Switzerland

At present, Switzerland does not have a National Human Rights Institution.

In December 2019, the Swiss Federal Council submitted a proposal to Parliament on the establishment of an NHRI. The future institution would replace the current Centre suisse de compétence pour les droits humains (CSDH), which had been created in 2011 as a pilot to assess the need for an NHRI in the country. This pilot was supposed to end in 2020 but it will be extended for 2 years, allowing enough time for the establishment of the NHRI by then.

ENNHRI stands ready to further provide information to the government and any other relevant stakeholder on the establishment of an NHRI in Switzerland in compliance with the Paris Principles.

References

- Webpage of the government setting out the current progress on setting up an NHRI: https://www.admin.ch/gov/fr/accueil/documentation/communiques.msg-id-77508.html