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Looking ahead, for more impact, relevance and strength

Overall, 2017 was a year of strategic planning, consolidation and enhanced engagement - both internally and externally. Having become an established actor in the European human rights landscape, ENNHRI looked at diversifying and strengthening support towards its members, while engaging and creating synergies with a wide range of partners. This will help work better to fulfill our vision: “The universal and effective enjoyment of human rights throughout Europe” and mission: “Promote and protect human rights through strengthening, supporting and connecting European NHRIs”.

Activities to develop the network’s strategic planning took place throughout the year, led by an Advisory Group with input from all members. While the first Strategic Plan (2014-2017) focused on setting up a structured network and establishing a permanent Secretariat, the new Strategic Plan is structured around three key objectives which naturally reflect the evolution of the network as well as the context in which the NHRIs are performing. The new Strategic Plan aims to provide increased, tailored support to European NHRIs going through the accreditation procedure, as well as bespoke support for states where an NHRI is yet to be established. Furthermore, strengthening NHRIs capacity, cooperation and solidarity is essential for them to be able to face the challenge of operating in increasingly hostile environments.

In 2017, the human rights situation continued to deteriorate in many countries across Europe. Key concerns continued to be human rights violations in relation to migration; economic, social and cultural rights; counter-terrorism measures; and conflict situations. We have witnessed a contraction of democratic space in many states, with impacts on freedom of expression and assembly, and threats to the rule of law. Therefore, it is not surprising that ENNHRI had an incredibly busy period, working together with its members to make sure that their voice is heard, and that they are supported whenever they are under threat. We also looked at finding more and better ways of communicating human rights, and at creating opportunities for effective engagement between the EU institutions, the Council of Europe, OSCE/ODIHR and NHRIs.

We are very much looking forward to working with all the 42 members of ENNHRI and with our international partners for the promotion and protection of human rights across Europe and beyond. While we acknowledge that there is a great deal to be done, we have the experience, the drive and now the strategic blueprint for carrying out our work and we are grateful for a sustained support from our partners.
A new strategic plan for more impact, relevance and strength

The General Assembly held in November 2017 adopted ENNHRI’s new Strategic Plan for the period 2018-2021, whose main objectives include the support for the establishment and accreditation of NHRIs across Europe, as well as for those NHRIs under threat, to allow for a more effective promotion and protection of human rights by NHRIs in Europe. Moreover, ENNHRI will continue its development, by strengthening its governance and management and enhancing the engagement with its international partners and other stakeholders.

Strengthening the presence of NHRIs at international level

NHRIs’ voice in 2017 has become stronger:
- A-status NHRIs have been granted speaking rights at the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWG) for the first time - ENNHRI was a visible presence at the 8th Session of the UN’s OEWG-Ageing in New York, 5-7 July. ENNHRI’s Report, “We Have the Same Rights: The Human Rights of Older Persons in Long-term Care in Europe”, was launched at a side event organised by ENNHRI and the EU Delegation in New York on this occasion.
- The Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CAHDPH) accepted ENNHRI’s request to be granted the observer status with CAHDPH.
EU and NHRIs: towards more effective engagement in promoting and protecting human rights

At the seminar on EU – NHRI engagement, organised by ENNHRI on 29 November in Brussels, about 120 representatives of NHRIs, EU Institutions, CSOs and other regional bodies discussed their cooperation and engagement for promoting and protecting human rights in Europe. Speakers stressed the crucial role of NHRIs as expert, independent institutions and valued partners on the ground.

ENNHRI’s project on The Role of NHRIs in Conflict and Post-conflict in the spotlight

ENNHRI’s Project on ”The Role of NHRIs in Situations of Conflict and Post-Conflict” kicked off in April 2017. It aims to enhance the effectiveness of NHRIs to promote and protect human rights in situations of conflict and post-conflict in wider Europe. In 2017, good working practices for the Project were established, including an Advisory Group, desk-based research for stakeholder mapping and needs assessments and consultations with members to support capacity-building and other activities.

ENNHRI’s project on The Human Rights of Older Persons and Long-term Care successfully concluded

ENNHRI’s EU funded project on the Human Rights of Older Persons & Long-term Care came to an end, with a successful final conference on 28 November 2017. The project succeeded in providing guidance to stakeholders from the long-term care sector on their human rights obligations and how to fulfil them, as well as materials to ensure older persons throughout Europe are aware of their own rights and how to claim them.

New members

The network continued to grow, and welcomed two new members: The High Commissioner for Human Rights of the Russian Federation and the Public Defender of Rights of the Czech Republic, who joined ENNHRI in March and November 2017 respectively.
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GOVERNANCE UPDATES
1.1. STRATEGIC PLANNING

ENNHRI Strategic Plan 2018-2021 was adopted by the General Assembly (GA) at its meeting on 30 November 2017, following a comprehensive consultation with the membership, ENNHRI’s Advisory Group on Strategic Planning, external stakeholders, and the European Coordinating Committee (ENNHRI’s Board). The strategic consultation process took place between April and November 2017 and helped ENNHRI to tailor and focus its actions for maximum impact, relevance, and strength.

The Strategic Plan is structured around three core objectives which reflect the evolution of the network as well as the context in which the NHRI are performing.

First, holding the independent and effective functioning as an NHRI in compliance with the Paris Principles requires continuous efforts; in particular, the Strategic Plan proposes to increase and tailor its support to European NHRI going through the accreditation procedure, or for those institutions in countries where an NHRI is yet to be established.

Second, the backlash against human rights has impacted on NHRI, who operate in increasingly hostile environments. Strengthening NHRI’s capacity, as well as their cooperation and solidarity, is essential for them to be able to face these challenges.

It is important that not only NHRI interconnect, build strength, and learn from each other but also that they are offered targeted support from ENNHRI and other regional and international actors whenever they are under threat. Support to ENNHRI members under threat is thus structured and enhanced in the current Strategic Plan, along with strategic engagement with regional and international stakeholders.

Last, but not least, ENNHRI will continue to ensure meaningful member participation, strengthen its governance and management, to ensure the capacity of the secretariat to provide support and to attract the necessary funding to keep the organization running, relevant and impactful.

Timeline of the strategic planning process

- January 2017: Situational review
- January: Set-up of an Advisory Group
- February 2017: External evaluation
- March 2017: Membership survey on priorities and objectives
- April 2017: Meeting of the Advisory Group in Tbilisi and development of the First Draft Strategic Plan
- July - September 2017: Membership Consultation on First Draft Strategic Plan, and consultation with external stakeholders
- September - November 2017: Membership Consultation on Second Draft Strategic Plan, and consultation with the external stakeholders
- November 2017: ENNHRI’s General Assembly Meeting adopts the Strategic Plan 2018-2021
ENNHRI’s General Assembly convened on two occasions during 2017.

**6 MARCH 2017 - GENEVA**

The first meeting took place in Geneva on 6 March 2017, on the sidelines of GANHRI 2017. At the meeting, European NHRIs warmly welcomed a new member of the network, the High Commissioner for Human Rights of the Russian Federation. Members also elected the new European member of GANHRI’s Working Group on Ageing, the Ombudswoman of Croatia.

ENNHRI statement calls for European Solidarity in the field of Migration.

“Coming together to Promote and Protect Human Rights”

In a statement released on the occasion of ENNHRI’s General Assembly Meeting on 6 March 2017, European NHRIs called for European solidarity in the field of migration, highlighting the countries whose refugee reception and protection mechanisms are under pressure. NHRIs expressed concern about push-backs at borders, and urged EU member states to live up to their commitments to relocate 160,000 persons in need of international protection by September 2017, and ensure the strict observance of the principle of non-refoulement and the access of asylum seekers to the international protection procedures.

**30 NOVEMBER 2017 – BRUSSELS**

The major gathering of European NHRIs took place in Brussels on 30 November 2017. Held in the beautiful Belgian Comic Strip Museum, ENNHRI members adopted the new Strategic Plan for the 2018-2021 period.

At the meeting, ENNHRI welcomed its newest member, the Public Defender of Rights of the Czech Republic. This brings the network to 42 members from across wider Europe. Adriana van Dooijeweert, President of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights, was elected an alternate member of ENNHRI on GANHRI’s Subcommittee for Accreditation (SCA).

