

## Enhancing NHRIs' capacity for effective implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

**Webinar 1, Thursday 10th September, 11.00-12.00 CET**

**“Why should implementation of ECtHR judgments matter to NHRIs?”**

Join the webinar under:

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Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (“ECtHR”) can trigger [positive reforms](#) to enhance human rights protections across Europe. To have this effect, however, they must be properly implemented. Of the ‘leading’ cases handed down by the ECtHR in the last ten years – i.e. cases which reveal structural or systemic problems – 43 percent<sup>1</sup> are still pending implementation. This has severe consequences for human rights protection. During this opening webinar, participants will be able to learn about:

- the scale of the non-implementation challenge and the need for greater involvement by NHRIs
- the involvement of NHRIs so far in the ECtHR judgment execution process at the Strasbourg level
- a good practice story from one of their colleagues on how they used their mandate to advocate for ECtHR judgment implementation.

### **Programme of the event**

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| <b>11.00-11.10</b> | <b>Introductory remarks</b><br>By Leena Leikas, chair of ENNHRI Legal working group, Human Rights Expert at the Finnish Human Rights Centre  |
| <b>11.10-11.20</b> | <b>The non-implementation challenge</b><br>Intervention by George Stafford, EIN Director   |
| <b>11.20-11.30</b> | <b>Implementation of ECHR judgments is a shared responsibility and NHRIs have a key role to play</b><br>Intervention by Nikolaos Sitaropoulos, Head of Division, Department of the Execution of Judgments  |
| <b>11.30-11.35</b> | <i>Q &amp; A session</i>   |
| <b>11.35-11.45</b> | <b>How has Slovenia managed to cut down the number of non-implemented judgments by setting up a strong structure at the domestic level?</b><br>Intervention by Dr. Simona Drenik Bavdek, Assistant Head of the Centre for Human Rights at the Human Rights Ombudsman of the Republic of Slovenia |
| <b>11.45-11.55</b> | <i>Q &amp; A session and discussion</i>  |
| <b>11.55-12.00</b> | Wrap up and presentation of webinar 2  |

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<sup>1</sup> EIN has carried out an analysis of the CoE's official statistics. Our methodology is explained on our [website](#).