ENNHRI

European Network of
National Human Rights Institutions

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ENNHRI at a glance

ENNHRI is the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions. It brings together 42 National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) across wider Europe to enhance the promotion and protection of human rights in the region.

NHRIs are independent bodies with a constitutional or legal mandate to promote and protect human rights. They are a key element of a strong and effective national, regional and global human rights framework.

ENNHRI supports European NHRIs by:

- Supporting the establishment and accreditation of NHRIs
- Coordinating the exchange of information and best practice
- Facilitating capacity building and training
- Facilitating NHRIs' engagement with regional mechanisms
- Intervening on legal and policy developments at the European level

Strategic Plan 2018-2021

In line with the current strategic plan, ENNHRI's work is focused around three core objectives:

- More European NHRIs in compliance with the Paris Principles
- More effective promotion and protection of human rights in Europe
- A strong and sustainable network

Moreover, during 2018-2021, particular attention is dedicated to the following thematic areas:

- Democracy and rule of law
- Economic and social rights
- Asylum and migration

ENNHRI also runs a project to enhance the effectiveness of NHRIs in promoting and protecting human rights in situations of conflict and post-conflict in wider Europe.

ENNHRI is one of four regional networks of NHRIs, which together make up the Global Alliance of NHRIs. It is registered as an international not-for-profit association under Belgian law with a Permanent Secretariat based in Brussels.

Participants at NHRI Academy 2018 (4 June 2018 - Helsinki, Finland)

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List of **abbreviations**

CDDH	Council of Europe Steering Committee for Human Rights
CoE	Council of Europe
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
DG DEVCO	EU Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development
DG JUST	EU Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers
DIHR	Danish Institute for Human Rights
EIDHR	European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights
Equinet	European Network of Equality Bodies
ESR	Economic and social rights
FRA	European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
GANHRI	Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions
HRDs	Human Rights Defenders
IDPs	Internally displaced persons
NHRI	National Human Rights Institution
OHCHR	United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
OPRE	CoE-FRA-Equinet-ENNHRI Operational Platform for Roma Equality
OSCE	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
OSCE/ODIHR	OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
SCA	Subcommittee on Accreditation
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals under 2030 Agenda

Foreword

Throughout 2018, ENNHRI operated in a context of backlash against human rights. This has resulted in an undermining of democratic space and rule of law, which has been evident in state measures to criminalise assistance to migrants, stifle freedom of the media and reduce the independence of the judiciary.

ENNHRI has responded to these challenges by focusing on NHRIs' work to enable democratic space and support Human Rights Defenders (HRDs). Following member exchange, capacity building at the NHRI Academy and a publication on existing practices, ENNHRI's Annual Conference workshopped the potential and responsibility of NHRIs to work in this area. All members and key stakeholders, including HRDs, inputted to a Regional Action Plan to implement the GANHRI Marrakesh Declaration on the same topic.

Given the challenges to our international protection mechanisms, ENNHRI also engaged to underline the importance of communicating human rights effectively and reinforce the multilateral supervisory functions. We were involved in the drafting of a seminal Council of Europe Recommendation on civil society, NHRIs and shrinking space, as well as at the European Parliament showcasing the role of NHRIs to achieve synergies between regional and international mechanisms.

We have achieved this work through building the solidarity and mutual support among members, as well as reinforcing the support of the Secretariat. The active participation and commitment of NHRIs throughout Europe to our common objectives has achieved incredible results, which gives us hope for facing the ongoing challenges in the years ahead.

