

Capacity building by ENNHRI, EIN and CoE Department on Execution of Judgments of the ECtHR

“Implementing Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights: How can NHRIs get involved?”

Wednesday, 15 November 2023, 09:00-17:30 CET, Ciarus, 7 Rue Finkmatt,
67000 Strasbourg, France

Objectives

The training aims to enhance the capacity of NHRIs to contribute to implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (“ECtHR”). The training is structured in an introduction and three sessions. The first session aims to provide NHRIs with an overview of the implementation process in Strasbourg and the mandate of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers. The second session will include work in small groups which will enable participants to get further practical insight into the CoE procedure which allows them to contribute to the implementation process, through so-called Rule 9 submissions to the Committee of Ministers. The third session addresses how NHRIs can become more engaged with the ECtHR judgments implementation process at the national level and the strategies for national advocacy by NHRIs.

Working languages

The training will be held in English.

Agenda

SESSION 0: Introduction

09:00 – 09:20	Welcome and opening comments on the objectives & the structure of the training
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	- <i>Leena Leikas, Chair of ENNHRI Legal Working Group</i> - <i>Clare Ovey, Head of the Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe</i> - <i>Ioulietta Bisiouli, EIN Director</i>
09:20 – 10:05	Why should NHRIs take part in the implementation process? Addressing non-implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights as a rule of law problem NHRIs' discussion & interventions by: - <i>Paula Nowek, Human Rights Officer (Legal) at ENNHRI Secretariat</i> - <i>Patrick Schäfer, Head of Section of the Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe</i> - <i>Ioulietta Bisiouli, EIN Director</i>
10:05 – 10:20	<i>Coffee Break</i>

SESSION 1: The process of implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

10:20 – 12:00	How the CoE implementation process works and the role of NHRIs in it 1) The supervision of the execution of judgments and decisions of the ECHR (procedure and working methods) - <i>Patrick Schäfer, Head of Section of the Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe</i> 2) How to write effective Rule 9 submissions - <i>Gohar Simonyan, Legal Officer, Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe</i>
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	Discussion and Q&A facilitated by the Council of Europe's Department for the Execution of Judgments of the ECtHR
12:00 – 12:30	NHRI's role in the implementation process – perspective of the Irish NHRI - <i>Michael O'Neill, Irish NHRI</i> NHRIs' peer exchange and Q&A
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>

SESSION 2: How to draft rule 9.2 submissions to the Committee of Ministers? – workshop

13:30 – 13:50	"The Dos and Don'ts for rule 9 submissions in the implementation process", by: - <i>Agnes Ciccarone, EIN Programme Manager</i>
13:50 – 14:00	Rule 9 submissions by NHRIs – experiences of the Belgian NHRI - <i>Laurens Lavrysen, Belgian NHRI (FIRM)</i>
14:00 – 14:50	Workshop: Small groups - "How to write Rule 9 submissions on pending cases?"
14:50 – 15:30	Feedback from the groups and discussion among participants about challenges encountered and elements to clarify. Feedback from CoE Department for Execution of Judgments of the ECtHR & EIN
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>

SESSION 3: Addressing the implementation of ECtHR judgments at the national level – national advocacy by NHRIs

16:00 – 16:15	Why is national advocacy necessary? - <i>Introduction by Ioulietta Bisiouli, EIN Director</i> NHRIs' peer exchange and Q&A
16:15 – 16:35	How NHRIs can get involved in the implementation monitoring process and advocate at national level – strategies - <i>Introduction by Ioana Iliescu, EIN Law and Advocacy Officer</i> NHRIs' peer exchange and Q&A
16:35 – 17:25	Experience-sharing on NHRIs' national advocacy to support the implementation of the ECtHR judgments: 1) "The experience of the NHRI in advocating for the implementation of ECtHR judgments" - <i>Simona Drenik Bavdek, Slovenian NHRI</i> 2) NHRIs' peer exchange – participants' discussion
17:25 – 17:30	Concluding remarks - <i>Leena Leikas, Chair of ENNHRI Legal Working Group</i> - <i>Patrick Schäfer, Head of Section of the Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe</i> - <i>Ioulietta Bisiouli, EIN Director</i>