



# ACTIVITY REPORT

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# ABOUT US

Founded in 2000, the European Association for the defence of Human Rights (AEDH) is a European network of 32 human rights organisations based in 23 member states of the European Union and in Switzerland. Within a Europe where important choices are made on the European level concerning more than 500 million people, AEDH defends and promotes human rights, democracy and citizenship.

## OBJECTIVES

AEDH works for:

- A democratic Europe in which citizens get a real power
- A Europe grounded on the respect of freedom of each and every person
- A Europe which maintains its concern for social equality
- A Europe respectful of the environment and engaged in sustainable development
- A Europe without discrimination
- A Europe open to the world and taking into account its international responsibilities



*Pour une Europe des droits de l'Homme !  
For a Europe of Human Rights!*

## MÉTHODES

AEDH

- Raises awareness and informs its members and citizens on EU policies having an impact on human rights;
- Brings its members together in the framework of its thematic priorities in order to develop analysis and common positions ;
- It defends its claims and recommendations towards European decisionmakers
- Joins collective actions of European networks in order to defend human rights together

## THEMES

AEDH concentrates its actions in particular on:

- economic, social and cultural rights
- minority rights and the fight against discrimination
- active and inclusive citizenship
- the right to asylum and the rights of migrants
- the right to privacy and the protection of personal data

# OUR METHODS

## MONITORING OF POLITICAL AND LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS

The close monitoring of European policies related to human rights is essential for improving the understanding of the EU's impact on fundamental rights and of the problems and risks and for the defence and protection of rights by citizens on the European level. AEDH follows the input in the legislative process of the European Commission, the Council of Ministers and of the European Parliament. It follows public hearings and relevant conferences organised by the institutions, experts and civil society. .

## AWARENESS RAISING AND CAPACITY-BUILDING

AEDH informs members and citizens about EU policies and legislative developments related to human rights in Europe through press releases, thematic bulletins, newsletters, reports, its website and social media.

AEDH thematic working groups and joint seminars bringing together members of different EU member states are the framework for developing analysis and common positions. AEDH puts its member organisations in contact to share knowledge on national contexts, exchange best practises and give trainings on European policies. allows AEDH members to integrate the EU dimension in their daily work and to raise awareness among citizens.

## DIALOGUE WITH INSTITUTIONS AND ADVOCACY

AEDH makes its voice and the voice of its members heard by EU decision makers through position papers, open letters, campaigns, by answering to public consultations and organising conferences and meetings with key stakeholders.

- The dialogue with the European Parliament, only democratically elected European institution is particularly important for AEDH
- AEDH is a member of the structured dialogue « active citizenship group » of the European Commission and promotes in the group a participative, social and inclusive citizenship
- AEDH is a member of the civil society liaison group of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) since 2007. The liaison group aims to encourage dialogue and cooperation between the EESC and the representatives of civil society networks and organisations. AEDH represents the domain of human rights.
- AEDH contributes with its expertise to the work of the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA), being a member of the Fundamental Rights Platform. The platform consists of over 300 civil society organisations and aims to foster exchange of information and expertise. The civil society organisations are regularly invited to answer to public consultations of the Agency.
- AEDH is also one of the civil society organisations consulted by the European Asylum Support Office (EASO)

entendre sa voix et la voix de ses membres auprès des décideurs européens à travers des textes de positionnements, des lettres ouvertes, des campagnes, en répondant aux consultations publiques et en organisant des conférences et des réunions avec les acteurs clés.

## PARTNERSHIP WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS

- The voice of the AEDH is strengthened by its joint work with organisations with which it shares values and positions.
- The AEDH naturally interacts with the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)
- Since June 2012, the AEDH is a full member of the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network (EMHRN), a network that promotes and strengthens human rights and democratic reform in the region via cooperation between civil society organisations. AEDH participates in the EMHRN «justice», «asylum» and «freedom of association» working groups.
- The AEDH is also member of the Board of the European Civic Forum (ECF), a transnational

network of over 100 associations and NGOs across 27 European countries actively working to promote civic and popular ownership of Europe.

