



COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS – COMMISSAIRE AUX DROITS DE L'HOMME

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Setting up an active network of independent non-judicial human rights structures in Europe

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The Commissioner and NHRS

- mandate of the Commissioner: support, help the establishment and cooperate with NHRS
- NHRS = privileged partners: regular contacts, exchange of information specially during Commissioner's visits
- Request for further co-operation and need to establish a network

Tools developed

- Establishment of a network of contact persons
- Information sharing about CoE activities
- Setting up of a dedicated website
- Publication of a compendium on NHRS mandates and activities & thematic brochures
- Peer-to-peer project: series of workshops

The peer-to-peer project

- Aims
 - enhance knowledge of European human rights protection standards
 - improve detection of human rights problems
 - extend awareness of possibilities of action & international partners' mobilisation
 - set up an active network of NHRS
- Special focus on the Balkans, Ukraine, Turkey, Russia and Caucasus

P2P workshops

- Participants: 40 NHRS staff members + experts from civil society, international organisation and/or academics
- International and European context
- Good practices and P2P exchanges

Workshops that took place already

- Themes of the workshops defined for 2008-2009 after consultation of NHRS
 - Right of persons deprived of their liberty
 - Complaints against the police forces
 - Protection of irregular migrants

Forthcoming workshops

- Freedom of expression
- Rights of LGBT persons & the defence of human rights defenders
- Rights of physically and mentally disabled persons
- Protection of environmental rights
- Non execution of domestic judgments
- Counter-terrorist measures
- Rights of elderly
- Separated/unaccompanied minors

Possible cooperation with ENOC

- Initially dedicated to « national » & « general » NHRS
- Willing to include further the children dimension
- Invite ENOC to be represented at every workshops and
- involve members in the preparation of several workshops

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