

EDITORIAL

“NHRIs represent indispensable conveyor belts between government and all actors in a community. They typically help spot weak links in the national protection system and help devise corrective measures. NHRIs are instrumental in connecting the dots between the various initiatives developed at all levels of societal interaction.”

Navanethem Pillay,
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Welcome to the 16th edition of Journal for European Issues ‘Eurodialogue’. Number 16 is generally considered to be initiating action, enabling individuals to overcome obstacles that come, so to keep their feet on the path of higher learning.

Eurodialogue and the team of the Centre for Regional Policy Research and Cooperation ‘Studiorum’ continuously try to keep on the path of higher learning. By opening a discussion on the National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), looking at the rights and wrongs of both our national system of governance and ones we hope to learn from.

The NHRIs are the “key elements” of a strong and effective national human rights systems we strive to, one of the mechanisms ensuring the compliance of national laws and practices with the international human rights norms, supporting Governments in the implementation, monitoring and addressing core human rights concerns as torture, arbitrary detention, human trafficking and the human rights of migrants, supporting the work of human rights defenders, and contributing to eradicating all forms of discrimination.

By establishing a NHRI in accordance with international standards, governments can demonstrate commitment to human rights protection,

promotion and advancement. In doing so, they are free to decide on a NHRI model of such an institution, as it has long been accepted that there is no 'one size fits all' model. Considering experiences from other countries is an indispensable part of any process of establishing or reforming of NHRIs in one country.

We sincerely hope that this is one small step on the way to a just and fair society based on knowledge and inform-based decisions, a step eradicating discrimination, prejudices, and human suffering after all.

We believe open debate, sharing knowledge and instigating research makes the change possible.

Cordially,
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