Lora Vidović
ENNHRI Chair

Debbie Kohner
ENNHRI
Secretary-General

2018 highlights

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950
New Facebook followers

780
New Twitter followers

40,100
Website visits

Contributions at Council of Europe events on civil society space

In 2018, ENNHRI was invited to make contributions at Council of Europe events on civil society space. In November, Secretary-General, Debbie Kohner, moderated the CDDH workshop celebrating the adoption of the Committee of Ministers' Recommendation on civil society space, where Deputy Commissioner for Human Rights of Poland, Hanna Machinska, also spoke. In December, Debbie Kohner took part in a round-table event organised by the CoE Commissioner for Human Rights, where she presented the work of European NHRIs in supporting HRDs. **More on page 11**

Joint statement on building broader support for human rights

In March, ENNHRI, together with OHCHR, the Office of the CoE Commissioner for Human Rights, the EU Fundamental Rights Agency and GANHRI, launched a joint statement establishing a common commitment towards improving public communication to build stronger support for human rights. **More on page 17**

Statement on role of NHRIs in protection of IDPs

Following the Human Rights and Conflict Project workshop and meeting on the human rights of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in April, the key conclusions were compiled into the ENNHRI Statement on the Role of NHRIs to Promote and Protect the Human Rights of IDPs in (Post-)Conflict, which various partners expressed an intention to use in their work. **More on page 13**

Human Rights Day video: 'Why work with NHRIs?'

Marking Human Rights Day on 10 December, ENNHRI launched a video in which representatives from European NHRIs and other organisations and institutions explain the value of collaboration with NHRIs. The video highlights the role of NHRIs as a key partner in the promotion and protection of human rights. **More on page 17**

Annual Conference on Human Rights Defenders

With ENNHRI's special thematic focus for 2018 being 'democracy and rule of law', the Annual Conference held in October in Athens, Greece, gathered over 100 key human rights stakeholders to discuss the role of NHRIs in enabling democratic space and to supporting Human Rights Defenders (HRDs), including NHRIs themselves as HRDs. A publication and an animated video on NHRIs' work in this area were also launched. **More on page 10**

Key achievements

1

More European NHRIs in compliance with the Paris Principles

ENNHRI's work towards ensuring more European NHRIs in compliance with the Paris Principles involves providing support with the establishment of NHRIs, with the process of NHRI accreditation and for NHRIs under threat. In 2018, a number of key achievements were made in this area.

Supporting the establishment of NHRIs

The ENNHRI Secretariat and Accreditation Support Group advised a variety of stakeholders from 12 countries across the region on the establishment of NHRIs in compliance with the Paris Principles. In at least four countries (Italy, Malta, Romania and Sweden), ENNHRI's input is likely to result in amended draft laws which better align with the Paris Principles. Furthermore, the Secretariat engaged with representatives of various states in the region to discuss the eventual establishment of an NHRI.

Supporting NHRI accreditation

In 2018, ENNHRI provided support to all European NHRIs undergoing the SCA accreditation process, resulting in 3 retaining their 'A' status (Denmark, Georgia and Spain), one receiving 'B' status accreditation (Belgium – Unia) and one moving from 'B' to 'A' status (Moldova). With the support of ENNHRI, the Slovenian Human Rights Ombudsman (B-status) has applied for accreditation.

Supporting NHRIs under threat

ENNHRI raised awareness of how it can better support European NHRIs facing threats, having published an online infographic outlining how ENNHRI members under threat can access ENNHRI's support. Also, the ENNHRI Regional Action Plan on Promoting and Protecting Human Rights Defenders and Enabling Democratic Space, which was developed in late 2018, includes the further development of rapid reaction mechanisms at regional and national levels when NHRIs face threats.

ENNHRI-CNCDH Practical Guide on the Accreditation of NHRIs

Practical Guide on the SCA Accreditation Process

ENNHRI produced a new practical guide on the SCA accreditation process in partnership with the French NHRI (current chair of the SCA) – the first to be written from the viewpoint of institutions undergoing accreditation. This guide, combined with ENNHRI's input on several key SCA documents, contributed towards improving the accreditation process by enabling more institutions to follow up on SCA recommendations and comply with the Paris Principles.

2 More effective promotion and protection of human rights

ENNHRI supports European NHRIs to promote and protect human rights more effectively in a number of ways, including by building their capacities to effect change at the national level and by supporting their effective engagement and visibility at the European and international levels. This work is carried out with a focus on ENNHRI's priority thematic areas; in 2018, 'democracy and rule of law' was given particular attention.

