Violations of ESR are both a cause and consequence of conflict. Very low standards of living, lack of access to work and education coupled with an ongoing discrimination can lead to public unrest. In this context, NHRIs are well-positioned to safeguard ESR standards locally through their broad human rights mandate and functions, which contributes to early warning and conflict prevention/resolution.

To support European NHRIs in this area of work, ENNHRI organised a capacity-building workshop in March 2019 in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina, addressing strategic approaches for NHRIs working on ESR in (post-)conflict contexts. Participants shared their challenges and methods of work and highlighted effective practices, which have been collated in an infosheet.

European NHRIs learned about innovative practices from each other and strengthened their engagement with key international and regional stakeholders, as well as civil society organisations. As a result, ENNHRI members are better equipped to promote and protect ESR in (post-)conflict situations.

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