

Annex III: Table of mandates (*)

NHRI (or nearest equivalent)	Mandates									
	Promotion and protection of human rights	Ombuds institutions with a mandate on maladministration	National preventive mechanisms under OPCAT	National monitoring mechanisms under CRPD	Equality bodies with a mandate on equal treatment	Monitoring of forced returns (EU Returns Directive)	Reporting on trafficking in human beings (EU directive)	Protecting freedom of movement and mobility rights in the EU	Other mandates	Number of mandates per NHRI
NHRIs per mandate	33	15	18	23	15	8	2	4	13	
Austrian Ombudsman Board	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	5
The Inter-federal Centre for Equal Opportunity and the fight against racism and discrimination (Unia) (Belgium)	✓			✓	✓			✓	✓	5
Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	7
Commission for Protection against Discrimination (Bulgaria)	✓				✓					2
Ombuds institutions of the Republic of Croatia	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓	5
Commissioner for Administration and Protection of Human Rights (Cyprus)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				6
Public Defender of Rights (Czechia)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	7
Danish Institute for Human Rights	✓		✓ (**)	✓	✓					4
Chancellor of Justice (Estonia)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ (**)			✓	7
Human Rights Centre (Finland)	✓		✓ (**)	✓						3
Parliamentary Ombudsman (Finland)	✓	✓	✓	✓						4
National Consultative Commission on Human Rights (France)	✓			✓			✓		✓	4
German Institute for Human Rights	✓			✓					✓	3
Greek National Commission for Human Rights	✓								✓	2
Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights (Hungary)	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓	5
Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission	✓			✓	✓			✓	✓	5
National Guarantor for the Rights of Persons Detained or Deprived of Liberty (Italy)	✓		✓	✓		✓				4
Ombuds institution's Office of the Republic of Latvia	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	6
The Seimas Ombudsmen's Office (Lithuania)	✓	✓	✓							3
Consultative Human Rights Commission of Luxembourg	✓			✓			✓			3
Netherlands Institute for Human Rights	✓			✓	✓					3
Commissioner for Human Rights (Poland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					5
Portuguese Ombuds institutions	✓	✓	✓	✓ (**)						4
Romanian Institute for Human Rights	✓									1
People's Advocate (Romania)	✓		✓							2
Slovak National Centre for Human Rights	✓				✓					2
The Human Rights Ombudsman of the Republic of Slovenia	✓	✓	✓							3
Ombuds institution of Spain	✓	✓	✓	✓ (***)		✓				5
Equality Ombudsman (Sweden)	✓				✓					2
Ombudsman of the Republic of North Macedonia	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	6
Protector of Citizens of the Republic of Serbia	✓	✓	✓							3
Equality and Human Rights Commission (United Kingdom)	✓			✓	✓					3
Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission	✓			✓						2
Scottish Human Rights Commission	✓		✓	✓						3

(*) Table initially compiled in January 2020, is regularly updated, last update October 2020; (**) partly involved; (***) under general mandate.

Annex IV: Standards and other sources relevant to NHRIs

In addition to the Paris Principles, a number of instruments are of relevance to NHRIs. The following table provides an overview of key instruments, with brief comments on each of these.

Issuing organisation	Document	Comments
European Union	European Commission, Recommendation on standards for Equality Bodies , C(2018) 3850 final, 22 June 2018	Mandates, functions, independence and effectiveness, coordination and cooperation
Council of Europe	Venice Commission, Principles on the protection and promotion of the Ombudsman institution , Venice Principles)	25 principles on democracy, the rule of law, human rights and good administration
	Committee of Ministers, Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)6 on the development of the Ombudsman institution	Principles Establishment and characteristics Tasks, cooperation and dialogue
	Committee of Ministers, Recommendation No. R(97)14 on the establishment of independent national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights	
	Committee of Ministers, Recommendation (2020) 6 on the development and strengthening of effective, pluralist and independent national human rights institutions	Due for adoption September 2020
	Committee of Ministers, Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)11 on civil society space in Europe	NHRIs, civil society space
	ECRI General Policy Recommendation No. 2 on equality bodies to combat racism and intolerance at national level (2017)	Equality bodies to combat racism and intolerance at national level
	Commissioner for Human Rights, Statement (December 2018)	On NHRIs, including recommendations
	Committee of Ministers, Helsinki Decisions, A shared responsibility for democratic security in Europe , 17 May 2019	On human rights defenders, explicitly including NHRIs, to safely and freely operate and to further explore; the decision also references the Paris Principles
	Venice Commission, 6th Intercultural workshop on democracy – The role and place of independent bodies in a democratic state , Conclusions, CDL-PI(2018)010, 21 November 2018	Independence, effectiveness, powers, interaction, etc.
Ombuds institutions and NHRIs	Belgrade Declaration (2015)	On rights of refugees and migrations
OECD	The Role of Ombudsman Institutions in Open Government , OECD Working Paper on Public Governance No. 29, OECD, 2019	
United Nations	The Paris Principles	
	Regular resolutions on NHRIs by the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly	
Global Alliance of NHRIs (GANHRI)	Ensuring human rights-based and gender-responsive implementation, follow-up and review of the Global Compact for Migration: The role of National Human Rights Institutions (2019)	
	Joint Declaration (with CRPD Committee) on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2018)	On civic space and human rights defenders
	The Marrakech Declaration (2018)	
	Early warning, conflict prevention and re-establishment of peaceful societies: The role of National Human Rights Institutions (2017)	
	The Amman Declaration and Programme of Action (2012)	On women's human rights
	The Mérida Declaration (2017)	On agenda 2030 and the SDGs
	The Edinburgh Declaration (2010)	On business and human rights
	The Seoul Declaration (2004)	On human rights in conflict and related to terrorism

Annex V: Selected resources on NHRIs

Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (2015), *A Manual on National Human Rights Institutions*, Sydney, Australia, updated May 2018.

Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (2019), *Bibliography on national human rights institutions*, 1 March 2019.

ENNHRI and CNCDH (2018), *The accreditation of national human rights institutions: Practical guide*.