Democracy and rule of law

ENNHRI's Annual Conference held in October in Athens, Greece, gathered over 100 key human rights stakeholders to discuss the role of NHRIs in enabling democratic space and to supporting Human Rights Defenders (HRDs), including NHRIs themselves as HRDs.

The conference generated strong social media engagement, with over 120 tweets and Facebook posts using the conference hashtag #ENNHRI2018 and another 350 retweets/shares. Contributing to this engagement was the launch at the conference of a publication and animated video showcasing the work of different European NHRIs in this area.

Beate Rudolf, Director of German Institute for Human Rights/Chairperson of GANHRI (left), Michel Forst, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of HRDs (centre), and Stavros Lambrinidis, EU Special Representative for Human Rights (right), at ENNHRI Annual Conference (25 October 2018 – Athens, Greece)

Petter Wille, Director of Norwegian NHRI, at ENNHRI Annual Conference (25 October 2018 - Athens, Greece)

As a follow up to the conference and the GANHRI Marrakesh Declaration, ENNHRI produced a Regional Action Plan on Promoting and Protecting HRDs and Enabling Democratic Space. The action plan was launched at the high-level conference commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights during Human Rights Week 2018, organised by the European Parliament.

In November, ENNHRI participated in the Council of Europe CDDH workshop on the 'Protection and promotion of the civil society space in Europe', which was moderated by ENNHRI's Secretary-General, Debbie Kohner. The workshop was held in celebration of the adoption of the CoE Committee of Ministers' Recommendation on the need to strengthen the protection and promotion of civil society space in Europe. The Deputy Commissioner for Human Rights of Poland, Hanna Machinska, also spoke about the shrinking democratic space for non-governmental organisations in the country.

Moreover, in December, ENNHRI was invited to a round-table event organised by the Office of the CoE Commissioner for Human Rights in Helsinki. Debbie Kohner spoke alongside HRDs and representatives from civil society and intergovernmental organisations about the work of NHRIs in supporting HRDs through regional and international mechanisms.

Guadalupe Marengo, Head of Global HRDs Programme at Amnesty International, at ENNHRI Annual Conference (25 October 2018 - Athens, Greece)

Lora Vidović, ENNHRI Chair (left), and Katarzyna Gardapkhadze, First Deputy Director of OSCE/ODIHR (right), at NHRI Academy 2018 (6 June 2018 - Helsinki, Finland)

Through its interventions and activities, ENNHRI has impacted on regional legislative and policy developments, including: the CoE Copenhagen Declaration; the CoE Committee of Ministers' Recommendation on civil society space; the CoE Commissioner for Human Rights' comment on the occasion of 25 years of the Paris Principles; and the ongoing development of a mechanism on democracy, rule of law and fundamental rights at the European Parliament.

Focus was also placed on democracy and the rule of law in capacity building activities and NHRI peer exchange through the Legal Working Group meeting and the NHRI Academy.

NHRI Academy 2018

In June, together with the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR), ENNHRI organised the 5th NHRI Academy in Helsinki, Finland. The annual event provides practical training to senior and mid-level staff of NHRIs across the OSCE area on how to address particular challenges that they face in their work.

This edition was focused on the role of NHRIs in legislative reviews and lawmaking and the promotion and protection of the HRDs and democratic space. It included discussions around how NHRIs can contribute to the different stages of the legislative process, and the need for NHRIs to enable a thriving environment for HRDs.

Key achievements

Asylum and migration

In 2018, Secretariat capacity to support ENNHRI's Asylum and Migration Working Group was strengthened, while the group explored new opportunities for collaboration. At the Working Group meeting in November, Maja Kević of the Croatian NHRI was elected as Chair, continuing on from Adriana van Dooijeweert of the Dutch NHRI. The Working Group also defined its thematic priorities as the situation of migrants' rights at the borders, immigration detention and migrants' access to ESR, and identified opportunities for collective action at the European level.

