**REQUEST FOR SUPPORT GUIDELINES**

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# 1. Human Rights Monitoring (HRM)

The International Human Rights Normative framework lays down obligations that states are bound to respect, protect and fulfil. This framework includes treaties (covenants, conventions, protocols) ratified within a system of intergovernmental/interstate organisations, such as the United Nations (UN) and the Council of Europe (CoE); jurisprudence and general comments of treaty monitoring bodies; declarations and resolutions accepted within these intergovernmental systems; reports of United Nations (UN) experts; special procedures; and Council of Europe organs *(please click the link **for a list of International Human Rights Framework relevant to Turkey:** https://bit.ly/tr-uih*).

> **Human Rights Monitoring comprises (1) gathering; (2) verifying; and (3) using human rights information for advocacy to improve the human rights situation.**

HRM should be considered as completely different from monitoring the impact or success of a project. HRM sets out the extent to which existing legislation and practices are in accordance with international human rights standards and norms, and the steps to be taken by governments to address the human rights violations. HRM represents a process, it is not a one-time activity. Advocacy efforts, training sessions, workshops, meetings and briefing sessions that do not contain HRM do not fall under the scope of HRM.

Many different means and methods can be used for HRM. However, regardless of the method used, various principles should be adhered to, such as independence, impartiality, inoffensiveness, trustworthiness and ensuring the security of everyone involved.

# 2. ETKİNİZ EU PROGRAMME

The Etkiniz EU Programme (hereafter referred to as Etkiniz) is an EU-funded programme that was launched in January 2019. Etkiniz provides support to CSOs, networks, platforms and civil initiatives in Turkey for monitoring compliance with the International Human Rights Framework. The six-year programme aims to strengthen the role of civil society organisations (CSOs) in the protection and promotion of human rights[1] by improving their ability to monitor and advocate for compliance with international human rights standards.

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[1] Etkiniz is open to all subject matter that requires HRM. As a guide to CSOs which want to approach Etkiniz for support, here is a non-exhaustive list of fields: women's rights, rights of the child, youth rights, rights of persons with disabilities rights of minorities and ethnic groups, rights of lesbian-gay-bisexual-transsexual-intersex individuals, rights of refugees and migrants, rights of internally displaced persons, stateless persons, indigenous peoples' rights, rights of the elderly,

The expected results of the Etkiniz programme are:

- Civil monitoring initiatives secured and sustainably strengthened,
- Quality and quantity of civil monitoring reports improved and increased,
- Civil society organisations equipped with the necessary expertise, know-how and skills for civil monitoring,
- Increased civil society access to, and impact on European and international human rights framework and mechanisms,
- Dialogue forums established for improving the civil monitoring environment,
- Awareness of citizens raised concerning the role and value of civil monitoring for protection and promotion of human rights.

Under this programme, the Etkiniz Technical Support Team (Etkiniz Technical Assistance Team) supports CSOs that monitor compliance with international human rights standards in Turkey and carry out monitoring-based advocacy activities based on their needs and demands.

Etkiniz mainly aims to build and/or increase the expertise of CSOs.

Etkiniz is not a grant programme, but an in-kind support programme. This means that Etkiniz directly pays suppliers and service providers makes payments for all expenditure approved under a request for support.

The maximum amount of in-kind support is EUR 3000. In certain cases (e.g. increasing requirements because of changes in the political agenda, extra costs needed to achieve the purpose of the work, etc.) the Etkiniz Technical Assistance Team might consider increasing the maximum in-kind support by 50%. Each CSO may apply more than once, but total support to a CSO may not exceed EUR 15,000.

## 3. Who Can Benefit from Etkiniz Support?

The main requirement to benefit from Etkiniz support is being a **Civil Society Organisation** (CSO) that is officially registered in Turkey and active in the protection and promotion of human rights.

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workers' rights, victims' rights, rights related to the environment, such as toxic substances and food security; business and human rights, protection of human rights defenders, prevention of discrimination, right to a fair trial, economic and social cultural rights, civil and political rights.

