

WHAT ARE NHRIs?

NHRIs are National Human Rights Institutions, state-mandated bodies, independent of government, with a broad constitutional or legal mandate to promote and protect human rights at the national level. They address the full range of human rights, including civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights.

NHRIs promote and protect human rights through: individual complaints handling and legal assistance; monitoring the human rights situation; advising governments, parliaments and other state bodies; reporting to international human rights mechanisms and promoting a culture of rights through training and awareness raising.

ENNHRI

ENNHRI, the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions, brings together 40 NHRIs across wider Europe. ENNHRI's goal is to enhance the promotion and protection of human rights across the European region. It carries this out through assisting in the establishment and accreditation of NHRIs; coordinating exchange of information and good practice between members; facilitating capacity building and training; engaging with regional mechanisms; and intervening on legal and policy developments at a European level.

ADVISORY GROUP

ENNHRI works together with key partners for the development of this project: AGE Platform Europe, Council of Europe, European Commission, FRA (European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights) and OHCHR (Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights). The Advisory Group also includes 19 NHRIs from across wider Europe.

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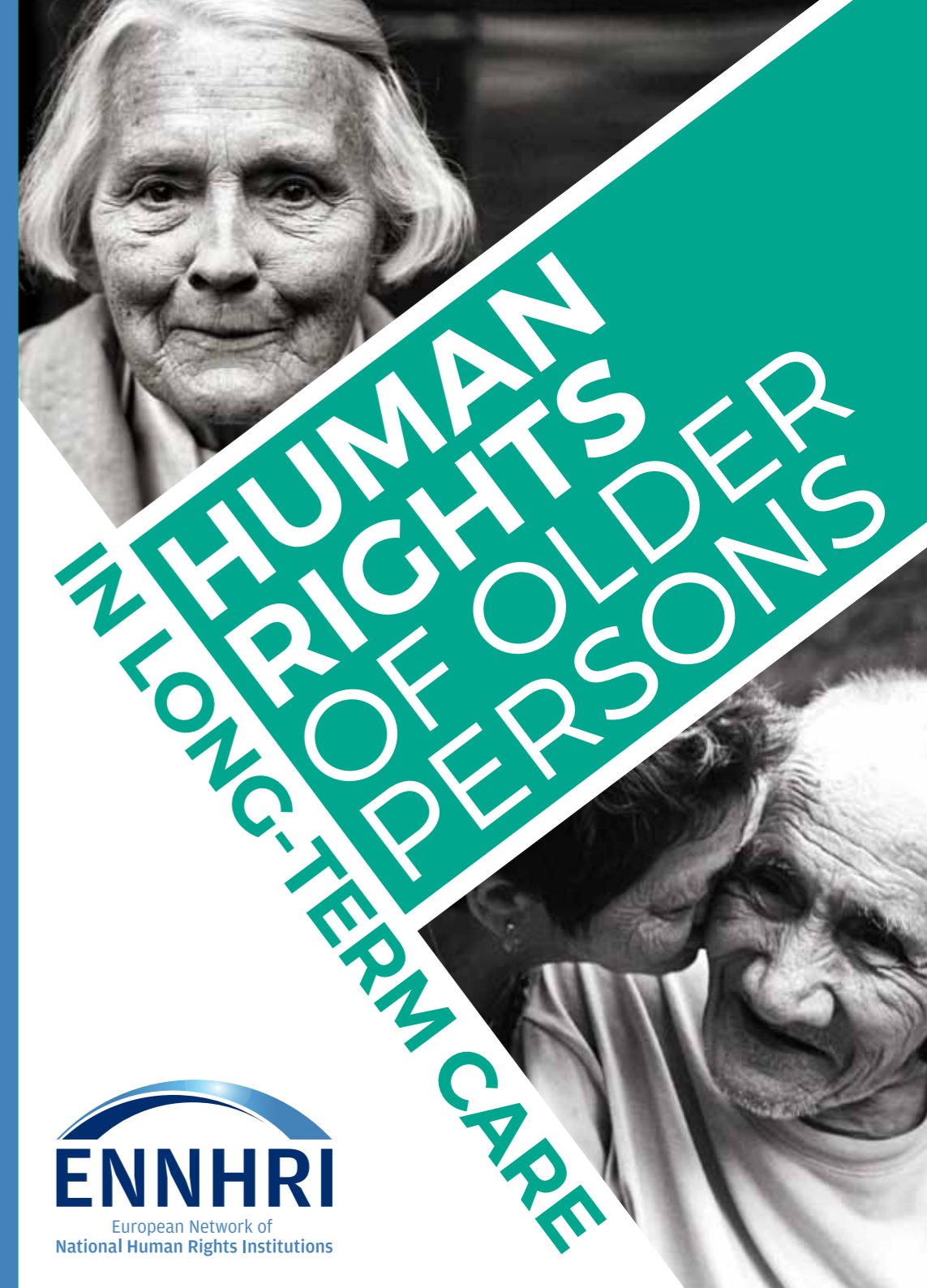
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A HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH TO LONG-TERM CARE (LTC) IN EUROPE

As the population aged 65+ in Europe is set to double by 2060, there is increasing demand on LTC, including in residential settings. However, until now, there has been minimal attention to the respect of human rights for this important group within our society.

ENNHRI is working to promote and protect the human rights of older persons in LTC and make them central to future LTC policy developments through a human rights-based approach (HRBA).

A HRBA MEANS:

- Putting the principles and standards of human rights at the centre of service planning, policy and practice.
- Empowering care users to participate in decisions and determine how to maintain their autonomy, dignity and quality of life.
- Enabling care providers to respect those rights.

A HRBA IS BASED ON 5 PRINCIPLES:

- Participation
- Accountability
- Non-discrimination and equality
- Empowerment
- Legality

THE PROJECT

ENNHRI is conducting an EU-funded project to improve the human rights of older persons in LTC by:

- Monitoring and describing the human rights situation in LTC in Europe.
- Increasing awareness of the human rights of older persons in, or seeking, LTC.
- Strengthening the capacity of NHRIs to monitor and support human rights policies for older persons.



MONITORING THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN LTC IN EUROPE

National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) from Belgium, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Lithuania and Romania have monitored residential LTC in their countries to build a picture of how human rights are taken into account when planning and delivering services.

The monitoring teams have reviewed legislation and policies, interviewed older persons, care workers, service providers and policy makers to understand fully the human rights situation of older persons in LTC.

INCREASING AWARENESS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS IN OR SEEKING LTC

The project is raising older persons' awareness of their rights and promoting the voice of older persons in the development and delivery of their LTC.

There is limited awareness or understanding of human rights by LTC managers, staff and policy makers. ENNHRI is developing resources on the human rights standards relevant to LTC and how to put it into practice, through a human rights-based approach.

STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF NHRIS TO MONITOR AND SUPPORT HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES FOR OLDER PERSONS

A toolkit will provide guidance for NHRIs in monitoring LTC settings. It will guide NHRIs on how best to collect which information at the national level to promote and protect the human rights of older persons in LTC.