In November, the Working Group's submitted a follow-up statement to the CoE's European Committee on Legal Co-operation, reiterating its concerns about the 'Draft European Rules on the Conditions for the Administrative Detention of Migrants', at discussion at the Committee of Experts on Administrative Detention of Migrants (CJ-DAM). As a result of the concerns raised by various actors, including ENNHRI, the work of CJ-DAM on the issue was temporarily suspended and the matter submitted to the Committee of Ministers.

ENNHRI Asylum and Migration Working Group meeting (13 November 2018 - Brussels, Belgium)

Economic and social rights

2018 saw key achievements for ENNHRI in the area of economic and social rights (ESR), ahead of ENNHRI's Year on ESR in 2019. A draft study on poverty measurement was conducted, which includes a set of practical recommendations aiming to support NHRIs' understanding of how to create synergies between SDGs and ESR when adopting a human rights-based approach to poverty.

Attention was dedicated to the exchange of member experiences on the implementation of the Revised European Social Charter with a focus on Article 31 (right to housing). Both meetings of the CoE-FRA-ENNHRI-Equinet Platform on Economic and Social Rights (in May and November) presented opportunities for ENNHRI members to deepen their understanding of Article 31, including its multidimensionality and intersectionality.

During the Platform meetings, ENNHRI also sought synergies with the European Pillar of Social Rights (EU). As a result, a study on the coherence of the European Pillar of Social Rights with the Revised European Social Charter in the EU legal order was produced to equip NHRIs and other stakeholders with a set of six proposals to understand and strengthen the synergies between the instruments in their work.

The Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Working Group elected Anete Ilves of the Latvian NHRI and Kavita Chetty of the Scottish NHRI as co-Chairs, continuing on from Laurence Bond of the Irish NHRI. The Working Group also frequently exchanged information and fostered peer exchange and member-led initiatives on specific topics, such as work on poverty and communicating ESR.

Participants at the ENNHRI workshop on human rights and (counter-)terrorism (11-13 September 2018 - Belfast, Northern Ireland)

NHRIs in situations of (post-)conflict

In 2018, under its Human Rights and Conflict Project, ENNHRI delivered a number of activities in support of NHRI's role in (post-)conflict situations, with specific focus on peer-exchanges between NHRIs and exchanges among NHRIs and key national, regional and international stakeholders.

Capacity-building events organised within the project focused on the key areas of work identified by ENNHRI members operating in situations of (post-)conflict. A workshop and meeting on the human rights of internally displaced persons (IDPs) was held in Kyiv, Ukraine in April, while in September, a workshop on the human rights implications of terrorism and counter-terrorism was organised in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Participants in these activities reported a significant increase in their understanding of their role and functions in these areas. The events also enabled in-depth exchanges of practices among ENNHRI members, civil society actors, state actors and international stakeholders.

Statement on the Role of NHRIs to Promote and Protect the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in (Post-)Conflict

The key conclusions reached at the workshop and meeting on the human rights of IDPs in April were compiled in an ENNHRI Statement on the Role of NHRIs to Promote and Protect the Human Rights of IDPs in (Post-)Conflict, which various partners expressed an intention to use in their work.

The UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of IDPs, present at the meeting, reported her intention to include the information collected at the meeting in her upcoming 2019 Report to the Human Rights Council dedicated to the role of NHRIs in this area (with the Statement mentioned as a good practice).

The Statement was also showcased in a human rights comment released by CoE Commissioner on 25 May 2018, and a GANHRI Statement on the same topic, leading to further dissemination of the work of European NHRIs across a wide range of actors to support IDPs in vulnerable situations.

Debbie Kohner, ENNHRI Secretary-General (left), and Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of IDPs (right), at Multi-Stakeholder Regional Meeting on IDPs (26 April 2018 - Kyiv, Ukraine)

Representatives of German Institute for Human Rights and Danish Institute for Human Rights present at 4th session of the UN open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights (15 October 2018 – Geneva, Switzerland).