On the occasion of the General Assembly, ENNHRI members stressed, in a new statement, the role of NHRIs as human rights defenders to promote and protect a sustainable human rights environment in Europe.

The statement “Promoting and Protecting a Sustainable Human Rights Environment in Europe by Strengthening the Democratic Space and the Rule of Law”, highlights the need for the establishment and support of strong and independent NHRIs in the current climate of shrinking democratic space in Europe, marked by growing inequalities, discrimination and mistrust in institutions, mechanisms and actions to protect and promote human rights.

Events continued throughout the week with a knowledge exchange session on the human rights of older persons, a formal dialogue between GANHRI and the CRPD Committee, the GANHRI General Meeting on 7 March, and a Conference on NHRIs in conflict situations on 8 March, with the participation of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.
1.3. EUROPEAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

In addition to the General Assembly Meetings, ENNHRI’s board, the European Coordinating Committee (ECC), met on 8 occasions during 2017, while the Finance Committee (FC) convened on 5 occasions.

Secretariat staff participated in the ECC meeting in Helsinki, Finland on 4-5 October 2017. The meeting was hosted by the Finnish NHRI, and aimed to discuss operational and governance developments.

We would like to thank the ECC members for steering the Network with great enthusiasm and professionalism throughout 2017, including for their active involvement in the management of the Secretariat, during the temporary absence of ENNHRI’s Secretary General, and for the secondments of Tatjana Vlasic from the Office of the Ombudswoman of Croatia and Elina Hakkala of the Finish Human Rights Centre.

ENNHRI’s Secretariat has strengthened in 2017, through the ongoing development of robust organizational, financial and administrative policies and through new staff recruited.

Valentina Purcel, has joined the Secretariat team in September 2017, as Coordinator of the project on the role of NHRIs in conflict and post-conflict situation, while Nina Panikova continued work as Junior Projects Officer.

Three Policy Assistants (trainees) have also consecutively contributed to ENNHRI’s work throughout 2017: Silvia De Benito Ruiz, Tara Ohl and Siri Berge Engerud, helped the ENNHRI Secretariat in Brussels become an even more dynamic and international environment.

During the Secretary General’s extended medical leave, Julie Lejeune, Legal Policy Officer, was appointed as Secretary General ad interim until the end of 2017. ENNHRI thanks Julie for stepping up to the role during this period.

1.4. ENNHRI SECRETARIAT

ENNHRI’s Secretariat has strengthened in 2017, through the ongoing development of robust organizational, financial and administrative policies and through new staff recruited.

ENNHRI Board members and the Secretariat met on 4 and 5 October in Helsinki to discuss the planning of activities for the next years.

ECC members (2016-2019)
- Croatia - Office of the Ombudswoman of Croatia
- Finland - The Finish NHRI is composed of the Human Rights Centre and the Parliamentary Ombudsman
- Georgia - Office of Public Defender (Ombudsman) of Georgia
- Germany - German Institute for Human Rights
- Greece - Greek National Commission for Human Rights
- Netherlands - Netherlands Institute for Human Rights

Finance Committee Members (2016-2019)
- Belgium - UNIA
- Great Britain - Equality and Human Rights Commission
- Georgia - Office of Public Defender (Ombudsman) of Georgia
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CORE OBJECTIVES AND KEY RESULT AREAS

SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF NHRIs ACROSS EUROPE
ENGAGING WITH THE REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS FRAMEWORK
FACILITATING NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS
BUILDING A STRONG AND SUSTAINABLE SECRETARIAT
2.1. SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF NHRIs ACROSS EUROPE

CAPACITY BUILDING
Capacity development activities have continued throughout 2017, with the NHRI Academy and several thematic training events organised within the Working Groups and the NHRI-EU project.

NHRI Academy 2017
The 4th edition of the NHRI Academy took place in Poznan, Poland, between 29 May and 2 June. Jointly organised by ENNHRI and OSCE / ODIHR with the support of the Polish Commissioner for Human Rights and the Poznan Human Rights Centre, the event gathered staff from 27 European NHRIs. In 2017, the NHRI Academy focused on the promotion of human rights in challenging contexts and the role of NHRIs in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The NHRI Academy provides practical training on how to address some of the challenges that NHRIs face in their daily work, and to reinforce the central place of NHRIs in the protection and promotion of human rights at national level.

“We are the voice of human rights and our work gets more difficult as they get questioned, because speaking on behalf of the marginalized and stigmatized doesn’t bring us friends”

GANHRI Chair Beate Rudolf

The participants explored the opportunities for NHRIs to communicate effectively within their institutions and with external stakeholders, such as other human rights defenders and with State authorities was also discussed.

The second half of the training was devoted to monitoring and implementing the SDGs from a human rights-based perspective. Participants also discussed a Human Rights-Based Approach to SDGs within various thematic areas, including poverty, rights of persons with disabilities, and gender equality. The Academy also fostered the exchange of good practices and the development of professional, long-lasting networks for NHRIs in the OSCE region.

The Polish Commissioner for Human Rights, Adam Bodnar, delivered a compelling speech about the challenging conditions and human rights issues currently facing Poland, and explained the different working methods and mission of his mandate. The participants reflected on the lessons learnt and developed a plan for passing on the knowledge and skills acquired during the Academy to their colleagues.

“Gaining knowledge and skills and learning from the experiences of other national human rights institutions - this is what this week’s NHRI Academy for me is about.”

Haris SHABAZ
Chief of Cabinet, the Institution of the Human Rights Ombudsman of Bosnia and Herzegovina

2017 NHRI Academy 29 May - 2 June Poznan, Poland
#NHRIAcademy2017
ENNHRI extends its congratulations to all member institutions that were accredited or re-accredited under the UN Paris Principles in 2017, including Bosnia and Herzegovina, Greece, Lithuania, Norway, Poland and Portugal.

In 2017, ENNHRI members have reaffirmed strongly their will to cooperate on accreditation within ENNHRI, with a view to further facilitating their participation in the accreditation process. Accordingly, accreditation support has been identified by members as one of ENNHRI's strategic priorities for 2018-2021. Accreditation is central to NHRIs and ENNHRI's work, as it provides an assessment of the level of compliance of NHRIs with the Paris Principles and ultimately ensures credibility and trust for NHRIs, both in their national contexts and in international fora.

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Throughout 2017, ENNHRI has continued to provide advice and support on accreditation and establishment to its members through the

Thematic capacity building

ENNHRI supported capacity building for its members on various thematic issues throughout the year, within the activities of the Working Groups and the NHRI-EU project. Training, exchange of information, peer support and research activities included:

- Peer exchange meeting on human rights based approach to poverty measurement, including under SDGs (Berlin, 5 May 2017)
- Blended learning course and workshop on human rights education in the formal sector (Sarajevo, Bosnia-and-Herzegovina, 12-14 June 2017)
- Training on delivering third-party interventions before the European Court of Human Rights (Utrecht, 21 June 2017)
- Peer exchange on communicating human rights in challenging contexts, at the meeting of the communications group (Paris, 4-5 July 2017)
- Blended learning course on economic, social and cultural rights with a workshop (Riga, 25-29 September 2017)
- Seminar on NHRIs’ engagement with the EU institutions (Brussels, 29 November 2017)
Secretariat and Accreditation Support Group. ENNHRI provided individual and tailored advice to its members undergoing review by the Sub-Committee on Accreditation (SCA), and following-up on the SCA’s recommendations, including meetings with national stakeholders in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In addition, ENNHRI has facilitated peer-exchanges, including on relevant accreditation practices.

In 2017, ENNHRI continued to engage with the SCA Secretariat and submitted regional inputs for the development of the global SCA system, including contributions to the development of SCA regulations and procedural rules.

ENNHRI has also assisted European states to establish NHRIs - where there is no NHRI in place including by engaging with a range of policy-makers and civil society organisations on draft laws and processes put forward. In 2017, ENNHRI’s work in this area has included engagement with Amnesty International in Switzerland and with law-makers in Italy.

