

State of the Rule of Law in Europe in 2022

Reports from National Human Rights Institutions

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Independence and effectiveness of the NHRI

International accreditation status and SCA recommendations

A new institution, the Swedish Institute for Human Rights, was created and commenced operations on 1 January 2022. This institution is not yet accredited, but it has been established with reference to the UN Paris Principles. ENNHRI provided comments on the legislative proposal to establish the Institute and stands ready to give further support towards its accreditation (1). The Institute has also been invited by ENNHRI to join the network.

Another institution, the Swedish Equality Ombudsman was a member of ENNHRI until December 2021. It was accredited with B-status by the Sub-Committee on Accreditation (SCA) in May 2011 (2). The SCA noted that the institution's mandate is limited to equality matters and stressed the need for a broader mandate to promote and protect human rights. Also, the SCA encouraged the Equality Ombudsman to advocate for the formalization of broad and transparent selection and dismissal process in the relevant legislation.

References

- (1) <http://ennhri.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Comments-on-Consultation-on-the-Proposal-for-the-Establishment-of-an-NHRI-in-Sweden.pdf>
- (2) [https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/NHRI/GANHRI/SCA%20REPORT%20MAY%202011%20-%20FINAL%20\(with%20annexes\).pdf](https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/NHRI/GANHRI/SCA%20REPORT%20MAY%202011%20-%20FINAL%20(with%20annexes).pdf)