

An NHRI for Italy

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1. An NHRI in compliance with the Paris Principles

- NHRI = independent public authority with a broad mandate to promote and protect human rights
- Wide variety of structures in different national contexts across the world (121 NHRIs in countries across the globe)
- 'independence' = key for credibility and legitimacy:
 - Accountability reports to parliament, not government
 - Pluralism of members of decision making body (NGOs!)
 - Open, transparent and participatory recruitment of members
 - Adequate funding through separate budget line

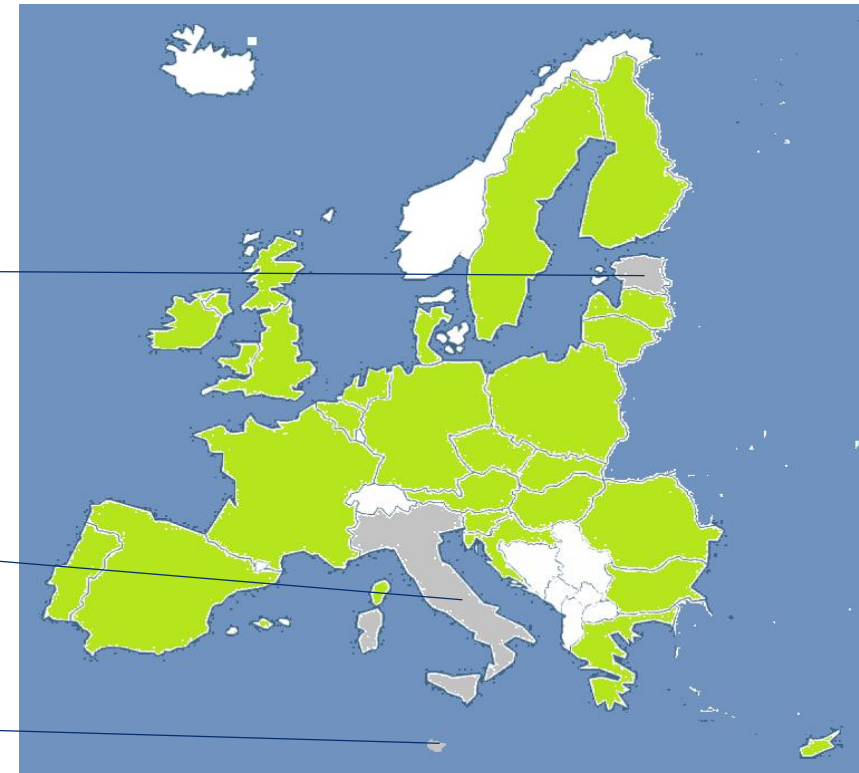
2. Italy in the European Context

- The European family of NHRIs is steadily growing
- ENNHRI has now 42 members across the Council of Europe
- Only 2 EU Member States without NHRI:

ESTONIA : law in force 1 January 2019 and ENNHRI membership soon

ITALY

MALTA



3. Why an Italian NHRI is important

- Competence to address the implementation of the full range of human rights (civil and political + social and economic)
- Mandate to promote and protect = prevention of harm/ costs, not only reaction to human rights violations
- Bridge builders:
 - Between the state and civil society/ citizens
 - Between the national and international arena
- Unique accreditation system, providing legitimacy and credibility at home and abroad
- Showing dedication of Italy to advance human rights

4. Questions and Answers?

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