Human Rights of Older Persons In Long-Term Care

Marrakech, 29 November 2014
NHRIs

- State funded bodies, independent of government
- Broad mandate to promote and protect human rights
- Accredited by reference to UN Paris Principles
- NHRIs as a bridge
- Global network of NHRIs - ICC
ENNHRI

- Supporting NHRIIs
  - Accreditation and Establishment
  - Capacity building – NHRI Academy

- ENNHRI Working Groups
  - Legal, Disability, Asylum and Migration, Human Rights in Economic Crisis, Business and Human Rights

- Engagement with international and regional human rights mechanisms
  - EU, Council of Europe, OSCE, UN
ENNHRI Project - Planning

- Mapping of ENNHRI members’ work (Sept 2013)
- ENNHRI members’ project survey (May 2014)
- Planning meeting (June 2014)
- UN OEWG on Ageing (July 2014)
- Stakeholder conference (October 2014)
ENNHRI Project - Objectives

- Introduce human rights standards and HRBA to long-term care of older persons
- Increase awareness of the human rights of older persons living in or accessing long-term care
- Strengthen the capacity of NHRIs to monitor and support human rights based policies
ENNHRI Project - Scope

- Human rights relevant to older persons in long-term care, with emphasis on residential care
  - Relationship with home care and informal care
  - Financial limitations on older persons’ access to care
  - Working conditions of care staff
  - Diversity of older persons, discrimination and ageism
  - Lessons and synergies from CRPD
  - Developments at the international level (OEWG)
ENNHRI Project – Activities
2.5 years, from January 2015

1. Desk-based Research
2. Pilot Group Monitoring
3. Recommendations
4. Awareness-raising and Engagement
5. Evaluation and Follow-up
1 - Desk-based research

- Relevant human rights standards
- NHRI methodologies
  - Monitoring
  - Participation
- Structures required for human rights based approach to long-term care

- Input from Advisory Group
- Tools for use by all
2 - Monitoring

- Pilot Group of NHRIs
  - Review of legislation, policies, jurisprudence, recommendations, complaints received
  - Visits to residential care homes (NPM)
  - Interviews / focus groups (questionnaires)

- Reports on national human rights situations
3 – Conclusions and Recommendations

- Collation of national level reports
- Identification of trends and conclusions
- Elaboration of recommendations to address the human rights situation identified

- Input from Advisory Group
4 – Awareness-raising and Engagement

- **Awareness-raising**
  - Relevant human rights standards
  - Human rights based approach
    - Participation, structures
  - Conclusions and recommendations

- **Engagement (national and European level)**
  - Stakeholder meetings
  - Social policy makers
  - Service providers
5 – Evaluation / follow-up

- Evaluation
- Ensure medium to long term impacts
- Clarify areas in need of continued work
  - Training?
  - Input to OEWG?
  - Relevance to other regions?
Thank you

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