

Code of conduct for NHRIs operating in the context of conflict

1. We share and we practice the same ENNHRI values: respect of international human rights standards, including respect for inherent dignity of every person, transparency, cooperation, accountability, participation, non-discrimination and respect for diversity, independence, solidarity.
2. We use human rights language, that is free from political statements, and instead focus on how NHRIs can promote and protect human rights, and prevent human rights abuses, violations and conflict.
3. We are not in conflict with each other, therefore we talk to each other with respect, and communicate where possible, and keep the lines of dialogue open.
4. We collaborate to promote human rights and peace in our communities, and make efforts to keep each other informed about steps and human rights issues that concern the counterpart NHRI, and, when possible, facilitate and support each other's work.
5. We respect the principles of international law. We shall avoid any involvement that may be of political nature and intend to cooperate with the counterpart NHRI, whenever possible and practicable, when addressing human rights issues related to that context, especially before raising them at the international level (such as when preparing reports to the UN and other fora).
6. We respect the confidentiality of any information received from a counterpart NHRI and shall ask for their express consent in case we want to share it.

The European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI) stands ready to support dialogue between NHRIs. It can provide advice and expertise, mediate and/or otherwise facilitate the dialogue and other engagement efforts.