ENNHRI engages regularly with stakeholders to ensure synergies between actions carried out in this area. This has included, for example, liaison with FRA, OHCHR and OSCE/ODIHR on the definition of initiatives related to the core functions of NHRIs and their independence, pluralism, effectiveness and accountability.

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PARTICIPATION IN THE GANHRI-LED PROCESSES

ENNHRI participated actively at GANHRI’s Annual General Meeting (March 2017) and Bureau meetings (March 2017 and November 2017) as well as in the tripartite GANHRI – UNDP – OHCHR partnership meeting (July 2017).

GANHRI Bureau and General Meeting

At GANHRI General Meeting of March 2017, ENNHRI Chair, Lora Vidović, presented the developments in the European region, and ENNHRI’s activities in 2017. She highlighted the key human rights challenges with which European NHRIs are confronted in the areas of asylum and migration; economic, social and cultural rights; as well as the shrinking democratic space in Europe.

Speaking at the GANHRI Conference on NHRIs in crisis, conflict and post-conflict situations, Ombudswoman Lora Vidovic also mentioned the situation in Croatia, which is still a post-conflict society nearly 25 years since the war, and highlighted the importance of building the capacity of NHRIs to respond to such challenges. She explained how ENNHRI’s new project will assist, as it looks at building capacity and raising awareness of the role of European NHRIs in conflict and post-conflict situations, while enhancing cooperation between them.

Les Allamby, Northern Ireland’s Chief Commissioner for Human Rights, presented the approach of the Northern Ireland NHRI for dealing with a difficult, post-conflict climate: following a long-term strategy to build an effective culture of rights; leaving a legacy to those who follow and cooperating with multiple actors, even those who do not agree with you, to avoid repeating previous mistakes.

The Bureau of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) met on 1 - 3 November, to review the developments and progress made since the meeting in March 2017, and to outline the way forward for the organization in 2018. Hosted in Costa Rica, by the Defensoría de los Habitantes, the Global meeting of NHRIs concluded by adopting an ambitious roadmap for activities in 2018, while expressing concern at global trend of shrinking democratic space. The meeting reviewed cases of reprisals and examined the role of GANHRI and its regional networks, as well as OHCHR, UNDP and others, to support NHRIs under threat and to promote their independence.

“We have witnessed a contraction of democratic space in many states, with impacts on freedom of expression and assembly, and threat to some basic infrastructure for the rule of law. Therefore, it is not surprising that ENNHRI has had an incredibly busy period since the last GANHRI Bureau meeting.”

Lora Vidović, ENNHRI Chair
"Reprisals against human rights defenders, including NHRIs, are unacceptable and must be addressed to protect the work of human rights defenders and the integrity and independence of NHRIs. As the Global Alliance of NHRIs, our role is to mobilise support for members facing such threats, and to stress to governments the need for NHRIs to perform their duties with independence and impartiality, without interference."

GANHRI Chairperson Prof Dr Beate Rudolf

Contribution to GANHRI initiatives, processes and working groups
ENNHRI members provided inputs to the draft GANHRI statements and submissions, and NHRI Resolutions, including on the development of a Global Compact on safe, orderly and regular migration.

Contributions to the GANHRI Accreditation Process included: participation at meetings of the Sub-Committee on Accreditation (SCA) in March 2017 and November 2017 and inputs to the development of SCA practice notes and procedural proposals.

ENNHRI is also a partner in the Global Capacity Building Project NHRI-EU, and is involved in the GANHRI Working Groups on Business and Human Rights, SDGs and Ageing.

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL PROCESSES

Tripartite GANHRI – UNDP – OHCHR partnership meeting
Working in partnership with OHCHR and UNDP, UN bodies with a long-standing tradition in cooperating with and supporting NHRIs and their regional networks, is of great importance for ENNHRI. The meeting, held at the UNDP offices in New York on 12 - 13 July 2017, aimed to clarify common priorities and needs, including the joint work envisaged on capacity assessments and the key events and initiatives for NHRIs at the global, regional and national level.

Regional Networks, GANHRI and NHRIs are positioned to actively contribute to a human rights-based approach to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the national level. At a joint side-event, organised on 13 July, on the occasion of the 2017 High Level Political Forum (the main UN platform dealing with sustainable development) GANHRI, UNDP and OHCHR representatives examined how NHRIs and international human rights bodies can more efficiently engage in SDG implementation and monitoring.

“NHRIs can advise and support national stakeholders on human rights-centred approaches to implement the SDGs. This can include how to promote meaningful participation of all groups at all stages of SDG implementation; how to support monitoring of progress and how to provide evidence-based recommendations and guidance on patterns of discrimination and inequality.”

UN Assistant Secretary-General, and UNDP’s Assistant Administrator, Magdy Martínez-Solimán

In addition to the participation in the Tripartite meeting, ENNHRI engaged intensively in 2017 with various UN bodies
ENNHRI was present in July 2017 at a Side-event to the 8th Session of the UN Open Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWG): “Demonstrating the work of National Human Rights Institutions and the Rights of Older Persons with regards to ‘equality and non-discrimination’ and ‘neglect, violence and abuse’.”

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PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL PROCESSES

Participation in regional processes is of utmost importance for ENNHRI and its members, whose priorities and work reflect the regional developments and specificities.

ENNHRI Secretariat, member NHRIs and Working Groups are working with partner institutions of the Council of Europe, European Union, OSCE, UN regional offices and European networks of national bodies and NGOs. In addition, ENNHRI’s Secretariat meets frequently with representatives of these bodies and coordinates work to further engender a complementary and impactful approach to the promotion and protection of human rights across Europe.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Towards more effective engagement in promoting and protecting human rights

Mirroring the membership of ENNHRI which covers EU Member States and beyond, ENNHRI’s engagement with the EU covers both internal and external EU policies related to human rights.

At the seminar on EU – NHRI engagement organised by ENNHRI on 29 November in Brussels, over 120 representatives of NHRIs, EU Institutions, CSOs and other regional bodies discussed their cooperation and engagement for promoting and protecting human rights in Europe.

The event proved to be an extraordinary opportunity to have a dialogue between all relevant regional actors, covering the internal and external dimension of EU’s human rights work. The lively debates demonstrated the high interest for NHRIs to engage with EU bodies regardless of the national context and geography. In a challenging context, and often with limited resources available, it is vital that European actors dedicated to human rights cooperate and support each other.

“ENNHRI is bridging and bringing together NHRIs from the region, as well as partnering up with other regional networks and international organizations. This is very precious”

Jean Louis Ville, European Commission’s Directorate-General for Cooperation and Development DG (DEVCO)

Key speakers from the European Commission and ENNHRI in the opening of the seminar on EU – NHRI engagement

The issue of the shrinking democratic space, and the increased number of attempts to undermine the rule of law across Europe – and beyond – has come up repeatedly during the discussions, with participants expressing their concerns and highlighting the need for sustained support from the European actors.
Based on the Seminar outcomes, ENNHRI recommends that the EU Institutions:

- listen to NHRIs that can provide expert information on fundamental rights trends and challenges observed in their national jurisdiction, and in this way link up EU activities, policies and regulations with local realities;
- foster a more joined-up cooperation with ENNHRI and individual NHRIs when addressing urgent country-specific situations, and to tackle the most pressing European fundamental rights concerns;
- liaise with ENNHRI on more thematic expertise (rule of law, migration and economic and social rights) through ENNHRI thematic working groups;
- support the establishment and functioning of Paris Principles-compliant NHRIs, especially during challenging times when the fundamental rights are questioned, the rule of law and democracy are threatened, and when human rights defenders – including European NHRIs, are attacked for the work they do.

“"The future of Europe relies on our common values and respect for fundamental rights is one of them’’ (…) ""the key challenge is to render more effective fundamental rights on the ground – and improve the cooperation to protect these rights”

Emmanuel Crabit, European Commission’s Directorate-General for Justice (DG JUST)

Mr. Crabit reminded participants of the EU Framework to address systemic threats to the rule of law in any of the EU’s Member States, which has been applied for the first time in 2016 – following the developments in Poland - and expressed appreciation for the work of the Polish NHRI to uphold the rule of law.

