

NHRI Academy 2019 – Call for Research Proposals

The NHRI Academy is a flagship event of the [OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights \(ODIHR\)](#) and [the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions \(ENNHRI\)](#). The 2019 NHRI Academy is organised in Venice, Lido, Italy with support of the [European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation \(EIUC\)](#) as academic partner.

The NHRI Academy is an annual event that focuses exclusively on the unique role of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) when promoting and protecting human rights in the OSCE region. It provides a tailored and practical training for continuing professional development of staff at NHRIs in the OSCE region. The week-long event supports exchange of good practices amongst NHRIs and provides a platform for professional networking between NHRIs, ENNHRI, ODIHR, academia, civil society, human rights defenders and other stakeholders.

Call for Research Paper

The organisers of the 2019 NHRI Academy invite interested researchers to provide a proposal for a research paper linked to the following theme that will be addressed during the 2019 NHRI Academy: *Stepping up efforts to effectively promote and protect economic and social rights in Europe: The role of NHRIs.*

The submitted paper proposals should be of maximum 500 words. The proposals will be reviewed by a Review Panel composed of one representative from ENNHRI, one representative from ODIHR, one representative from EIUC and one additional senior researcher with relevant experience.

The Review Panel will apply following selection criteria (in order of importance):

1. relevance for NHRIs in Europe and their mandates
2. feasibility of practical implementation of the research findings
3. innovative approach to the area addressed
4. feasibility of research within timeline (see below)

The Review Panel will select one winning paper proposal. The author of the selected proposal will be invited to participate in the 2019 NHRI Academy to present and discuss her/his research with around 25 staff from NHRIs around Europe that participate to the Academy. Costs of participation will be covered by the organisers of the Academy.

After participation at the 2019 NHRI Academy, a finalised publication will be expected (of about 10,000 words). The publication will include concrete recommendation for NHRIs when promoting and protecting economic and social rights in their national contexts and refer to the NHRI Academy and its organisers.

The finalised paper will be publicised via organisers' communication channels and, after being peer-reviewed, it will be published in [the European Yearbook on Human Rights](#). The recommendations of the article will be further considered by NHRIs, ENNHRI, ODIHR and EIUC in their future work.

Timeline

- Research proposals of maximum 500 words in PDF send to [Nina Panikova](#) by 25 February
- Research proposals reviewed by the Reviewing Panel by 15 March
- Selected candidate invited to the NHRI Academy by 22 March
- Research proposal transformed into a draft paper by 17 May
- 2019 NHRI Academy 3-7 June
- Academic Article peer-reviewed and published in European Yearbook on Human Rights

