

40th Annual ECCHR D Meeting

Vienna, 17–18 October 2019

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Day 1 – Thursday 17 October 2019

Opening- Welcome remarks - Participants

The meeting was opened by Jonas Grimheden, Programme Manager of the Supporting Human Rights Programme, of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), the hosting organisation of the 40th Annual ECCHR Meeting.

Michael O’Flaherty, Director of FRA, welcomed all participants of the meeting (on Friday 18), where he stressed the importance of human rights documentation for an effective human rights work. He also stressed the interest of the Agency to further support the network.

After the adoption of the draft agenda, Patrick Mueller from CoE CPT was unanimously elected as Chairperson of the meeting.

The meeting started with a tour the table of all participants, who came from the following organisations (in alphabetical order):

- Austrian Red Cross / ACCORD / ecoi.net
- Council of Europe / European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)
- Danish Institute for Human Rights
- Deutsches Institut für Menschenrechte (DIM)
- Eastern Ukrainian Center for Civic Initiatives
- European Dynamics
- European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- Global Campus of Human Rights
- Hafiza Merkezi
- Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Menschenrechte
- OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)
- The Coalition “Justice for Peace in Dornbas”
- Vera and Donald Blinks Open Society Archives



Presentations Day 1

The European Country of Origin Information Network - <http://www.ecoi.net>

Easy and fast access to high-quality and up-to-date country of origin information for all actors involved in asylum cases, with the objective to contribute to a fair, effective and efficient refugee status determination procedures.

Presented by Boris Panhoelzl (Austrian Red Cross / ACCORD)

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[Legislationline - ODIHR legislative database](#)

Provides direct access to international norms and standards relating to specific human dimension issues as well as to domestic legislation and other documents of relevance to these issues. These data and other information available from the site are intended for lawmakers across the OSCE region.

Presented by Agnieszka Kasztalska (ODIHR)

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ODIHR TND's mandate and documentation efforts - [TANDIS](#) and the [Hate Crime Reporting Website](#)

TANDIS the "Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Information System" is a platform that provides visitors with information, including on positive initiatives and good practices, on issues related to tolerance and non-discrimination from throughout the OSCE region. It entails, information received from the OSCE Participating States, specialized institutions and other organizations, country information, thematic pages with information related to different key issues, such as racism and hate crime, international standards and instruments as well as information from intergovernmental organizations, including country reports and annual reports.

The Hate Crime reporting website presents information from OSCE participating States, civil society and inter-governmental organizations about hate crime. Information is categorised by the bias motivations OSCE/ODIHR has been mandated to report on by participating States.

Presented by Rachel Bending (ODIHR)

Workshop - [EFRIS](#) – The Human Rights Gateway

EFRIS is an online tool that gathers reports and assessments from international human rights bodies, including the United Nations and the Council of Europe. FRA designed the tool for an EU context. This includes the European Parliament's assessments of the values of the EU, the Council of the EU's rule of law dialogue, and the European Commission's fundamental rights compliance checks. EFRIS provides overviews across the EU, including comparison against EU averages, where feasible.

It also aims to be a 'go-to-tool' for assessments made of EU Member States by the Council of Europe and the United Nations, for instance. EFRIS will ultimately also be a useful resource for civil society, media, and academia.

Since December 2019 the [beta version](#) is publicly available.

The workshop was composed by

- 1) A presentation of the functionalities and further potential developments of the tool.

Presented by Jonas Grimheden & Cathrin Larimian (FRA)
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- 2) A presentation of the technical processes behind the application

Presented by Nikolaos Mourkoussis (European Dynamics)
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- 3) User testing and feedback session with all participants.



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EU FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS INFORMATION SYSTEM

This is the European Union Fundamental Rights Information System (EFRIS). It brings together monitoring mechanisms with a human rights remit from, predominantly, the United Nations, the Council of Europe, and the European Union. EFRIS shows commitment to international human rights obligations as well as the compliance, as assessed by existing monitoring mechanisms.

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Day 2 – Friday 18 October 2019

Presentations Day 2

Criminal Detention Database

The Criminal Detention Database 2015–2019 combines in one place information on detention conditions in all 28 EU Member States. It does not 'rank' EU Member States, but informs – drawing on national, European and international standards, case law and monitoring reports – about selected core aspects of detention conditions: including cell space, sanitary conditions, access to healthcare and protection against violence. The database should be especially useful for judges and legal practitioners involved in cross-border cases.

Presentation: Alice Hamilton & Alison Taylder (FRA)

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Update on IFLA Guidelines for Library Services to Refugees and Migrants

Presentation: Anne Sieberns (Deutsches Institut für Menschenrechte)

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Atlas of Torture

The Atlas of Torture seeks to use the potential of technology to connect and empower human rights defenders, practitioners and individuals in the global fight against the torture. Main objective is to raise awareness on the problem of torture and ill-treatment and how it can be prevented through documentation, learning and exchange, to ensure easy access to information on torture and ill-treatment, and to make the work of actors engaged in the fight against torture and ill-treatment more visible and strengthen exchange and cooperation.

Presentation: Monina Giuliana & Benjamin Scholz (Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Menschenrechte)

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"On the Rift" project

Presentation of an exhibition composed by the Eastern Ukrainian Center for Civic Initiatives, that shows the impact of Civil war in Ukraine.

Presentation: Volodymyr Shcherbachenko (Eastern Ukrainian Center for Civic Initiatives)

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Global Campus Open Knowledge Repository

The Global Campus Open Knowledge Repository is a digital service that collects, preserves, and distributes all digital materials resulting from the rich and varied production of the Global Campus of Human Rights. It is an ever growing collection which aims to give visibility to our research outputs, educational content, and multimedia materials, to sustain open access for knowledge transfer and to foster communication within and beyond academia.

Presented by Stefania Saccarola (Global Campus of Human Rights)

Future of ECCHR – Place of next meeting and closing of the meeting

The last session provided for open discussion on the potential future of the ECCHR network. All participants expressed their interest to keep the network alive since it is a great platform to exchange and share experiences and challenges in the area of human rights documentation.

In order to widen up the network to other human rights documentation and information centres, it was agreed to set up an open LinkedIn Group on Human Rights Documentation. Patrick Mueller from CPT offered to set up such a group.

There was a great interest to hold the meeting in 2020 at HURIDOCS in Geneva, a request has been sent to HURIDOCS' secretariat. The answer is still pending.

The Network has received a potential offer by Forum Civil Peace to host the 2021 meeting in Sarajevo.

The Global Campus of Human Rights has offered to be the backup host in 2020 or 2021 in case HURIDOCS or the Forum Civil Peace cannot host the event.