“"We recognise and support the crucial role of NHRIs as independent institutions. The “fundamentals first” approach in the EU’s Enlargement policy means that the reforms to strengthen the rule of law and fundamental rights are prioritized.”

Myriam Ferran, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR)

Discussions at roundtables included concrete ideas to further cooperation and make the work of EU institutions become more relevant at national level – from the need of public messages of support from the EU, to the NHRIs’ involvement in the elaboration of national action plans and human rights dialogues, or the complementary role of NHRIs to facilitate dissemination as well as collection of data at the national level.

The Seminar raised the awareness of NHRIs of how to make use of EU structures and processes to complement their work to promote and protect human rights at the national level and also provided EU officials and institutions further insight into the unique added value of NHRIs.
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
ENNHRI had several opportunities to engage with the European Parliament’s LIBE Committee and DROI Sub-Committee on the human rights situation in wider Europe throughout 2017, in particular by participating in the DROI Committee roundtable on corruption and human rights (March 2017) and in several meetings with the LIBE Committee (July 2017).

“We believe ourselves to be reliable partners for the EU. NHRIs can provide EU with expert information on national human rights trends and challenges, and link up EU activities, policies and regulations with local realities”

ENNHRI Chair, Lora Vidovic

In addition, ENNHRI’s report Migrants’ right to information: from key findings to evidence-based recommendations for policy makers was launched on 17 October 2017, during an event at the European Parliament, co-hosted by MEPs Tanja Fajon, Ana Gomes, and Judith Sargantini. European NHRIs, relevant policy makers, and academics welcomed the report and its recommendations.

COUNCIL OF THE EU
The Working Party on Human rights (COHOM) deals with human rights aspects of the external relations of the EU and supports the Council’s decision-making process in this area. ENNHRI Chair and Secretary General participated in the COHOM meeting on 28 June 2017 and discussed the role of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), and how they help achieve the EU objectives of human rights, democracy and rule of law – including the progress in the relevant actions of the EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy, as it reaches its mid-term review. An overview of ENNHRI’s projects on older persons’ human rights, and on situations of conflict and post-conflict was also presented.

EU FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AGENCY (FRA)
Strengthening institutional and thematic cooperation activities

FRA has a long standing, regular collaboration with ENNHRI and with National Human Rights Institutions in EU Member States. FRA is a member of the Advisory Group for ENNHRI’s Older Persons Project, and has observer status on the CRPD Working Group. Increasing synergies between the two organisations in several thematic areas is a priority for ENNHRI.

On 27 February, on the sidelines of FRA’s 10 years anniversary, the FRA Director Michael O’Flaherty met in Vienna with ENNHRI’s Chair and Secretary General for an exchange with regards to future institutional and thematic cooperation activities. The main aim of this meeting was to identify potential for increased cooperation, including measures enhancing capacity at national level.

FRA and ENNHRI also cooperated further on the role of NHRIs to implement the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, through planning an ENNHRI/FRA interdisciplinary Seminar on the EU Charter in 2018 and a joint event – with Council of Europe, OHCHR and GANHRI - on communicating human rights.
Execution of Judgements and Decisions of the European Court of Human Rights

On 1 June 2017, ENNHRI was a primary speaker at a Strasbourg debate on the 10th Annual Report on the supervision of the execution of judgments and decisions of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR). NHRIs play an important role in this regard, as one of their core functions is to ensure the compliance with national and international obligations. NHRIs are also strategically placed (between national authorities and civil society) to advise on effective compliance with judgments. ENNHRI welcomed the overall positive developments regarding the execution of judgments over the last decade, but also acknowledged the work to be done on execution of judgments. ENNHRI expressed its readiness to support NHRIs in carrying out their multi-faceted activities to help ensure the effective execution of judgments throughout the Council of Europe region.

Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

NHRIs are essential partners in the Commissioner’s dialogue with member states, as envisaged in the Commissioner’s mandate.

Therefore, the Commissioner continued his intense engagement with NHRIs in 2017, by: maintaining a bilateral dialogue with existing NHRIs; pushing for the creation of new, independent and effective NHRIs; defending NHRIs whose independence is undermined; and continuing his substantive engagement with ENNHRI.

The Commissioner provided support to several ENNHRI members on several occasions, throughout 2017, including a statement on political rhetoric harmful to the independence and effectiveness of the Georgian Ombudsman. ENNHRI also co-organised with the Commissioner a roundtable on promoting the right to refugee family reunification as a mechanism to provide safe and legal venues for people in need of protection to come to Europe. The event took place in October 2017, following the publication of an issue paper on the same matter.

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As a follow up to this report, CDDH proposed the revision of CoE Recommendation No R(97)14 on the establishment of independent national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights and the drafting of a compilation of good practices in place in Council of Europe member states to promote and protect civil society space.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

ENNHRI has consistently implemented its observer status before the Steering Committee on Human Rights (CDDH), and has been granted the same status before the CAHROM (Ad Hoc Committee of Experts on Roma and Travellers) and, since December 2017, the CAHDPH (Ad Hoc Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities).

CDDH-INST is the CDDH Drafting Group on Civil Society and National Human Rights Institutions. (CDDH-INST). The CDDH-INST report on the impact of current national legislation, policies and practices on the activities of civil society organisations, human rights defenders and NHRIs was adopted in the plenary meeting of Council of Europe’s Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) in June 2017.

The report addresses NHRIs’ legislative mandate and role in compliance with the Paris Principles and is a real milestone for ENNHRI and its members to raise awareness at the level of the Council of Europe. The study highlights the complementary role of NHRIs, civil society organisations and all other types of human rights defenders across the region, and the need for their strengthened protection in a context of shrinking civil society space and threats to democracy and the rule of law.
Round table on family reunification for refugees

At the Round table jointly organised by ENNHRI and the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, Nils Mužnieks, on 18 October in Brussels, European NHRIs discussed concrete ways to jointly promote changes in laws and policies, to protect and maintain the right to family reunification for refugees.

“Family reunification is the first step towards refugee integration and one of the few regular and safe ways for migrants to reach Europe. (…) NHRIs can reinforce the right to family reunification through litigation and through national engagement. One way is by bringing evidence and data to state authorities” COE Commissioner for Human Right, Nils Mužnieks.

Els Keytsmann, director of UNIA, the Belgian Equality Centre, added that “Policy makers are not willing to invest in refugees, in their integration in society”. She also explained that from her institution’s experience, female refugees often experience more challenges in integrating, by being both a woman and a refugee. “We need to fight politics with the right laws” concluded ENNHRI Chair Lora Vidović.

Presentations from Myria, the Belgian federal centre for migration, and from the German Institute for Human Rights underlined some concrete projects and strategies in this specific field. Myria is facilitating family reunification through specialized legal advice, reinforcing actors that support “first line” family reunification (such as mediators), policy work and strategic litigation. GiHR has published political recommendations as well as arguments for lawyers, to use them before the courts.

Participants also highlighted the need for a strategic, common approach and a reinforced dialogue with their natural partners such as Council of Europe or the OHCHR. Such cooperation is key at a time where the environment for the implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and the execution of the Strasbourg Court’s judgments has become more challenging, due to increasingly hostile views on human rights and the ECHR system, the shrinking of democratic space and rule of law in many states, and repeated cases of very long or non-execution of judgments.

As Mr Mužnieks’s term as Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights will end on 1 April 2018, ENNHRI would like to thank on this occasion the Commissioner for his remarkable work over the past six years and for the close and constructive co-operation that he has maintained with the ENNHRI and NHRIs during his mandate.

“National human rights institution, NGOs, religious groups are very influential in making politicians understand how refugees are adversely affected by family separation, [...]

However, challenging restrictions to family reunification through litigation will be particularly important.

- Nils Mužnieks
MULTI-STAKEHOLDER COOPERATION

The report on the impact of current national legislation, policies and practices on the activities of civil society organisations, human rights defen

**FRA, COUNCIL OF EUROPE, ENNHRI MEETING WITH NHRIS ON FUTURE OF CITIZENSHIP AND HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION – 22 JUNE 2017, STRASBOURG**

Set in the context of the Council of Europe’s ‘Conference on the Future of Citizenship and Human Rights Education in Europe’, the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, in partnership with the Council of Europe and ENNHRI, organised a meeting with NHRIs active in the field of Human Rights Education and Training to identify concrete activities which could strengthen NHRIs at the national level in their role as fundamental and human rights promoters and as human rights educators.

