

## ENNHRI Annual Conference

### **‘National Human Rights Institutions and Human Rights Defenders: Enabling Human Rights and Democratic Space in Europe’**

**25 October 2018, Hotel Titania, Athens**

## **Agenda**

<b>Networking dinner on 24 October</b>	
<b><u>Guest speaker:</u> Michael O’Flaherty, Director EU Agency for Fundamental Rights</b>	
<b>08.30</b>	<b>Coffee and registration</b>
<b>09.00</b>	<b>Welcome note</b> Lora Vidović, ENNHRI Chair, Ombudswoman of Croatia
<b>09.15</b>	<p><b>Opening Panel: “<i>The contribution of NHRIs in defence of human rights and democracy in Europe</i>”</b></p> <p>This Discussion Panel will provide an overview of the current challenges faced in the context of shrinking democratic space in Europe; NHRIs’ added value in this context; and possible cooperation with international stakeholders to further protect and promote human rights, the rule of law and democracy in Europe.</p> <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beate Rudolf, GANHRI Chair, ENNHRI Board Member, Director German Institute for Human Rights (German NHRI)</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michel Forst, UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders</li> <li>• Stavros Lambrinidis, EU Special Representative for Human Rights</li> <li>• Guadalupe Marengo, Head of Global Human Rights Defenders Programme, Amnesty International</li> <li>• Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General, Directorate-General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe</li> </ul> <p><u>Interactive Discussion</u></p>
<b>10.30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>10.45</b>	<b>Overview of Marrakech Declaration and Regional Plan of Action</b> Katrien Meuwissen, Senior Human Rights Officer, ENNHRI
	<p><b>Panel: “<i>Support to NHRIs in a context of shrinking space in Europe</i>”</b></p> <p>This Discussion Panel aims at indicating challenges and threats faced by NHRIs when carrying out their mandate in a context of shrinking democratic space; it highlights the responsibility and accountability of NHRIs in line with the Paris Principles; and raises awareness about the tools and mechanisms of regional/ international stakeholders through which NHRIs can be supported to address human rights violations, support the rule of law and enable democratic space in Europe.</p>

Moderator: Sirpa Rautio, ENNHRI Board Member, Chair of EU FRA Management Board, Director Finnish Human Rights Centre

Speakers

- Dr. Hanna Machińska, Deputy Commissioner, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of Poland (Polish NHRI)
- Dr. Jasminka Džumhur, Human Rights Ombudsperson of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- András Kádár, Co-Chair of the Hungarian Helsinki Committee
- Omer Fisher, Head, Human Rights Department, OSCE ODIHR

Interactive Discussion

**12.00 Lunch Break**

**13.15 Small Groups**

**Small Group 1: Securing an enabling legal and administrative framework for HRDs**

The Roundtable aims at identifying the roles and responsibilities of NHRIs in securing an enabling legal and administrative framework for HRDs, and how NHRIs can cooperate with HRDs/ stakeholders in this respect. The panel will address current issues such as restrictive laws on NGO funding and the adoption of security measures which limit fundamental rights.

Moderator

- Linda Ravo, Legal and Policy Officer, EU Directorate Fundamental Rights and Rule of Law

Rapporteur

- Róisín Pillay, Director Europe Programme, International Commission of Jurists  
Participation of Helen Nolan, Training and advocacy support manager, International Service for Human Rights (ISHR)

**Small Group 2: Effective data collection of and reporting on shrinking space**

The Roundtable aims at identifying the roles and responsibilities of NHRIs in ensuring effective data collection and reporting on shrinking space for civil society, with attention for particularly affected groups and individual human rights defenders. The panel will include attention for a human rights based approach to data collection, and will make reference to SDG Goal 16 and its indicator on violations against HRDs.

Moderator

- Tena Šimonović Einwalter, Chair of Equinet, Deputy Ombudswoman of Croatia

Rapporteur

- Maria Gavouneli, ENNHRI Board Member, Chair of the Sub-Commission for International Communication and Co-operation, Greek National Commission for Human Rights (Greek NHRI)

Participation of Marc Cebreros, Human Rights Officer, OHCHR, on SDG 16

### **Small Group 3: Enabling a positive discourse of and on HRDs**

The Roundtable strives at identifying effective methods and tools for NHRIs to enable positive discourses of and about HRDs. The panel will include particular attention for freedom of expression and opinion in the digital age.

#### Moderator

- Nino Lomjaria, ENNHRI Board Member, Public Defender of Georgia (Georgian NHRI)

#### Rapporteur

- Adriana van Dooijeweert, ENNHRI Board Member, Chair of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights (Netherlands NHRI)

### **Small Group 4: Securing effective support to HRDs facing challenges and threats in context of shrinking space**

This Roundtable aims at identifying how NHRIs can most effectively support HRDs under threat, especially in a context of shrinking space for democracy and rule of law in Europe. The Roundtable will highlight the need for NHRIs to closely consult with HRDs and their representative organisations and will have attention for relevant international and regional tools aimed at supporting HRDs under threat.

#### Moderator

- Kersty McCourt, Senior advocacy advisor, Open Society Justice Initiative

#### Rapporteur

- Géraldine Mattioli-Zeltner, Advisor to the Commissioner, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

### **Small Group 5: Securing effective support to NHRIs facing challenges & threats in context of shrinking space**

This Roundtable aims at identifying how to effectively support NHRIs facing challenges and threats in a context of shrinking democratic space in Europe. The Roundtable will highlight the need for consultation of affected NHRIs and will have attention for relevant international and regional tools aimed at supporting NHRIs under threat, including the ENNHRI Guidelines on Support to NHRIs under Threat.

#### Moderator:

- Vladlen Stefanov, Chief of the National Institutions, Regional Mechanisms and Civil Society Section, OHCHR

#### Rapporteur

- Isabelle Tschan Harada, Governance and Peacebuilding Cluster Leader a.i., Regional Human Rights and Rule of Law Specialist, UNDP Regional Office

#### **14.30 Coffee break**

#### **15.00 Feedback from small groups**

Moderator: Günther Kräuter, Secretary General, IOI.

#### **15.30 Closing panel**

Recap discussions from the day and discuss concrete steps forward.

#### Moderator

- Debbie Kohner, Secretary General, ENNHRI

#### Speakers

- Ciara O'Brien, Chair, EU Council Working Party on Human Rights
- Emma Achilli, Head of the European Union Office, Frontline Defenders

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Krista Oinonen, Chair, Council of Europe CDDH. INST</li> <li>• Paul d'Auchamp, Deputy Regional Representative for Europe, OHCHR Regional Office Europe</li> </ul> <p><u>Interactive Discussion</u></p>
<b>16.45</b>	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b> Lora Vidović, ENNHRI Chair, Ombudswoman of Croatia (Croatian NHRI)</p>
<b>17.00</b>	<p><b>Close of the day</b></p>

*Followed by a drinks reception at the Conference venue*