- The AEDH is also member of the NGO Platform on asylum and immigration policies of the European Union. Regular meetings between the NGOs working on these topics allow members to share knowledge and expertise and develop common approaches.
- AEDH is a member of Civil Society Europe, a permanent coordination of civil society at the European level which aims to promote horizontal exchanges between organizations and effective advocacy for equality, solidarity, integration and democracy .
- The informal network Human Rights and Democracy Network (HRDN) – which AEDH is a member of – gathers NGOs working for the defence and promotion of Human rights, in particular in relations with the EU and third countries.

## ASYLUM AND MIGRATION

AEDH acts for a European Union where the right to asylum and the rights of migrants are fully respected. Every asylum seekers has to be offered reception conditions that enable him/her to have a dignified standard of living throughout the asylum procedure. The integration of migrants and refugees must be a priority.

## SHIPWRECKS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

AEDH is fighting for a change in European migration policy and for the respect of the right of asylum and of human rights facing the dramatic situation of migrants in the Mediterranean.

### • ***AEDH's mobilisation against EU's deadly policy regarding shipwrecks***

Further to the thousands of deaths in the Mediterranean and EU's neglect towards the society civil's repeated calls for a reception policy respectful of fundamental rights; the AEDH mobilized in April 2015 about forty associations across the EU for them to express together the civil society's indignation. It will carry on initiating joint actions for the EU to respect its international obligations. Read the joint calls, initiated by the AEDH:

Migrants in the Mediterranean, 32 organisations across the EU appeal to the European Council: <http://www.aedh.eu/Migrants-in-the-Mediterranean-32.html>

Deaths in the Mediterranean: the European Council's dishonour:

<http://www.aedh.eu/Deaths-in-the-Mediterranean-the.html>

- **Lecture: «FRONTERA SUR ¿Hay alternativas?» To find a European solution to the drama occurring at Ceuta and Melilla borders**

The lecture Frontera Sur, of which the AEDH is a partner, was organized by Migreurop, Adalucía Acoge, Elín, SOS Racismo, CEA(R) (Comisión Española de Ayuda al Refugiado) and the APDHA (Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos de Andalucía), Spanish association member of the AEDH. Ceuta and Melilla are two enclaves in Morocco encircled by border barriers. Because enclaves are not part of the Schengen Area, migrants having reached these towns cannot go on the island and their right to international protection is limited. The migrants who succeed in getting past the barrier are almost systematically sent back to Morocco, in opposition with the principle of “non refoulement”. On either side of the frontier, migrants’ life conditions are very harsh and the regularization procedure is particularly long and uncertain. Frontera’s lecture was made to find alternatives to the situation of these migrants in Ceuta and Melilla and to send them to the European Parliament.

## THE ASYLUM PACKAGE AND ITS TRANSPOSAL INTO NATIONAL LEGISLATION

With the adoption of the “asylum package” at European level, it is up to the Member States to transpose the directives concerned into their national legislations. As the directives only establish minimum standards for the Member States, the AEDH published an analytical note (Integrating the European “Asylum Package” in national law) demonstrating the issues of certain points of the reform, and it how could lead to a favorable transposal towards people in search of international protection. It also pointed out the dispositions that could, on the opposite, lead to a decline of these people’s rights. Using this note, since 2013 the AEDH has dealt with training associations on the essential challenges of the asylum package in order to help them accompany the national transposal procedures and defend a high protection of refugees and asylum seekers’ rights.

During the period 2014 -2015, the AEDH has organized in cooperation with its member the International League for Human rights (Internationale Liga für Menschenrechte) a training session for

German associations in Berlin in December 2014. To learn more: <http://www.aedh.eu/AEDH-Seminar-The-transposal-of-the.html>

## THE AEDH PARTICIPATED TO THREE EASO (European Asylum Support Office) CONSULTATIONS

- **2014 Report on asylum.**

The AEDH handed over its observations on asylum, asylum seekers and refugees’ situation in its members’ countries in 2014. It also recalled its actions accomplished during the year, in particular on the implementation of the CEAS (Common European Asylum System) in national legislations.

- **EASO also consulted NGO’s such as the AEDH on its Annual Work Program 2016**

In its contribution, our association asked EASO to control very carefully the implementation of the CEAS within EU member States not only through the legislative acts but through facts. Civil society has to be strongly informed on this matter and in particular on the implementation of Dublin III Regulation, a sensitive topic.

