

CONSULTANCY

THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STUDY ON A HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH TO POVERTY MEASUREMENT UNDER THE SDGs IN EUROPE

Terms of Reference

ENNHRI, the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions, seeks an external consultant to undertake the development of a study on a human rights-based approach to poverty measurement under the SDGs in Europe.

1. Background

ENNHRI (the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions) brings together 41 National Human Rights Institutions from across wider Europe. ENNHRI is one of the four regional NHRI networks which together make up the Global Network of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI).

ENNHRI supports its NHRI members to promote and protect human rights, including by coordinating exchange of information and good practice between members and by supporting their engagement with regional and international mechanisms. The SDGs, as well as economic, social and cultural rights -including poverty- are priority themes on ENNHRI's agenda.

On 5 May 2017, ENNHRI members came together in Berlin to share information and discuss if the issue of poverty is taken seriously by European States when implementing the SDGs, and to share insights on the role NHRIs can play in this context. In preparation of the Berlin meeting, a questionnaire was filled out by NHRIs from 15 different countries across Europe.

On the basis of the questionnaires, an overview report was compiled which contains an initial overview of following elements:

- ✓ Did countries elaborate a national action plan (NAP) on the implementation of the SDGs?
- ✓ Does the NAP include poverty?
- ✓ To what extent is poverty measured under the SDG framework, compared to traditional national poverty measurement (NPM)?

- ✓ Is a human rights based approach (HRBA) included in the poverty measurement under the SDGs? If no NAP has been elaborated, is a HRBA included in NPM?
- ✓ What are the relevant good practices of NHRIs?

2. Objective

ENNHRI seeks a consultant to draft a study on a human rights based approach to poverty measurement under the SDGs in Europe, and the potential of NHRIs in this context.

The study should be based on the following information:

- ✓ the filled in questionnaires by 15 NHRIs and the resulting overview report (to be provided to the selected consultant)
- ✓ the meeting report of the May 2017 Berlin meeting (to be provided to the selected consultant)
- ✓ desk research
- ✓ consultation with relevant NHRIs and NHRI networks (ENNHRI and GANHRI).

The study should:

- ✓ double-check and make use of the initial empirical findings of the overview report based on questionnaires filled out by 15 NHRIs
- ✓ provide a normative context on 'a human rights based approach to poverty measurement' in Europe
- ✓ explain the connection between the human rights framework and the SDG framework
- ✓ integrate NHRI good practices which show how NHRIs can be instrumental in poverty measurement, including under the SDGs, in line with supporting a human rights based approach
- ✓ Develop a general understanding on key indicators that should be promoted and eventually also used by NHRIs: how to improve the human rights approach?
- ✓ include initial recommendations on how to use SDGs at the national level in line with supporting a human rights based approach, to share with European policy-makers (governments and institutions)

3. Tasks

- Draft a study, with executive summary, on poverty measurement under the SDGs in Europe, including NHRI good practices and policy recommendations to share with European policy-makers (governments and institutions)
- Consult with ENNHRI reference group during the drafting process to ensure that NHRI experiences, expertise and aims are aptly reflected

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4. Qualifications

- Track-record in providing consultancy and advice on poverty measurement from a human rights based approach
- Track-record in providing consultancy and advice on SDGs, including from a human rights based approach
- Experience of engaging with governments/ organisations that are active on SDG follow-up
- Experience of working with NHRIs and/or networks of NHRIs

5. Deliverables

- One study on poverty measurement under the SDGs in Europe including NHRI good practices and policy recommendations

6. Timeline

Study starts January 2018.

Study to be completed by end March 2018.

7. Offers

Please send the offers to info@ennhri.org by 1 December 2017.

Selection of the successful consultant will be confirmed by 15 December 2017.

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