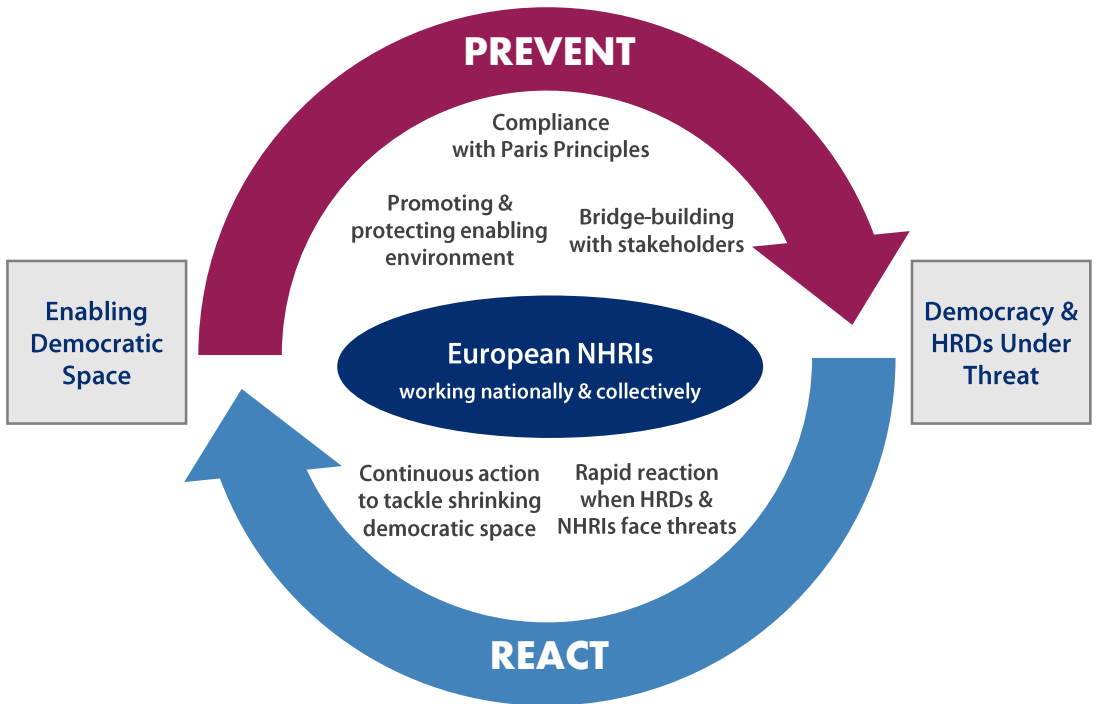


Regional Action Plan on GANHRI Marrakesh Declaration

Expanding & Securing Vibrant Space for
Human Rights Defenders (HRDs)



This document will be revised following consultations with ENNHRI members and stakeholders and an updated version will be made available by the end of 2018.

European NHRIs (nationally)



ENNHRI (European NHRIs collectively)

Compliance with Paris Principles

Take steps to ensure full compliance with Paris Principles and so act as independent and pluralistic HRDs

Promoting an enabling environment

Special attention to:

- awareness of the essential role of HRDs in democratic societies
- effective participation of civil society/HRDs in policy and legislative processes
- the use of social media, easy language and fact-based messages

Protecting an enabling environment

Special attention to:

- data collection and reporting on civic space
- interventions in legislative processes concerning independent state authorities and NGOs

Bridge-building with stakeholders

Special attention to:

- implementation of international and regional standards
- Cooperation with HRDs, including forging new partnerships (youth)

Continuous action to tackle shrinking democratic space

- Introduction of HRD focal point
- Providing information to HRDs on actors/tools that can be of support to them
- Strategic litigation before national and regional courts and pro bono legal support for CSOs and individual HRDs
- Following-up on recommendations of international/regional human rights actors on HRDs towards state authorities
- Reporting threats in Annual Reports and other publications

Rapid reaction when HRDs face threats

- Rapid reaction, such as activation of hotline
- Provide legal advice and cooperate with pro bono lawyers
- Complaints-handing and visits to imprisoned HRDs
- Support other NHRIs under threat
- Identification alternative CSO funds with partners

Compliance with Paris Principles

Support NHRIs to be established and to function as HRDs, in compliance with the Paris Principles

Promoting an enabling environment

Special attention to:

- Developing a database of NHRI key messages and practices, including on rule of law, ESCR and asylum and migration
- NHRI capacity-building on impactful human rights communication

Protecting an enabling environment

Special attention to:

- data-collection and reporting on regional trends
- interventions in legal and policy processes at regional level, including in support for independent regional actors

Bridge-building with stakeholders

Special attention to:

- linking up NHRIs to relevant regional actors and mechanisms
- Cooperation with HRDs, including forging new partnerships

Continuous action to tackle shrinking democratic space

- Providing information for NHRIs on regional mechanisms and tools
- Peer-support on interventions before regional courts (CJEU, ECtHR)
- Preventive peer exchange on shrinking in-country trends
- Supporting NHRIs on national implementation of recommendations
- Exchange of information/cooperation in defence of regional human rights frameworks and actors
- Supporting NHRIs in relation to introduction of HRD focal points

Rapid reaction when NHRIs face threats

Operationalisation of ENNHRI's policy on NHRIs under threat:

- Coordinated approach with partners at regional level for joint rapid response
- Facilitating access to regional/global mechanisms ('NHRIs as HRDs')
- Peer support among members
- Coordination with GANHRI for action at global level

PREVENT

Ensuring an enabling environment



REACT

Responding to democracy & HRDs under threat

Mainstream Gender and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) throughout Action Plan