Other thematic areas

Rights of persons with disabilities

In 2018, ENNHRI strengthened the capacity of NHRIs in reporting to and engaging with the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and disabled persons organisations through a training organised in cooperation with Equinet. Through the CRPD Working Group, ENNHRI also raised concerns with the CoE's Committee on Bioethics about the revised draft version of the Additional Protocol to the Oviedo Convention regarding involuntary placement and treatment of persons with psychosocial disabilities.

Rights of older persons

In 2018, ENNHRI deepened the impact of information gathered during its 2015-2017 project 'The Human Rights of Older Persons and Long-term Care'. For example, the outcomes of the project were presented at the 3rd ASEM Conference on Global Ageing and Human Rights of Older Persons in Seoul, South Korea, and the Workshop on Monitoring and Reporting (part of the NHRI·EU Capacity Building Project) in Chișinău, Moldova.

ENNHRI was also active in bridging European NHRIs with the UN Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing and directly engaging with the CoE Steering Committee for Human Rights to ensure that the rights of older persons are kept in the work programme of the organisation and are further strengthened.

Sustainable Development Goals

Throughout 2018, ENNHRI collected data showing an increasing number of European NHRIs actively engage with their respective governments on SDGs through different events, conferences, consultations and engagements with statistical offices. This was included in a study prepared by Olivier De Schutter on a human-rights based approach to poverty measurement, taking account of the added value that the SDGs present in this context.

Business and human rights

In 2018, ENNHRI's Business and Human Rights Working Group was recognised as a key partner in ensuring the implementation of the CoE's Recommendation on Business and Human Rights. ENNHRI's submission to the CoE Steering Committee for Human Rights was included as a benchmark for monitoring the implementation of the Recommendation.

ENNHRI also supported members' capacities to work on business and human rights through the NHRI·EU Capacity Building Project. A small grant under the project was awarded to the Slovak NHRI to establish a national contact point for business and human rights in Slovakia. This facilitated a close exchange between the Georgian and Slovak NHRIs, including their joint event with FRA at the EU Fundamental Rights Forum in September.

Communicating human rights, NHRIs and ENNHRI

ENNHRI's visibility activities helped raise the profile on NHRIs and ENNHRI towards European policy audiences. In November, ENNHRI participated in Human Rights Week at the European Parliament with an interactive stall in the parliament foyer. Parliament staff and participants in the week's events had the opportunity to learn about the work of European NHRIs through ENNHRI's promotional material, including an interactive quiz and animated video on NHRIs' role in protecting HRDs. This also generated online visibility, with over 700 'engagements' generated on social media.

Ongoing social media activity, content updates on the ENNHRI website and the launch of the video 'Why work with National Human Rights Institutions?' on Human Rights Day in December helped to raise visibility of ENNHRI and NHRIs in Europe. The more than doubling of Twitter followers and Facebook page likes during 2018, as well as the almost 140% increase in page visits on the ENNHRI website from the previous year, indicate the increasing interest in and visibility of ENNHRI and its work.

Debbie Kohner, ENNHRI Secretary-General (left), and Beate Rudolf, Director of German Institute for Human Rights/Chairperson of GANHRI (right), at Human Rights Week at the European Parliament (20 November 2018 - Brussels, Belgium)

Cecilia de Armas (left) and Christos Katsalis (right) from the ENNHRI Secretariat at the European Parliament's Human Rights Week (19 November 2018 - Brussels, Belgium)

Human Rights Day video: '*Why work with National Human Rights Institutions?*'

Marking Human Rights Day on 10 December, ENNHRI launched a video 'Why work with National Human Rights Institutions?' in which representatives from European NHRIs and other organisations and institutions explain the value of collaboration with NHRIs.

Featuring speakers from Amnesty International, OSCE/ODIHR, Front Line Defenders, the International Ombudsman Institute and the EU, as well as a number of European NHRIs, the video highlighted the role of NHRIs as a key partner in the promotion and protection of human rights. The video attracted over 1,700 views on social media in 2018.