- **Identification of Persons with Special Needs.**

In order to facilitate the implementation of some of the CEAS dispositions, EASO decided to set up a “practical tool” to help the Member States’ administrative authorities identify asylum seekers “with special needs”. On the basis of some of its members’ contributions, the AEDH was keen to respond to this call for civil society input in order to express all its hesitations on this quality tool draft.

Indeed, our association considers that “special needs” cannot be measured, nay ranked, on the basis of a list of “objective” criteria ; it considers, besides, that delegating the identification of special needs to administrative staffs – nay “police-men” – without the support of medical and social professionals would frame this matter, yet crucial for some people, in a techno-administrative vision that doesn’t belong to the European legislator. Each asylum application is individual and has to be subjected to an individual evaluation.

To read the AEDH’s input on the consultations: <http://www.aedh.eu/The-AEDH-participated-to-three.html>

## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS IN THE EU: AEDH FACT SHEET

AEDH wrote a fact sheet to present the different texts framing the migrants’ economic, social and cultural rights (ESCR) in the EU in order to provide an information base in view of the future different legislative reforms in application of the European directives.

In EU legislation, there is no text focusing on social and economic rights of migrants. The main provisions are included in the directives on immigration, in particular labour immigration, and in the directives of the “Common European Asylum System” that should be transposed in national legislations by 2015 or 2016.

These directives fix the objectives to be achieved by Member States. However, member States can choose the means to reach the objectives. It is for the civil society to make sure that the member States do not engage in a restrictive interpretation of these directives and that their transposal goes hand in hand with the full respect of the migrants’ social and economic rights, whether they are “workers”, asylum seekers or refugees.

The fact sheet is available on the AEDH website: <http://www.aedh.eu/AEDH-factsheet-on-the-main.html>

## DENUNCIATION OF THE READMISSION AGREEMENTS

AEDH is strongly opposed to readmission agreements between the European Union and third countries as for the risk of disrespect for the rights of migrants linked to readmission agreements as well as for the method employed by the EU for the negotiation and implementation of the agreements.

The AEDH regularly contributes to calls contesting the content and orientations of mobility partnerships with south-Mediterranean countries, notably on the mobility partnership set between the EU and Tunisia <http://www.aedh.eu/Joint-Press-Release-Tunisia-EU.html> and Turkey <http://www.aedh.eu/Entry-into-force-of-the.html>.

## RREJECTION OF THE BILL THAT INCREASES THE VULNERABILITY OF REFUGEES

In a joint open letter initiated by the EMHRN, seven organisations including AEDH call on Danish parliamentarians to reject an amendment to the Danish Aliens Act aimed to limit asylum status granted to refugees and that will increase refugees vulnerability.

The open letter is available on AEDH website : <http://www.aedh.eu/Joint-open-letter-calling-on.html>



# PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

AEDH defends the right to privacy as fundamental right and acts for the protection of personal data. Security considerations, border protection, immigration control and the fight against terrorism cannot justify eroding the right to privacy and the protection of personal data.

## REFORM OF THE GENERAL DATA PROTECTION FRAMEWORK IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

In January 2012, the European Commission proposed a general regulation on data protection, with an accompanying directive on the handling of personal data by public authorities in the area of police and legal cooperation in criminal matters. Since then, AEDH has enjoined MEPs to guarantee a high level of protection for personal data in the European Union. In particular, AEDH seeks to ensure that the directive on the handling of data by justice and police authorities should provide the same level of protection for personal data as the general framework does. The European Parliament has adopted the regulation and the directive in its plenary session of February 2014. The Council has to finalise the reform but has already announced that a decision could be delayed until 2015.

## MODERNISATION OF THE CONVENTION N° 108 OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Since 2011, AEDH has been a member with observer status of the Council of Europe's Bureau of the Consultative Committee tasked with the modernisation of Convention 108. While AEDH is not a voting member, it was able to communicate its proposed modifications. AEDH proposes amendments that would reinforce the protection of privacy and personal data. Whether it involved the

definition of sensitive data, consent for data collection, opening membership to international organisations, or mandatory protection for transfers to third countries, AEDH tries to persuade, even though some of its proposals went "too far" for the Bureau's members.

