ENNHRI European Network of National Human Rights Institutions

The change we seek to achieve

ENNHRI STRATEGIC PLAN 2026 – 2030

The problem we strive to address

Increasing inequality, poverty, and societal polarisation have fuelled the rise of authoritarianism and extremism, undermining democracy and the international legal order. Armed conflicts, the climate emergency and digital threats are further destabilising Europe, while respect for the rule of law and human rights continues to deteriorate amid a growing perception of democratic institutions as ineffective in delivering solutions that benefit all people.

As civic space is increasingly obstructed, political interference and targeted attacks undermine the ability of NHRIs to act individually and as a network to promote and protect human rights.

Assumptions

- NHRIs and ENNHRI are **appropriately resourced**
- **Civic space will remain open** on a minimal level to be able to act
- **Political interference will not fully undermine** the functioning of NHRIs
- Our network maintains its **good reputation**
- **Public trust in democracy and the rule of law** is not reduced to an untenable level
- **Compliance with international human rights standards** remains relevant
- Members maintain **shared ownership** of the network
- There is a sufficient level of **interest from donors** to support ENNHRI

Impact

NHRIs individually and collectively through ENNHRI, play a critical role in achieving the effective enjoyment of human rights of all across Europe, for a sustainable and peaceful future.

Outcomes	Strong and resilient NHRIs comply with the UN Paris Principles	NHRIs strengthen awareness and implementation of human rights, democracy and the rule of law	ENNHRI thrives, in solidarity, as a sustainable and future-proof network
Objectives	Support NHRI accreditation in line with the UN Paris Principles	Strengthen NHRI functions to address key human rights challenges	Enhance NHRI cooperation within and beyond the network
	Strengthen the ability of NHRIs to respond to common and future challenges	Facilitate NHRI contribution to the effectiveness of regional and international human rights mechanisms	Enhance network governance
	Provide tailored support to NHRIs facing threats	Enhance NHRI support for an enabling environment for human rights defenders and civil society	Enhance operational effectiveness and resources of the network

Inputs

- Activities with and for members
- Strong partnerships with stakeholders
- Knowledge and expertise
- Efficient organisational processes and systems
- Internal and external communications
- Capacity and resources
- Diversified fundings