**JOINT OPERATIONAL PLATFORM FOR ROMA EQUALITY (OPRE)**

In 2017, ENNHRI continued its participation in the thematic cooperation Platforms established jointly with Council of Europe, FRA and Equinet.

ENNHRI co-hosted the 4th OPRE meeting on 15 and 16 May 2017 in Paris. Participants included a wide range of experts from national human rights institutions, equality bodies, as well as civil society actors and international stakeholders such as the European Commission and OSCE/ODIHR.

Participants discussed developments in the legal protection of Roma and travellers at their national levels, mechanisms and good practices to tackle anti-gypsyism and hate crime and strengthen legal protection and access to justice in this area. The meeting also provided opportunities for participants to discuss how knowledge about NHRIs could be increased among Roma and travellers’ communities.

In June 2017, OPRE called for increased efforts at inclusive education, to bring children together in the spirit of Europe’s commitment to dignity, equality and human rights. The joint press release was issued on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the landmark judgment of the European Court of Human Rights on the segregation of Roma children in education. Known as the “The D.H. case” - a complaint by 18 Romani children placed in substandard, special schools for children with mental or intellectual impairments.

On 13 November 2007, the European Court of Human Rights ruled that the children had suffered discrimination in education, banned under international and European law.
At the OPRE Platform Meeting in Paris, NHRIs and Equality Bodies expressed their interest in the findings of the Platform on Economic and Social Rights, and welcomed the idea of a joint discussion on common areas of relevance to both Platforms.

JOINT OPERATIONAL PLATFORM FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS (ESR)

The ESCR Platform met twice in 2017. At their first meeting, in March 2017, the Platform participants met at the premises of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg to examine the relationship between the European Pillar of Social Rights and the European Social Charter. They also discussed proposals for relevant indicators to monitor social and economic rights and explore possible interventions by National Human Rights Institutions and Equality Bodies before the European Committee on Social Rights. Good practices were shared by ENNHRI members, including the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission and the Belgian Service to Combat Poverty, Insecurity and Social Exclusion. The Danish Institute for Human Rights presented to Platform partners how the SDGs can be used as a framework for monitoring social and economic rights.

In September 2017, the Ombudsman of the Republic of Latvia hosted the Platform in Riga. The meeting focused on the implementation of Article 30 of the European Charter for Social Rights and how to ensure a rights-based approach to combating poverty. NHRIs shared good practices on realising a human rights-based approach to combating poverty in their national context. Panelists included representatives of the NHRIs from the Netherlands, Belgium, Lithuania, and Latvia.

OSCE (ODIHR)

ENNHRI and OSCE / ODIHR are collaborating on the implementation of human rights and Human Dimensions Commitments across the OSCE participating states and have engaged on thematic work as well as on capacity-building of NHRI staff through the joint organisation of the annual NHRI Academy. ENNHRI has also been involved in the elaboration of a project by ODIHR which will focus on ensuring the independence of NHRIs.

ENNHRI participated to the 2017 OSCE Human Dimension Meeting which included a working session addressing the role of NHRIs and civil society in the protection of human rights. ENNHRI recommended OSCE participating states to:

- establish and support NHRIs in compliance with the Paris Principles and to enable their independent functioning as an important actor for the protection of other human rights defenders;
- recognize and support NHRIs in compliance with the Paris Principles as human rights defenders;
- provide NHRIs in compliance with the Paris Principles a status and role independent from state delegations across OSCE human dimension activities and meetings, including by considering the existing international practices (e.g. UN Human Rights Council, Council of Europe) that could be drawn upon as models.
2.3. FACILITATING NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS

- STRENGTHENING COMMUNICATIONS AMONG MEMBERS
- FACILITATING COMMUNICATION WITH EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS
- SUPPORTING ENNHRI MEETINGS

In 2017, ENNHRI continued to evolve and develop its communications work in several new directions. At the same time, communicating human rights in the current challenging contexts has become increasingly important for the membership.

No wonder that, based on the interest raised by NHRIs, the ‘impactful communication of human rights in challenging contexts’ was selected as one of the two main themes of the 2017 NHRI Academy. The training sessions were introduced with a view to mainstreaming the Paris Principles in communication by NHRIs and included an exchange and discussion on good practices, and role playing or dialogue with various target audiences, specifically state authorities and human rights defenders.

A new tool was developed by the Secretariat to allow for better sharing of the network’s rich knowledge base. ENNHRI-pedia is now accessible for consultation on both the public website and the restricted members’ area, and contains joint statements and other common positions of the network.

Awareness-raising through publications and news items on ENNHRI website and social media channels, developed the outreach towards a wider public and facilitated communications with external stakeholders.

Internally, ENNHRI’s website Members’ Area was further developed and successfully finalized, with the opening of new sections and the addition of different functionalities for increased usability. The area is now fully functional and counted, in 2017, 125 registered users from across the membership, as well as 25 external users from ENNHRI’s partner organisations. In addition to the membership newsletter, we developed a newsletter focused on European updates, which includes up-to-date information on various human rights issues in the wider Europe, including new legislation and other developments.

ENNHRI’s members’ communications representatives met in July, in Paris, to consolidate the foundations of a formal Communications Working Group (CWG), define methods of working together and provide the basis for a first draft of the Communications Strategy for 2018-2021.

Participants shared their ideas on how to better approach various areas of NHRI communications as well as ENNHRI (network’s) joint communication initiatives and how to promote human rights in the current climate. The Working Group was formally established at the General Assembly meeting in November 2017.
2.4. WORKING GROUPS

LEGAL WORKING GROUP

The Legal Working Group (LWG) had 24 ENNHRI members in 2017. Its Chair is Clare Collier of the Equality and Human Rights Commission of Great Britain.

In 2017, the WG continued to build the capacity of its members on the European Charter of Fundamental Rights. It continued to disseminate practices from its members to illustrate how NHRIs across Europe work towards the national implementation of the Charter.

The Legal WG and experts from the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) Registry met in Utrecht during the summer of 2017 to participate in ENNHRI’s Training on Third Party Interventions. ENNHRI members built their capacity to design and carry out an impactful third-party intervention before the ECtHR, considered opportunities and challenges in the monitoring of cases and discussed a selection of relevant cases for an intervention by ENNHRI within the LWG priority areas.

In 2017, the Legal WG developed a ‘Guidance for NHRIs on use of the Committee of Ministers rule 9 procedure for the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights’. This has been prepared for with the aim of outlining the role of NHRIs in supporting the supervision of the execution of judgments of the ECtHR.

“LWG activities include ongoing input to the process of reform of the Council of European Convention system, providing capacity building, and submitting third party interventions before the European Court of Human Rights.”

ENNHRI’s Observer status before the Council of Europe Steering Committee on Human Rights (CDDH) and at the Committee of Experts on the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC) is mainly operated through the LWG, which continued its active engagement with the CDDH working groups on the ECtHR and Convention system reform. This included attendance of the meetings of DH SYSC and CDDH-EXP.

The ENNHRI legal WG submitted third party interventions before the ECtHR on behalf of ENNHRI in two existing cases on privacy and surveillance: Big Brother Watch v United Kingdom (App No. 58170/13) and Ten Human Rights Organisations v. United Kingdom (App No. 24960/15). The Legal WG continues to identify new cases while preparing the ENNHRI Guidance on Third-Party Interventions based on its experience.
CRPD WORKING GROUP

2017 was yet another dynamic year for the CRPD WG, whose objective is to co-ordinate the ENNHRI’s work on disability rights, through the work of its members designated as Independent Monitoring Mechanisms under Art. 33(2) CRPD. The annual meeting of the CRPD WG took place in May, hosted by The Centre for Equal Opportunities and Opposition to Racism (Unia), a Belgian NHRI. The highlight of the meeting was the exchange between members about new and innovative practices on CRPD implementation and oversight, particularly involving disabled persons.

