

## Organisational Profile

The European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI) is comprised of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) from across wider Europe. NHRIs are state funded institutions, independent of government, with a broad legislative or constitutional mandate to promote and protect human rights. NHRIs are accredited by reference to the UN Paris Principles to ensure their independence, plurality, impartiality and effectiveness. Once accredited, they receive a formal status and speaking rights before various UN bodies, including the Human Rights Council and some treaty bodies.

ENNHRI's main areas of work are:

- coordinating exchange of information and best practice between members;
- advising in the establishment and accreditation of NHRIs;
- facilitating capacity building and training;
- engaging with regional mechanisms; and
- intervening on legal and policy developments at a European level.

ENNHRI works closely with its regional partners, such as the EU Agency on Fundamental Rights, the Council of Europe, OSCE-ODIHR, OHCHR Europe Regional Office, UNDP Europe, Equinet and European civil society organisations. In February 2013, ENNHRI established a Permanent Secretariat in Brussels to facilitate ENNHRI's work and provide a central contact point for stakeholders. Click here to see the ENNHRI video: <http://vimeo.com/90280460>

## Internship Profile

The intern will assist in working on the following:

- Drafting content for the new ENNHRI website, currently under construction;
- drafting reports collating aspects of ENNHRI's members' work;
- collating information centrally on ENNHRI, its past work and its members;
- assisting in general research;
- preparation for a NHRI Academy;
- preparation for thematic project work (such as a project on human rights of older persons in long term care); and
- general office administration, including helping on a contacts database, filing and other reasonable tasks.

The intern would also come into contact with many human rights actors and his/her attendance at meetings, where possible, would be encouraged.

Work would primarily be carried out in English, but there would also be an opportunity to use other European languages. The work would be supervised by Debbie Kohner, Director of the Secretariat.