The new version of the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (ETS No. 108) has now been finalised. The T-PD Bureau must now review the explanatory report (which will be closely followed by AEDH, as many of its proposals were sent back to the said report) and an ad hoc committee has been established to present the texts to the Council of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

## PROJECT « FILING, INFORMING CITIZENS »

The project «Filing, Informing citizens: passport for personal data» aims at overcoming the lack of public knowledge on the files made by public authorities and the use of their personal data. The project took place from January 2013 up to June 2014 and was coordinated by the French member of the AEDH, the League of Human Rights (LDH), and partners including AEDH, Hungarian Civil Liberties Union, Humanistische Union in Germany, the Human Rights League of Luxembourg and the European network of Judges for Democracy and Freedom (MEDEL).

The partners analyzed personal data collection in 14 Member States and at the EU level, and used the results of this research for their work in advocacy and dialogue with European and national institutions. They developed tools for the European public

to raise awareness the risks associated institutional FILING and explanation of possibilities appeals against the use of their data and the role of data protection authorities AEDH was responsible for analysing the European files in the field of police and justice (SIS, VIS II, Eurodac, Ecris). These tools are used in training sessions for human rights defenders and citizens and nourish AEDH advocacy work.

Tools are available on AEDH website: <http://www.aedh.eu/Tools-available-of-the-project.html>

## THE INSEROM PROJECT: ROMA HAVE RIGHTS!

The Inserom project: Roma have rights! (January 2013 – December 2014) aims at combating the discriminations Roma are confronted with all over Europe with human rights education and empowerment of Roma communities.



The project is coordinated by AEDH French member, the Human Rights League and project partners including AEDH and its members Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos Andalucía (APDHA), Czech Helsinki Committee and Black and Ethnic

Minorities in Scotland (BEMIS).

The partners developed a reference book explaining the fundamental rights legislation on the European level and in the countries of the project partners. They develop a trainer's guide for trainers and volunteers working with Roma communities so that the informations of the reference book can be passed on efficiently and trainings improved



The reference tool and training guide are available on the Inserom project website: [www.inserom.eu](http://www.inserom.eu)

AEDH regularly organises training courses across EU member States, especially in Sofia in October 2014 with the AEDH Bulgarian member, EAD-HR-Bulgaria and many Roma associations.

# CITIZENSHIP AND DEMOCRACY

## CONFERENCE ON THE STATE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

AEDH acts for a democratic and transparent European Union in which citizens have a real power. AEDH promotes an inclusive and social residence-based citizenship. AEDH aims at encouraging the participation of citizens on the European level.

In December 2014, AEDH co-organized with its German member, the International Liga für Menschenrechte (ILMR), and FIDH a conference on the state of human rights in the European Union on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the ILMR.

## SEMINAR ON THE STATE OF DEMOCRACY IN THE SOUTHEAST EUROPE

In November 2014, AEDH co-organised together with its Bulgarian member, European Association for the Defence of Human Rights (EADHR-BG) a seminar on the state of democracy in the Southeast Europe. Speakers from Greece, Bulgaria and Romania talked about the many challenges the associations face in their countries.

The talk was completed by AEDH intervention.

## COOPERATION WITH PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS: CIVIL SOCIETY EUROPE

«Civil Society Europe» was launched on December 16 by thirty European networks, including AEDH, with the aim of setting up a permanent coordination of civil society organizations at European level to promote horizontal exchanges between civil society organizations and to provide a powerful voice for an effective advocacy in favour of policy changes on social justice, human rights for all and of a true European democracy.

The manifesto of European Civil Society is available on the European Civic Forum website:

[http://www.civic-forum.fr/site/images/stories/pdf/societe\\_%20civile\\_europe\\_manifeste.pdf](http://www.civic-forum.fr/site/images/stories/pdf/societe_%20civile_europe_manifeste.pdf).

## WORKSHOP ON THE EXTREME RIGHT

In December 2014, AEDH co-organized with its French member, the League of Human Rights, a workshop on the extreme right in Europe. The aim was to discuss the national situations, but above all to collectively reflect on prospects for future action for defenders of human rights to fight effectively against nationalistic and xenophobic tendencies.

