Sweden

Relevant developments towards the establishment of a National Human Rights Institution

ENNHRI’s member in Sweden is the Swedish Equality Ombudsman, which was accredited with B status in May 2011. The SCA noted that the NHRI’s mandate is limited to equality matters and stressed the need for a broader mandate to promote and protect human rights. Also, the SCA encouraged the Equality Ombudsman to advocate for the formalization of broad and transparent selection and dismissal process in the relevant legislation.

Recently, the Swedish government took important steps in relation to a proposal for the establishment of an NHRI in Sweden in compliance with the Paris Principles. ENNHRI provided comments on the proposal and stands ready to give further support towards the establishment and accreditation of an NHRI in compliance with the Paris Principles in the country. In view of the ongoing process to establish an institution in compliance with the UN Paris Principles, the Swedish Equality Ombudsman abstained from contributing to this reporting process.