

Commissioner for Administration and Protection of Human Rights (Ombudsman) of Cyprus



**ESR
Issue**

The Cyprus NHRI received a number of complaints from persons with disabilities regarding the decision of the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance to reject their applications for minimum guaranteed income and disability benefits. The rejections were due to the income and/or deposits of members of their families.



**NHRI
Action**

The NHRI submitted a report to the Ministry noting, among others, the obligation of the state to provide an adequate standard of living and social protection to persons with disabilities. It suggested the amendment of the relevant law so that persons with disabilities have full access to minimum guaranteed income and disability benefits, regardless of the income and/or deposits of their family members.



Impact

There is an ongoing discussion on the issue in Cyprus. In particular, in September 2019, NHRI representatives attended a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee on Labour and Social Insurance, during which participants discussed the amendment of the relevant law and the exclusion of persons with disabilities from its provisions.



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