## DRAFTING OF A ROADMAP FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 11 OF THE EU TREATY

AEDH contributed to the drafting of a roadmap by the Liaison Group of the European Economic and Social Committee, which AEDH is part, on the implementation of Article 11 of the EU Treaty regarding EU's dialogue with civil society.

The roadmap is available in several languages on the European Economic and Social Committee website:

<http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.events-and-activities-ngo-forum-riga-documents>.

## DENUNCIATION OF THE METHODOLOGY AND PROVISIONS OF THE TRANSATLANTIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP - TTIP

AEDH gathered its member organizations in April 2015 to examine the effect of the Transatlantic Partnership on trade and investment on human rights and democracy. The seminar was the opportunity to highlight the threats to economic and social rights, privacy and environmental standards, but also to take stock of the lack of transparency of the negotiations and of the means of action of human rights defenders for future intervention. Speakers from the parliamentary world, from the third sector and from trade-union organisations gave interesting paths for reflection on means of action for human rights organisations. After the seminar, the AEDH took position on the TTIP.

Read AEDH position on the association's website: <http://www.aedh.eu/Transatlantic-Free-Trade.2835.html>.

## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS

AEDH acts for a European Union that guarantees economic, social and cultural rights and promotes a European social residence-based citizenship.

## STRUGGLE FOR ANOTHER ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION

LAEDH regularly takes position on the current orientation of the EU political and social policy through its press releases, its analysis and interventions during conferences. AEDH is also a member of AlterSummit that gathers trade unions organisations, NGOs and social movements in order to defend the Social Europe.

In this respect, AEDH has supported AlterSummit press release « Give Greece a chance » in March 2015, available on AlterSummit website : <http://www.altersummit.eu/accueil/article/give-greece-a-chance-259>.

- **Seminar : How to take action for social inclusion ?**

In cooperation with the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), the AEDH has gathered several Human rights organizations coming from all over Europe in order to shed the light on the current situations of Member-states. Discussions focused on good practices and strategies to fight against discrimination and to further social inclusion. The AEDH's members have respectively presented the situations in Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, France and Malta as well as the associative action means implemented in the different countries. Some representatives of the EESC and of European networks have analysed the role of the EU in promoting a social and inclusive citizenship

# COMMUNICATION

## INTERNET WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE AND TWITTER ACCOUNT

AEDH's internet website, Facebook page and twitter account give an overview of the Human Rights situation in the EU by referring to the legislative developments, to the research centers' analysis and statistics, to the AEDH and her 32 members' activities and publications. For each topic, the website contains the essential of the European legislation, the positions and activities of the AEDH and of members and partners at a regional, national and European level.

## THE NEWSLETTER

The bi-monthly AEDH newsletter reports the main events related to human rights in the European Union reflecting developments on the European level and in the different member states. It provides an overview of European legislative news, along with updates on activities and positions of AEDH and its members.

The newsletter is published in English and French and disseminated to about 1000 subscribers, including members, civil society contacts and citizens. Many of our members and partners also redistribute the newsletter to their contacts, which greatly increases its actual circulation.

## PRESS RELEASES AND ANALYSES

The AEDH regularly takes a stand at the European level in order to inform European citizens and to call out the political decision-makers when there is an infringement or a risk of infringement of fundamental rights. By its press releases and analyses, the AEDH tries to encourage citizens to seize the opportunity to debate on big European issues and

to get involved in the democratic life of the EU. The AEDH often releases joint statements with its members' organisations to draw the attention on violations of Fundamental Rights occurring in a member state.

All press releases are widely disseminated to European citizens, parliamentarians, representatives of the European institutions, civil society partners and journalists thanks to the publication in different languages: systematically in English and in French and often also in Italian, German or Spanish.

## AEDH IN THE NEWS

The AEDH had a large echo in the media, as it has been quoted more than twenty times in European and national media (newspapers, radio, TV), for example in Radio France Internationale, el diario, taz, woxx, the blog wakeupinfo, Alternatives économiques and more.

AEDH's positions and analysis have been used by many research centers, for example by the Regional Centre for Minority Rights, Bridging Europe etc.

