other things I took care of practical organization of National Preventive Mechanisms seminar about monitoring methodologies, drafted an issue of the NPM newsletter, collected material for a directorate's new homepage, participated in evaluating and launching few international projects etc

Strasbourg, France

2004

Trainee

European Ombudsman

During my traineeship I was handling the complaints from the citizens of EU. Inter alia, that included the evaluation of admissibility, presenting enquiries to different EU bodies and composing replies to complainants.

Brussels, Belgium

1997 - 2004

Lawyer

Law Office Amos

In the law firm I was specialized on civil law, more particularly business law, contract law, labour law, as well as to civil litigation, having done more than 300 cases in different courts in Estonia.

Tallinn, Estonia

2001

Assistant lawyer

Law Office Gullack

During my stay in Sweden I provided assistance for Swedish companies having business in Estonia. My task was to participate in meetings and give my input afterwards by way of composing opinions and dealing with the cases.

Boras, Sweden

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

1995 - 1999 - Tallinn, Estonia

● **Lawyer, BA**

Institute of Law

1999 – 2000 – Tallinn, Estonia

● **Business accounting**

Tallinn Technical University

General issues regarding economy and accounting.

2002 – 2003 – Lund, Sweden

● **Master of European Affairs, MA**

Lund University

I was specialised on the constitutional issues of the European Union.

2006 – Tallinn, Estonia

● **Counselling people with intellectual disabilities**

Mental Disability Advocacy Centre

It was a course by international organisers combining both theory and practise.

2008 – Rostock, Germany

● **Growing old - medical perspectives of ageing**

University of Rostock

2007 – 2009 – Tartu, Estonia

● **Master in Public Health, MPH**

University of Tartu

During the studies I specialised on mental health issues.

2010 – 2011 – Tallinn, Estonia

● **Training in practical psychiatry**

Northern-Estonian Regional Hospital

Course was provided for practical specialists on the field and gave overview of theory as well as practise and fieldwork.

2011 – Budapest, Hungary

● **Mental health issues in the UN Convention of the Persons with Disabilities**

Central European University

Course combined both seminars as well as case handling and visits.

01/09/2020 – 07/06/2021 – Tõnismägi 2, Tallinn, Estonia

● **Diplomacy**

Estonian School of Diplomacy

<https://edk.edu.ee/et/>

01/10/2021 – CURRENT – Ehitajate tee 5 , Tallinn, Estonia

Public sector financial and strategic leadership- microdegree

Taltech

<https://taltech.ee/>

LANGUAGE SKILLS

MOTHER TONGUE(S): Estonian

OTHER LANGUAGE(S):

English

Listening C2	Reading C1	Spoken production C2	Spoken interaction C1	Writing C1
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German

Listening A2	Reading B1	Spoken production A2	Spoken interaction A2	Writing A2
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Finnish

Listening C2	Reading B2	Spoken production B1	Spoken interaction B1	Writing A2
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Swedish

Listening A2	Reading A2	Spoken production A1	Spoken interaction A1	Writing A1
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Russian

Listening B1	Reading B1	Spoken production A2	Spoken interaction A2	Writing A1
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ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

Organisational skills

During my international career I have been leading several working groups, events and panels. Presently within the UN SPT I am the head of the European Regional Working Group and focal point for Europe.

During my project leader activities as responsible for the preparation of implementation of the EU cross-border health care directive in the Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs I was obliged to organise the whole process from preparatory research to negotiating with stakeholders (23 members of civil society, medical service providers and users as well as other state institutions), establishing and working in 4 different thematic working groups and drafting all relevant legal acts together with explanatory notes. During this process I worked closely also with the European Commission as well as created ad hoc pan-Baltic exchange about means and ways to implement the directive.

COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

● **Communication and interpersonal skills**

Due to the fact that I have long experience in working with people from different nationalities and background, I can communicate freely and respectfully with representatives of various origins. My experiences from international organisations and numerous contributions to the regional or state institutions have fostered my ability to bring messages forward by using diplomatic and also practical tools.

JOB-RELATED SKILLS

● **Job-related skills**

In the course of my activities on the field of monitoring places of detention I have had vast experience in dealing with establishments from minors - from their birth until adulthood. Children in various places of detention, also specifically disabled children, has been the main topic in recent SPT visits that I have also lead. In addition I have given international trainings about special vulnerabilities in detention, i.a age.

Similarly I have been working closely with Penal Reform International in launching and promoting Bangkok rules, including presentations in the UN together with representatives with Thai royal family.

Many international organisations, as UNDP, OSCE, APT, CoE etc have used me as expert during visits, trainings, workshops, high-level discussions etc.

I have been lately also included into the panel of European experts evaluating the health care supervision system in Latvia (year 2018) lead by Dutch-based organisation EPSO. My specific task was to give concrete and context-specific guidance about remodelling the Medical Risk Fund that provides insurance to patients who wish to claim compensation after receiving inappropriate health care services.