In her capacity as WG Chair, Sara Brunet gave one of the keynote presentations at the EU Work Forum on the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the EU and the Member States, organised annually by the European Commission and partners. The invitation to the WG highlighted the value which the European Commission places upon European NHRIs and ENNHRI’s CRPD WG in supporting the implementation of the CRPD at both national and EU level.

To broaden the impact of ENNHRI’s CRPD WG in the Council of Europe, ENNHRI applied for an Observer Status in the Ad Hoc Committee of experts on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CAHDPH). In December 2017, ENNHRI was granted the Observer Status and is cordially invited to attend the next meeting of the CAHDPH in this new role.

ENNHRI also made progress in building engagement with both the UN CRPD Committee and Disabled Persons’ Organisations in 2017, inviting Milan Šveřepa, Executive Director with Inclusion Europe, to speak about NHRI engagement with disabled persons and civil society. WG representatives also had informal discussions with the Secretariat of the CRPD Committee about the possibility of opening formal dialogue between NHRIs and the Committee about the implementation of the CRPD and oversight of this process.

ASYLUM AND MIGRATION (A&M) WORKING GROUP

ENNHRI’s Asylum and Migration Working Group comprises representatives from 26 NHRIs, who work to raise awareness of the shared responsibility in promoting and protecting the rights of migrants, asylum seekers, refugees and persons in need of international protection (‘Migrants’) and strengthen cooperation and exchange of good practice in this field. The Chair is Adriana Van Dooijeweert from the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights.

Throughout the year 2017, the A&M WG continued its work on monitoring visits of Migrant facilities. WG members gathered data on the Migrants’ right to information through monitoring visits of reception and detention centres between April and July 2017. NHRIs from Armenia, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Greece before Croatia, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Slovenia and Ukraine joined forces to monitor and evaluate migrants’ access to information regarding their rights, in several detention and reception centres throughout Europe. Based on the data collected by these NHRIs in 2017, ENNHRI drafted a set of recommendations for national and EU makers.
The key findings of the data collection were integrated in a report on the Migrants’ right to information on their rights, containing evidence-based recommendations which was launched and presented to policy makers at an event at the European Parliament, co-hosted by LiBE Committee MEPs Tanja Fajon, Ana Gomes and Jean Lambert.

The report includes promising practices from different countries, such as: longer intake interviews for minors, and providing both oral and written information, but also showcases the need for improving access to professional interpreting and translation services. ENNHRI believes that sharing accurate and up to date information is essential for filling the existing gaps and ensuring that the practice on Migrants’ access to information on their rights fully complies with the European legal framework.

The annual A&M WG meeting on 17 and 18 October 2017 (Brussels) focused on good practice examples on NHRI’s use and national implementation of the EU Charter in the Asylum and Migration area, national practice and standards for monitoring of forced returns and conditions of and alternatives to migrant detention, including NHRI’s role as NPMs. The members welcomed the Ombudsman Institution of the Republic of Macedonia as the newest member of the WG.

Engagement of the WG with the CoE Steering Committee on Human Rights included participation in the meetings of CDDH-MIG on 10-12 May and 24-26 October 2017 and in the consultations meetings of CDCJ-DAM on codification of administrative detention rules. This led to an ENNHRI Submission on alternatives to detention.

In its submission to the open consultation of the Draft European Rules, ENNHRI called for alternatives to detention and the full implementation of human rights norms in the context of migration. ENNHRI has voiced concern regarding the lack of compatibility of the said Draft Rules with human rights norms and standards related to migrant detention.
Given overlaps and synergies between Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR) and Business and Human Rights, the BHR WG Chair attended the meeting of the ESCR WG to discuss possible engagement between the two working groups.

In the course of 2017, the BHR WG arranged two phone call meetings, the first to discuss the engagement of the BHR WG in 2017, the second dedicated to discussing the BHR WG’s role in activities planned for 2018, including the UN Forum, ENNHRI’s General Assembly and the NHRI·EU course on business and human rights.

Within the Business and Human Rights Working Group, ENNHRI members share their knowledge and expertise and engage with regional mechanisms on the human rights impact of corporate activities. The Chair of the BHR WG is Elin Wrzoncki from the Danish Institute of Human Rights (DIHR).

Engagement between ENNHRI’s BHR WG and Council of Europe (CoE) took place on several occasions in 2017. In January, The Chair of the BHR WG had an intervention at a side meeting during the PACE session organised by the Conference of INGOs on Business and Human Rights. Subsequently in March, the WG Chair met in Strasbourg with the cabinet staff of COE HR Commissioner Nils Muzniecks. In June, a representative from the BHR WG had an intervention at the Council of Europe High Level Seminar on BHR.

Members of the BHR WG contributed to ENNHRI’s Statement to the Council of Europe High Level Seminar on Business and Human Rights on the Human Rights implications of privatising or contracting out Public Services.

**BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS (BHR) WORKING GROUP**

**ECONOMIC SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS (ESCR) WORKING GROUP**

ENNHRI’s ESCR Working Group promotes cooperation and sharing of good practices between NHRIs in the field of ESCR and develops tools for NHRIs to be more effective in their work on ESCR, including human rights based impact assessments and human rights analysis of economic and social policies. The ESCR Working Group Chair is Laurence Bond from the Irish Equality and Human Rights Commission.
In 2017, the ESCR Working Group focused on how to monitor and ensure a human rights-based approach to poverty measurement. Various ESCR Working Group members, including the Chair, shared their expertise and national experience during a meeting organised by the German Institute for Human Rights in Berlin in May 2017, in close cooperation with the new Working Group on SDGs. A consultancy study was launched following the meeting. Professor Olivier De Schutter, former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food and current member of the UN Committee on ESCR will finalise the study for ENNHRI by end April 2018.

The Working Group was also involved in the drafting of the ENNHRI Statement on the European Pillar of Social Rights. ENNHRI recommended the EU that possible divergences between the Pillar and existing European and UN human rights standards in the area of social rights would be reduced and eliminated. ENNHRI also called on the EU to carry out a systematic and regular ex ante human rights impact assessment of social policy measures including in austerity packages, to make sure that measures do not lead to human rights violations, and to integrate human rights institutions and experts in the process of macro-economic decision-making.

ESCR WG members also gathered twice in 2017 within the dedicated Cooperation Platform of ENNHRI with the Council of Europe, EU Fundamental Rights Agency and Equinet (see section on European engagement). The ESCR working group also fed into the training ENNHRI organised on ESCR under the NHRI-EU project

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) WORKING GROUP**

With a view to effectively responding to this new area of work for NHRIs, ENNHRI members decided in 2017 to establish a new working group dedicated to the theme, chaired by Cécile Riou of the French National Consultative Commission for Human Rights. The working group intends to focus its activities on the monitoring of SDG implementation at national level and to identify an NHRI strategy to ensure a human rights-based approach to the SDG agenda. The working group will also be a focal point for SDG engagement at the regional and global level. In 2017, for example, ENNHRI members with SDG expertise cooperated with ESCR WG members on how to ensure a human right-based approach to poverty measurement, including under the SDG framework, at a meeting in Berlin on 4-5 May 2017.
2.5. BUILDING A STRONG AND SUSTAINABLE SECRETARIAT

BUILDING STRONG ORGANISATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS

ENNHRI’s is now working on the consolidation of its foundations. It has grown quickly, while carrying out many activities and servicing the needs of its membership. Given ENNHRI’s rapid growth and the consequent increase in activities, ENNHRI is conscious of a very high workload for its staff and is seeking more efficient working practices and division of responsibilities to ease the work pressures on them. In order to achieve this, ENNHRI is planning a review of the staffing structure to ensure that it meets the organisation’s needs. This is particularly important following the adoption of a new Strategic Plan in 2017.

DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A FUNDRAISING STRATEGY

The network has been developing a fundraising strategy in the past years, the finalisation and implementation of which have been highlighted as a focus area in the upcoming ENNHRI Strategic Plan for the period 2018 to 2021.

The fundraising strategy and activities will ensure financial sustainability, a diversity of funds and less reliance on EU funds.