# AEDH MEMBERS

AEDH's strength comes from the knowledge and experience of its members. Its expanding network reinforces its expertise and the legitimacy of its actions towards the European institutions. Affiliation with the AEDH benefits members by enhancing their understanding of European policies, facilitating the exchange of best practices and supporting joint work and a united front on a European level.

As of April 2015, AEDH has 32 member organisations in 24 European countries, including three European networks that are partner members and one observer member.

AEDH also boasts a growing number of individual members that embody its commitment to promoting a European civic movement for human rights. The fees paid by member organisations and individuals are essential for that AEDH can operate on a daily basis and commit to building a Europe of human rights. For information on becoming a member of the AEDH please go to <http://www.aedh.eu/-Become-a-member-.html>

## FULL MEMBERS AS OF APRIL 2015

AUSTRIA	Österreichische Liga für Menschenrechte	ESTONIA	Legal Information Centre for Human Rights
BELGIUM	Ligue des droits de l'Homme Liga voor Mensenrechten	FINLAND	Ihmisoikeuslitto – Finnish League for Human Rights
BULGARIA	Association for the Defense of Human Rights - Bulgaria (ADHR-BG)	FRANCE	Ligue française pour la défense des droits de l'Homme et du citoyen
CROATIA	Croatian Law Center	GERMANY	Internationale Liga für Menschenrechte
CYPRUS	KISA – Action for Equality, Support, Antiracism	GREECE	Ligue hellénique pour les droits de l'Homme
CZECH REPUBLIQUE	Comité Helsinki tchèque	HUNGARIA	Hungarian Helsinki committee
		ITALY	Asociazione Recreativa i Culturale Italiana (ARCI) Lega Italiana per i diritti dell'Uomo Unione Forense per la Tutela dei Diritti dell'Uomo

LATVIA	Latvian Human Rights Committee	PARTNER MEMBERS	EDRI Génération 112 Solidar
LITHUANIA	Lithuanian Human Rights Association Lithuanian Human Rights League		
LUXEMBOURG	Action Luxembourg Ouvert et Solidaire – Ligue des droits de l'Homme (ALOS-LDH)		
MALTA	Malta Association of Human Rights		
NETHER- LANDS	Liga voor de Rechten van de Mens		
POLAND	Otwarta Rzeczpospolita – Open Republic		
PORTUGAL	Liga Portuguesa dos Direitos Humanos – Civitas		
SPAIN	Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos de Andalucía (APDHA) Catalunya (IDHC)		
SWITZER- LAND	Ligue suisse des droits de l'Homme		
UNITED KINGDOM	Black and Ethnic Minorities Infrastructure in Scotland – BEMIS		



# GOVERNANCE AND FUNCTIONING

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The annual General Assembly composed of AEDH members defines the policy of the association, validates the financial report and the activity report. The General Assembly decides on the integration of new organisations and elects the executive board.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

The executive board is elected by the General Assembly for a two-year term. It is responsible for implementing the AEDH's general policy, as determined by the General Assembly.

On the 1st of April, 2015, the executive board elected in June 2014 was composed of the following members:

DOMINIQUE GUIBERT, chairman, Ligue des droits de l'Homme (LDH), France

PHILIPPOS MITLETTON, vice-chairman- Ligue hellénique des droits de l'Homme (HLHR)

VAN VLIET GERARD, vice-chairman - Liga voor de Rechten van de mens (LVRM), Pays-Bas

MOHAMED ZYAD, secretary-general - Liga voor de Rechten van de Mens (LVRM), Pays-Bas

RAFAEL LARA, secretary-general - Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos Andalucía (APDHA)

CATHERINE TEULE, vice-chairman Ligue des droits de l'Homme (LDH), France

KNUT ALBRECHT, secretary-general Internationale Liga für Menschenrechte

DAVID BUSUTTIL, treasurer, Malta Association of Human Rights (MAHR)

MARIA VITTORIA ARPAIA, member - Lega Italiana Dei Diritti Dell'Uomo (LIDU)

MARIA STEFANIE CATALETA, member - Lega Italiana Dei Diritti Dell'Uomo (LIDU)

RUMIANA DECHEVA, member - European Association for the Defence of Human Rights-Bulgaria (EADHR)

STEFANIE GRYSOON, member - Liga voor Mensenrechten (LvM), Belgique

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