Screenshot of video 'Why work with National Human Rights Institutions?'

ENNHRI also contributed to fostering cooperation amongst NHRIs in Europe and other European stakeholders around the topic of 'communicating human rights'. In March, ENNHRI, together with OHCHR, the Office of the CoE Commissioner for Human Rights, the EU Fundamental Rights Agency and GANHRI, launched a joint statement establishing a common commitment towards improving public communication to build stronger support for human rights

The July meeting of ENNHRI's Communications Working Group in Berlin featured a seminar on 'changing the narrative on human rights' delivered by a communications expert, helping to improve the participating NHRIs' capacities to communicate effectively on human rights.

3 A strong and sustainable network

ENNHRI made key steps forward in 2018 in building and maintaining a strong and sustainable network. This included initiatives to enhance engagement and communications within the network, grow the capacity of the Secretariat and strengthen ENNHRI's governance and funding.

Member engagement and network communications

Enhancing communications within the ENNHRI network is identified as one of the core focuses of ENNHRI's Communications Strategy 2018-2021. In 2018, monthly newsletters helped ensure a regular flow of information to the network regarding news and updates from ENNHRI and its partners, as well as upcoming events. The Members' Area on the ENNHRI website has also continued to serve as a platform for members to communicate and share resources, attracting about 2,000 visits of the course of the year.

Effective contribution to GANHRI governance

In 2018, ENNHRI continued to play an active role in contributing to the governance of GANHRI. Most prominently, ENNHRI participated in the GANHRI Bureau meetings in February (Geneva, Switzerland) and October (Marrakesh, Morocco) and Annual Meeting in February (Geneva, Switzerland), providing regional input to global strategies at each.

ENNHRI also participated in two meetings of the Sub-Committee on Accreditation (SCA) in May and October (Geneva, Switzerland) as a member and SCA Chair (French NHRI) and observer (Secretariat), as well as the accreditation retreat in February (Geneva, Switzerland). Input was also provided into various GANHRI conferences, resolutions, submissions, statute amendments and amendments to SCA documents, including the Statement of Compliance.

Strengthening ENNHRI's governance and management

ENNHRI's Secretariat team has worked with commitment and passion to support the network. In 2018, the Secretariat underwent a staff restructuring to reflect ENNHRI's core work and Strategic Plan. The participatory process involved clarifying the defined roles required to respond to the network's needs and the recruitment of new staff members.

Tribute is paid to the contribution of Julie Lejeune, Ciara O'Dwyer and Lelia Rotaru, who found new opportunities in 2018. New team members, Maurice Claassens, Gabriel Almeida and Ala Al-Mahaidi, were welcomed to ENNHRI. The Secretariat also benefitted from invaluable contributions from trainees in 2018: Tara Ohl, Siri Berge Engerud, Michiel Dewagtere and Cecilia de Armas.

Lora Vidović, Ombudswoman of Croatia and ENNHRI Chair (left), and Emily Logan, Chief Commissioner of Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission and incoming ENNHRI Chair (right) (24 October 2018 - Athens, Greece)

ENNHRI Secretariat (left to right): Debbie Kohner, Zoé Vautard, Gabriel Almeida, Nina Pániková, Maurice Claassens, Katrien Meuwissen, Christos Katsalis, Siri Berge Engerud, Ala Al-Mahaidi and Cecilia de Armas (24 October 2018 - Athens, Greece)

A monitoring and evaluation framework was developed by the ENNHRI Secretariat, introducing a shift towards monitoring impact rather than outputs and thus enabling the Board, Finance Committee and members make informed strategic decisions.

The ENNHRI Secretariat also developed an approach for knowledge and information management to be implemented in 2019. Moreover, ahead of the entering into force of the EU General Data Protection Regulation in May, the Secretariat undertook an internal review of its data management to ensure compliance.