ENNHRI’s funding situation is stable and its resources have grown, in line with the increase of its activities over the past four years. The network’s current main donor is the European Commission, who provides funding through a main operational grant as well as through the projects which ENNHRI manages or is involved in.
We would like to acknowledge as well the in-kind support the following partners:

- OSCE/ODIHR for the continued cooperation on the NHRI Academy;
- Council of Europe for the organization of the Cooperative Platforms (Economic and Social Rights, Roma) and the COE Commissioner for Human Rights for the round table on family reunification;
- OHCHR for the General Assembly meeting venue in Geneva in March 2017.

ENNHRI’s work on the development and launch of the Report on Migrant’s right to information on their rights was supported by the Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement for Human Rights and the Leo Nevas Family Foundation.

FINANCING THROUGH MEMBERS’ CONTRIBUTIONS AND GRANTS

ENNHRI membership is at the core of the network’s existence. In 2017, NHRIs from Cyprus, Czech Republic and Russia became members of ENNHRI. Furthermore, a consultation took place to adjust membership fees in line with the proposed Strategic Plan for the next four years, and ENNHRI members agreed at the General Assembly in November to increase their annual contributions.

ENNHRI members and partners provided in-kind support to the Network, in the form of staff time and material support for its activities, contributions for meeting logistics and participation, expertise and information-sharing.
Operating Grant from the European Commission (DG Justice and Consumers)

The Grant has enabled the support and strengthening of its member NHRIs, creation of synergies and solidarity across Europe. This is particularly important at a time when independent and accountable actors are essential at the national level, to promote and protect fundamental rights, and combat any shrinking democratic space.

ENNHRI has submitted its application for the next Framework Partnership running from 2018 to 2021 to secure the continuation of its activities.

ENNHRI also received financial contributions from the EU through the following grants. Activities under these grants benefit and include all ENNHRI members, from countries within or outside the European Union.

- Project “The Role of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) in Situation of Conflict and Post-Conflict”, as beneficiary (DG DEVCO) (April 2017 to March 2020)
3.1. THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS AND LONG-TERM CARE

ENNHRI's first externally funded project successfully completed

ENNHRI’s European Commission-funded project on The Human Rights of Older Persons & Long-term Care came to an end in December 2017.

Starting in 2015, the three-year project was set to:

a) Introduce human rights standards and a human rights-based approach to long-term care (LTC) of older persons;

b) Increase awareness of the human rights of older persons living in or seeking access to LTC in Europe, particularly in relation to residential care; and

c) Develop and strengthen the capacity of NHRIs to monitor and support human rights based policies in this area.

Overseen by an Advisory Group made up of 21 of ENNHRI’s members as well as external partners, the Project had three key phases.

● In its first phase, desk-based research was conducted to identify the standards protecting the human rights of older persons in or seeking access to LTC as well as methodologies used by NHRIs to monitor residential LTC settings for older persons.

● This research informed in a second phase the pilot monitoring work carried out by a group of six NHRIs: Unia (the Interfederal Centre for Equal Opportunities, Belgium), the Office of the Ombudswoman of Croatia, the German Institute for Human Rights, the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary, the Seimas Ombudsmen’s Office of the Republic of Lithuania and the Romanian Institute for Human Rights.

Findings from the pilot monitoring work

● Revealed that, while almost all caregivers instinctively use a person-centred based approach to inform their work, several practices in care homes raised concerns. Although there were no clear signs of torture or deliberate abuse or ill treatment, several practices witnessed in all six countries raised concerns, particularly in upholding dignity, the right to privacy, autonomy, participation, and access to justice. These appeared to be due to a lack of resources, namely limited funding and the inadequate coverage of LTC in the context of population ageing.

● Pointed to the need for a greater understanding of their human rights obligations by policy-makers and care providers, as well as greater clarity of the human rights standards themselves. Although most care workers interviewed in all countries could identify at least some human rights standards, they experienced challenges in translating these rights into practice within the residential care setting.

● Indicated that financial investment in the LTC sector could ultimately serve the objective of enhancing labour opportunities across Europe. In particular, the European Social Fund (ESF) could be used to support quality training and mutual exchange in the LTC sector in CEE countries where state investment has traditionally been low and availability is consequently scarce.

● Showed the need for a stronger protection framework for older persons in LTC, including the implementation of existing human rights standards, and a convention on the rights of older persons to address the gaps and fragmentation in current texts.
2017, the final year of the Project, saw many of the Project’s activities come to fruition. This phase of the Project focused on raising awareness of the Project findings and engaging with external stakeholders about the human rights of older persons and the benefits of a human rights-based approach (HRBA) to LTC.

The findings from the Pilot Monitoring work were used to develop “We Have the Same Rights: An ENNHRI Toolkit on Applying a Human Rights-Based Approach to Long-term Care for Older Persons”, which contains useful information and guidance for policymakers and care providers on their obligations to protect and promote the human rights of older persons and suggestions for how to implement them in practice.

Other resources, for NHRIs and other stakeholders were updated, including a Handbook on Human Rights Monitoring in LTC settings and leaflets, including one for older persons to learn about their own rights and how to ensure they are respected.

On the occasion of the 8th Session of the UN’s OEWG on 5-7 July 2017 in New York, ENNHRI and the EU Delegation in New York organised jointly a side event to launch ENNHRI’s report, “We Have the Same Rights: The Human Rights of Older Persons in Long-term Care in Europe”. This was an important meeting for NHRIs, as A-status institutions have now been granted speaking rights at the OEWG.
Throughout 2017 the Project findings were discussed at a number of high level events.

- In September, Ciara O'Dwyer, Project Coordinator, presented the findings to the European Union's Social Protection Committee, an advisory policy committee made up of Member State technical experts on social protection (including long-term care). Ciara provided the Committee with information about their State’s human rights obligations in the area of long-term care and encouraged them to incorporate a HRBA to care into national LTC policies.

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In January 2018, the then Council of Europe’s Commissioner for Human Rights, Nils Muižnieks, published a Human Rights Comment on The Right of Older Persons to Dignity and Autonomy in Care, which uses the findings from ENNHRI’s pilot monitoring work to recommend that member states move towards a Human Rights-Based Approach to Long-term Care. In the Comment, Mr Muižnieks also encourages Member States and care providers to read ENNHRI’s Toolkit.

The Project was also reported on EurActiv, a media network covering EU policies, which highlighted some of the human rights concerns identified as part of the Project while emphasizing that care workers do their best for their residents.
"We have the same rights" Project Final Conference points the way to a human rights-based approach to LTC

On 28 November, ENNHRI held the final conference of its project on the Human Rights of Older Persons and Long-term Care.

The event brought together over 100 actors from across wider Europe responsible for planning and delivering long-term care for older persons, including representatives of NHRIS, policy-makers, care providers, advocates for older persons and persons with disabilities, human rights defenders, as well as older persons and their families.

Ciara O’Dwyer, Co-ordinator of ENNHRI’s project outlined the main findings and outcomes from the Project and launched the Toolkit for policy-makers and care providers, to help them understand and implement their human rights obligations. Several members of the Project’s Pilot Group shared information on the human rights situation in long-term care at national level.

Policy-makers and care providers discussed the challenges they face in implementing a Human Rights -based Approach (HRBA). Representatives of Germany and Latvia provided examples of how they integrate an HRBA in their social policy frameworks.

Discussions at the event highlighted the need for greater investment in the long-term care (LTC) sector throughout Europe, but particularly in Central and Eastern European countries, to ensure an adequate supply of services (particularly home- and community-based services) as well as adequate staffing levels and human rights training for care workers.

Jiří Horecký from the Association of European LTC Providers, stated that the lack of financial resources is a barrier to the implementation of human rights in care. “We, NHRIs, are really indeed determined to work with older people in long term care - there is so much to be done in our national environment, and I hope that we keep this momentum for the future” concluded ENNHRI Chair, Lora Vidović.

Thanks

ENNHRI Secretariat thanks all of those involved in the Project, particularly the monitoring and policy teams in the Pilot Group, the members of the Advisory Group and all the policy-makers, care providers, residents and family members who gave up their time to participate in the Project. See www.ennhri.org/rights4elders for more info and to download copies of the Project’s resources.
3.2.
HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONFLICT PROJECT

The role of NHRI s in situations of conflict and post-conflict in the spotlight

In April 2017, ENNHRI launched a 3-year EU-funded project on the Role of NHRI s in Situations of Conflict and Post-Conflict (Human Rights and Conflict Project). The project aims at enhancing the effectiveness of NHRI s operating in (post) conflict situations in the wider Europe, through awareness raising, capacity building, dialogue and cooperation, as well as engagement with national, regional and international actors.

