

# EIN membership – benefits and responsibilities

EIN membership is open to all civil society organisations adhering to the [founding statute of EIN](#) and working towards effective implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR). Membership applications are reviewed and approved by the EIN Board in accordance with the EIN founding statute.

## The benefits of EIN membership

By joining EIN, your organisation will benefit from:

- The strength of a Europe-wide Network contributing to more effective implementation of ECtHR judgments and improved access by civil society to the judgment implementation process before the Committee of Ministers (CM) of the Council of Europe (CoE). EIN is acknowledged by the relevant CoE bodies and members of the Committee of Ministers as *the* voice of NGOs and individuals championing the implementation of ECtHR judgments.
- A unique service in Strasbourg to support advocacy for your cases. This includes the facilitation of bilateral meetings or other contacts with staff of the Department for the Execution of Judgments as well as other Council of Europe entities; and, very importantly, participation in [briefings to the Committee of Ministers](#), where your case is on their agenda.
- Advice on drafting Rule 9 submissions.
- The possibility to meet like-minded colleagues, share experiences and enhance your knowledge of the implementation process, not least through preferred treatment when applying to participate in [EIN Training seminars](#).
- Access to EIN's Facebook group for members (which will be launched shortly). This will create a virtual space for learning from each other and sharing resources on implementation.
- The possibility to take part in funding proposals for projects supporting work on the implementation of judgments, whether at the domestic or Strasbourg levels.
- The opportunity to get involved in the EIN governing bodies (Bureau/[Board](#)/Annual Meeting) and bring your viewpoint to the priorities and strategy of the Network.
- More visibility for your own work on implementation, and for your organisation thanks to the EIN communication tools and its standing on the European stage.

## What do we expect from our members?

First and foremost, of course, is the expectation that members will work actively on implementation of their own cases at national and Strasbourg level. However, EIN believes that much more can be achieved if members take on a wider role by being ready to:

### Share expertise

- Share input/experiences at EIN training seminars, e.g. on domestic implementation or on researching, drafting, submitting, and following up on Rule 9 communications.

- Where you have expertise in advocating for the implementation of a particular type of case, help others with a similar case, for example through practical advice on domestic implementation or the drafting of a Rule 9 submission.

#### Publicise your activities and those of the Network

- Keep EIN informed about your activities and, especially, your successes, so that EIN can publicise them and enhance their visibility.
- Occasionally write short contributions about your activities for the EIN website or newsletter.
- Promote the work of the Network whenever applicable, for instance following participation in a briefing or training organised by EIN, or during external events related to the implementation process.

#### Support implementation within your own country

- Receive information from the EIN Secretariat on new leading cases or developments regarding pending cases (such as the submission of a government action plan or action report) against your state, and, if deemed significant, seek to identify an NGO with an interest in working on implementation (where another EIN member in your country is not already doing this).
- Develop a list of organisations or individuals in your country interested in supporting implementation, keep them informed of developments at the national level, and forward EIN publicity or information (e.g., practical implementation guides) to them (where another EIN member in your country is not already doing this).
- Promote general support for implementation at the national level (e.g. by hosting domestic events on implementation; generating media interest in implementation; or through involvement in, or advocacy aimed at setting up, civil society implementation platforms, parliamentary scrutiny committees, or other fora and mechanisms).

#### Get involved in EIN

- Aside from being ready to get involved in EIN's governance of the Network, EIN asks its members to assign some budget to support their involvement in the Network. EIN membership is free. Moreover, EIN aims to provide financial support for member participation in key activities, such as briefings in Strasbourg or training seminars. In return it is expected from members that they reserve, whenever possible, funds to take part in at least one General Assembly meeting every two years (EIN held its [first General Assembly](#) in December of last year; the next one will be held in 2020).

Member organisations should be willing to nominate a staff member as a focal point to coordinate the above activities and act as the primary link with the Strasbourg secretariat.