Strategic fundraising

In order to remain operational, ENNHRI must undertake ongoing business development and sustainability measures. Beyond its valued membership fees, ENNHRI is grateful to receive an operating grant through a Framework Partnership with the European Commission (DG JUST) and project grants through EIDHR on conflict and human rights (lead) and NHRI·EU (partner). In 2018, ENNHRI also received extensive in-kind funding through members' staff time and venues, OSCE/ODIHR's contribution to the NHRI Academy, the Council of Europe's support for Cooperation Platforms (Social Rights and OPRE) and FRA's support for EU Charter training.

ENNHRI submitted a major funding application in 2018 and also employed a new Senior Network Development Officer to support ongoing initiatives to ensure that ENNHRI remains a strong and sustainable network.

Annexes

ENNHRI Common Positions in 2018

- ENNHRI Submission on Draft Copenhagen Declaration (1 March 2018)
- Joint statement: International organisations commit to building broader support for human rights (7 March 2018)
- ENNHRI Submission to the United Nations Open-ended Working Group on Ageing: Long-term and Palliative Care (9 April 2018)
- ENNHRI Submission to the Venice Commission: Consultation on the Principles on the Protection and Promotion of the Ombudsman Institution (the Venice Principles) (11 June 2018)
- ENNHRI Statement on Business & Human Rights at the 89th CDDH Plenary meeting (21 June 2018)
- ENNHRI Statement on Occasion of the 4th session of the Open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights (IGWG) (15 October 2018)
- ENNHRI Follow-Up Statement: Submission to the Council of Europe Consultation on the Draft European Rules on the Conditions for the Administrative Detention of Migrants (16 November)
- ENNHRI Statement on the Draft Additional Protocol to the Oviedo Convention (20 November 2018)

Board and Finance Committee

Board

- **Chair: Office of the Ombudswoman of Croatia** (Lora Vidović)
- **Finnish Human Rights Centre** (Sirpa Rautio)
- **German Institute for Human Rights** (Beate Rudolf)
- **Greek National Commission for Human Rights** (Maria Gavouneli)
- **Netherlands Institute for Human Rights** (Adriana van Dooijeweert)
- **Office of the Public Defender (Ombudsman) of Georgia** (Nino Lomjaria)

Finance Committee

- **Chair: Office of the Public Defender (Ombudsman) of Georgia** (Niko Tatulashvili)
- **Equality and Human Rights Commission – Great Britain** (Olufemi Oguntunde)
- **Interfederal Centre for Equal Opportunities (Unia) – Belgium** (François Van Regemortel and Emmanuel Schelfthout)

Working Groups

Working Group	Chair / Co-Chairs (as of 31 December 2018)
Asylum & Migration Working Group	Office of the Ombudswoman of Croatia (Maja Kević)
Business & Human Rights Working Group	Danish Institute for Human Rights (Elin Wrzoncki)
Communications Working Group	Scottish Institute for Human Rights (Emma Hutton)
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) Working Group	Equality and Human Rights Commission – Great Britain (Sara Brunet)
Economic, Social & Cultural Rights Working Group	Ombudsman's Office of the Republic of Latvia (Anete Ilves) Scottish Human Rights Commission (Kavita Chetty)
Legal Working Group	Equality and Human Rights Commission – Great Britain (Clare Collier)
Sustainable Development Goals Working Group	Commission nationale consultative des droits de l'homme – France (Cécile Riou-Batista)

2018 accounts

	Budget 2018	Total Realised 2018	Variation
Income			
Membership Fees	**€ 136,000.00**	**€ 127.000,00**	**93%**
Additional Contributions from Members	**-**	**-**	**-**
Other Contributions	**-**	**-**	**-**
Operating Grant - EU DG JUST	**€ 528,364.00**	**€ 488,899.17**	**93%**
NHRI·EU Capacity Building Grant - EIDHR/DIHR	**€ 128,425.00**	**€ 192,387.06**	**150%**
Conflict Grant - EU DG DEVCO	**€ 424,670.00**	**€ 308,634.55**	**73%**
Total Income	**€ 1,217,459.00**	**€ 1,116,920.78**	**92%**