Participating ENNHRI members particularly interested in the project and playing an active role in its implementation come from the wider Europe, especially from: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Georgia, Germany, Kosovo, Northern Ireland, Moldova, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine, and others.

Key Project Results in 2017

• The Project Coordinator, Valentina Purcel, joined ENNHRI in September 2017;
• The Project Advisory Group was established, composed of 13 ENNHRI members and key international stakeholders (OHCHR, UNDP, CoE, OSCE/ODIHR), who will define the strategic direction of the project, in line with ENNHRI members’ needs;
• Desk-based research was conducted as a preparatory phase for further development of the Guidance on the Role of NHRI s in Situations of Conflict and Post-Conflict, that will be one of the main outcomes of the Project;
• An in-depth needs assessment survey was conducted whose results support the development of a Capacity Building and Engagement programme for the Project;
• The Project Members’ Area was developed and launched, as an internal platform of communication and cooperation amongst participating NHRI s, including members of the Project Advisory Group;
• The Project Micro-site was developed, as a unique online platform on NHRI s work on human rights and conflict, capturing both the project activities and its main results, as well specialised information in this area of work for experts and the public at large.

“In times of tensions and rising social crises, NHRI s can have an enormous impact – above all, in preventing conflicts from escalating and breaking societies apart. (...) Your work is fundamental to securing sustainable peace, with sound, transparent and accountable institutions, and a healthy social fabric. This essential role played by NHRI s is recognised more and more widely”

Human Rights Commissioner, Zaid, at the GANHRI Conference in March 2017
3.3. THE NHRI·EU CAPACITY-BUILDING PROJECT

Capacity development to support NHRIs development and strength

NHRI·EU is a three-year capacity development project (2016-2018) funded by the European Union, involving NHRIs across the world as well as the global and regional NHRI networks. The global implementation of the NHRI·EU project is coordinated by the Danish Institute for Human Rights, while the implementation of project activities is coordinated at the regional level by the four regional networks (ENNHRI for the European region).

The NHRI·EU project aims to strengthen the capacities of NHRIs individually and collectively in line with the UN Paris Principles, in order to increase their impact and effectiveness in promoting and protecting human rights.

More specifically, the project aims to deliver capacity-building programmes for NHRI staff relating to the following priority areas:

- business and human rights;
- economic, social and cultural rights;
- monitoring and reporting to regional and international human rights bodies and
- the promotion of human rights education into the formal education sector.

For each of these four topics, a blended learning programme has been developed, consisting of three consecutive stages:

- an online learning module introducing NHRIs to core concepts and tools
- an interactive workshop to train participants on
- an opportunity to apply for a grant of up to 15,000 euro to implement a project concerning the courses' topics in the national context.
Courses for ENNHRI members in 2017

On 12-14 June, the NHRI•EU Project brought together in Sarajevo 13 participants from across the ENNHRI membership, for a three-day training on human rights education in the formal sector. The workshop showed that NHRIs have important knowledge and experience on human rights education in the formal sector, in addition to their human rights awareness and educational functions.

While NHRIs are often willing to implement their human rights education responsibilities strategically across their different mandates, important challenges are situated at the level of implementation. Accordingly, the workshop focused on training methods, in particular on how NHRIs can design and implement baseline studies on human rights education in the formal sector, and how they engage with stakeholders.

“The workshop created a great platform for discussion on national experiences and to find solutions we can bring back home”


Participants in the training on human rights education in the formal sector also visited the Parliament of Banja Luka
“Discovering common challenges within our NHRIs, even though the national contexts and NHRI mandates differ from one another was very enriching” - Fiona O’Connell, the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission.”

Following the workshop, the European grant was awarded to the Office of the Public Defender of Georgia, who will conduct a baseline study between October 2017 and February 2018, documenting the existing status of human rights education in secondary schools, and use it to address and influence educational polices by advising relevant stakeholders and follow up on the implementation.

- Between 25-29 September, in Riga, staff of 13 ENNHRI members received training on economic, social, and cultural rights (ESCR) during a workshop facilitated by the Danish Institute for Human Rights, and the US-based Centre for Economic and Social Rights (CESR). Participants explored common challenges faced by NHRIs in the promotion and protection of ESCR and the strategic use of NHRI functions in ESCR monitoring. The training dedicated special attention to working with Human Rights indicators, benchmarks and data, including the application of a human rights based perspective to SDG data and the role of NHRIs in the 2030 Agenda. The workshop also delved into the relationship between the realisation of ESCR and budgets and resources, outlining different techniques for evaluating and monitoring resource allocation and expenditure.

The follow-up grant was awarded to Scottish Human Rights Commission, which will be using the grant to “improve the understanding and use of human rights budget analysis to further Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Scotland”. For this purpose, the Scottish Human Rights Commission has organized a human rights budgeting masterclass, is developing a baseline budget and will also elaborate a final report (in 2018) on strengthening ESCR protection in Scotland.

Support to ENNHRI
The project also provides important support for the NHRI networks, especially for improving interactions between NHRIs and human rights mechanisms at regional and global levels.

In 2017, NHRI•EU provided ENNHRI with resources to enable the participation of ENNHRI members at international meetings, including working group meetings. With NHRI•EU support, ENNHRI representatives attended the UN High-Level Political Forum on the SDGs in New York and the GANHRI Bureau meetings. The Project also funds the participation of the ENNHRI Secretariat in the sessions of the Sub-Committee on Accreditation (SCA) in Geneva.

The NHRI•EU project also provides resources to further strengthen the capacity of the ENNHRI Secretariat to support its members. This has allowed, for example, fundraising support and the delivery, in December 2017, of a general training for the Secretariat staff on project cycle management. In 2018 more specific trainings will follow on various project management areas: reporting, risk assessment, budget and grant management, and fundraising.
ANNEXES
Annex 1
ENNHRI Common Positions: (Statements / Submissions / Press releases / important inputs)

- Statement to the Council of Europe High Level Seminar on Business and Human Rights (Strasbourg, 9 June 2017)

- “Bring Children Together for Diversity” - Joint Press release on the 10th anniversary of the landmark judgment in the D.H. case

- Common Position on the human rights implications of privatising or contracting out public services

- ENNHRI Report on the Human Rights of Older Persons launched at the OEWG on Ageing

- Submission to the Council of Europe CDDH Mig on Alternatives to immigration detention
The report on the impact of current national legislation, policies and practices on the activities of civil society organisations, human rights defenders and NHRIs has been adopted (CDDH-INST). It highlights NHRIs as human rights defenders and that is a real success for ENNHRI and its members. In 2018, the CDDH INST report will be accompanied with a list of good practices which will include the good practices provided by ENNHRI members.

As a follow up to this report, the revision of CoE Recommendation N° R(97)14 on the establishment of independent national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights will be considered by CDDH in December 2017. This would be an opportunity to update the Recommendation from 1997 in line with today’s understanding of the Paris Principles.

ENNHRI inputs to the first draft of European Immigration Detention Rules

ENNHRI GA Statement (March 2017) European Solidarity in the field of Migration: Coming together to Promote and Protect Human Rights

CDDH Plenary Meeting Report (June 2017)
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ENNHRI submission to OSCE HDIM (July 2017) - Calls upon OSCE participating states to recognise the role of NHRIs as human rights defenders in line with Paris Principles.
## Annex 2

### 2017 Accounts

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**RESERVES 2014 + 2015 + 2016**  € 102 778,64
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**TARGET CUMULATIVE RESERVE (6 MONTHS)**  € 499 729,54
Annex 3

ENNHRI members

ENNHRI has a membership of 42 NHRIs from across wider Europe, including Ombuds Institutions, Human Rights Commissions and Institutes. Our members have a diversity of mandates and national contexts. They are committed to working together to promote and protect human rights.

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