Enhancing NHRIs’ capacity for effective implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

Webinar 1, Thursday 10th September, 11.00-12.00 CET
“Why should implementation of ECtHR judgments matter to NHRIs?”

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Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (“ECtHR”) can trigger positive reforms to enhance human rights protections across Europe. To have this effect, however, they must be properly implemented. Of the ‘leading’ cases handed down by the ECtHR in the last ten years – i.e. cases which reveal structural or systemic problems – 43 percent are still pending implementation. This has severe consequences for human rights protection. During this opening webinar, participants will be able to learn about:

- the scale of the non-implementation challenge and the need for greater involvement by NHRIs
- the involvement of NHRIs so far in the ECtHR judgment execution process at the Strasbourg level
- a good practice story from one of their colleagues on how they used their mandate to advocate for ECtHR judgment implementation.

Programme of the event

11.00-11.10 Introductory remarks
By Leena Leikas, chair of ENNHRI Legal working group, Human Rights Expert at the Finnish Human Rights Centre

11.10-11.20 The non-implementation challenge
Intervention by George Stafford, EIN Director

11.20-11.30 Implementation of ECHR judgments is a shared responsibility and NHRIs have a key role to play
Intervention by Nikolaos Sitaropoulos, Head of Division, Department of the Execution of Judgments

11.30-11.35 Q & A session

11.35-11.45 How has Slovenia managed to cut down the number of non-implemented judgments by setting up a strong structure at the domestic level?
Intervention by Dr. Simona Drenik Bavdek, Assistant Head of the Centre for Human Rights at the Human Rights Ombudsman of the Republic of Slovenia

11.45-11.55 Q & A session and discussion

11.55-12.00 Wrap up and presentation of webinar 2

1 EIN has carried out an analysis of the CoE’s official statistics. Our methodology is explained on our website.