	Budget 2018	Total Realised 2018	Variation
Expenditure			
1. Personnel Costs	**€ 755,090.00**	**€ 695,828.96**	**92%**
1.1. Staff	€ 748,690.00	€ 687,455,61	
1.2. Other Personnel Costs	€ 6,400.00	€ 8,373.35	
2. Office Costs	**€ 142,376.00**	**€ 129,933.15**	**91%**
2.1. Rent	€ 97,740.00	€ 91,700.00	
2.2. Communication	€ 35,596.00	€ 28,408.19	
2.3. Materials	€ 9,040.00	€ 9,824.96	
3. Travel and Meeting Costs	**€ 287,855.00**	**€ 215,478.24**	**75%**
3.1. Travels and Subsistence	€ 240,010.00	€ 189,591.17	
3.2. Meeting Costs	€ 47,845.00	€ 25,887.07	
4. Professional Fees	**€ 28,229.00**	**€ 71,214.73**	**252%**
4.1. Accountant/Finance Costs	€ 12,880.00	€ 17,592.50	
4.2. Consultancies/Audit Fees	€ 15,349.00	€ 53,622.23	
Use of Reserves		**€ 9,079.12**	
Total Expenditure	**€ 1,213,550.00**	**€ 1,125,999.90**	**93%**

Cumulative reserves at end of 2018: € 84,391.20

List of ENNHRI members (as of 31 December 2018)

Country	Institution	Accreditation Status
Albania	People's Advocate (Avokati i Popullit)	A
Armenia	Human Rights Defender Institution of the Republic of Armenia	A
Austria	Austrian Ombudsman Board (Volkanwaltschaft)	B
Azerbaijan	The Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan	B
Belgium	Interfederal Centre for Equal Opportunities (Unia)	B
Belgium	Federal Migration Centre (Myria)	None
Belgium	Service de lutte contre a pauvreté, la précarité et l'exclusion sociale	None
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Ombudsman of Bosnia and Herzegovina	A
Bulgaria	The Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria	B
Croatia	Office of the Ombudswoman of the Republic of Croatia	A
Cyprus	Office of the Commissioner for Administration and Human Rights	B
Czech Republic	The Public Defender of Rights	None
Denmark	Danish Institute for Human Rights	A
Finland	Human Rights Centre and the Parliamentary Ombudsman	A
France	Commission Nationale Consultative des Droits de l'Homme	A
Georgia	Office of Public Defender of Georgia	A
Germany	German Institute for Human Rights	A
Great Britain	Equality and Human Rights Commission	A
Greece	Greek National Commission for Human Rights	A
Hungary	Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights	A
Ireland	Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission	A

Country	Institution	Accreditation Status
Kosovo*	Ombudsperson Institution of Kosovo	None
Latvia	Ombudsman's Office of the Republic of Latvia	A
Lithuania	The Seimas Ombudsmen's Office of the Republic of Lithuania	A
Luxembourg	Commission Consultative des Droits de l'Homme du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg	A
Moldova	People's Advocate of the Republic of Moldova	A
Netherlands	Netherlands Institute for Human Rights	A
North Macedonia	Ombudsman Institution of the Republic of Macedonia	B
Northern Ireland	Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission	A
Norway	Norwegian National Human Rights Institution	A
Poland	Human Rights Defender of Poland	A
Portugal	Portuguese Ombudsman (Provedor de Justicia)	A
Romania	Romanian Institute for Human Rights	None
Russian Federation	High Commissioner for Human Rights of the Russian Federation	A
Scotland	Scottish Human Rights Commission	A
Serbia	The Protector of Citizens of the Republic of Serbia	A
Solvakia	Slovak National Centre for Human Rights	B
Slovenia	Human Rights Ombudsman	B
Spain	Defensor del Pueblo	A
Sweden	The Equality Ombudsman	B
Turkey	Human Rights and Equality Institution of Turkey	None
Ukraine	Office of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights	A

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