The following count among such organisations:

- Associations,
- Foundations,
- Non-profit cooperatives,
- Civil society networks and platforms (these networks and platforms must be represented by a CSO that has legal entity status),
- Civil initiatives (these initiatives must be represented by a CSO that has legal entity status),
- Labour unions,
- Bar associations,
- Professionals' organisations.

Etkiniz support is managed by an online platform at www.etkiniz.eu website. CSOs that wish to place a Request for Support (RfS) should first register on this platform and obtain a username and password.

| PRINCIPLES | CRITERIA |
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| EFFECTIVENESS | The RfS proposes activities that can potentially improve or contribute to the human rights conditions at national and/or regional level. The RfS's objectives and outputs are measurable. |
| EFFICIENCY | The RfS can be implemented with small-scale Etkiniz support. The RfS could contribute to Etkiniz achieving its target indicators. |
| IMPACT | The RfS aims to positively impact and improve the current human rights conditions in Turkey. The RfS defines the impact it will create. |

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| **SUSTAINABILITY** | The RfS proposes sustainable and permanent impacts. |
| | The CSO will be able to continue its HRM activities after Etkiniz support ends. |
| | The RfS takes into account contributions to solutions for the climate crisis and the protection of the environment. |
| **HUMAN RIGHTS APPROACH** | The RfS respects human rights principles. |
| | The RfS utilises international human rights law. |
| | The RfS prioritises voiceless, invisible and vulnerable groups who are deprived of their rights. |
| | The RfS avoids any actions that cause or increase discrimination towards any group. |
| | The RfS respects gender equality, gender identity and sexual orientation. |
| | The RfS respects and encourages right holders to participate in activities as a part of HRM activities. |
| | The RfS ensures accountability and transparency for right holders/beneficiaries and other stakeholders of HRM. |
| | The RfS takes measures for the protection of right holders and prevents them from being targeted by the authorities. |

## 4. Etkiniz Support Categories

***Depending on the course of the pandemic, Etkiniz may decide to support online activities only.***

Etkiniz does not support requests for academic/commercial/for-profit/political party activities or scholarship requests for personal or political gains.

Etkiniz provides support under two main categories: human rights monitoring and access to international human rights mechanisms.

I. Human Rights Monitoring (HRM)

HRM support is the support category for new and existing civil monitoring initiatives that aim at bettering human rights conditions by monitoring Turkey's compliance with the international human rights framework to which it is a party and therefore obligated to implement. This enables CSOs to design and implement their own actions with support from Etkiniz. Etkiniz supports innovative approaches to HRM in particular.

Below is a list of activities for placing a request for support within this category:

- Strengthening HRM efforts through mobilisation of Etkiniz experts to utilise international human rights standards and mechanisms,
- Requests for expert advice to provide capacity-building and technical support for utilising international human rights standards and mechanisms,
- Short- or long-term national and international expert advice to improve your HRM activities and your advocacy efforts,
- Using new technologies in HRM,
- Creating strategic grounding for HRM efforts,
- Identifying key indicators for HRM efforts,
- Collecting and verifying data on research subjects,
- Converting collected data into statistical information,
- Reading and interpreting data already present in other studies in this field,
- Preparing internationally recognised HRM reports,
- Disseminating findings and reports, and broadening societal support,
- Publicising results in easily understandable formats, such as videos or through visual information to disseminate findings and broaden societal support,
- Carrying out campaigns and lobbying activities related to results,
- Engaging in dialogue and establishing partnerships with organisations operating in similar fields and developing key strategies,
- Reaching the public through press and media activities,
- Sharing the work with public administrators,
- Participating in webinars and/or requesting webinar training in HRM subjects,
- Meeting various bodies and organisations to engage in dialogue related to HRM and advocacy activities,
- Building long-term capacity for HRM processes.

**Covered expenses:**

- Venue rental,
- Refreshments and catering at events,
- Intercity travel (an additional TRY equivalent of EUR 10 may be added to the budget as per diem allowance to persons traveling; no travel or per diem expenses are covered for travel within the same city),
- Accommodation (room and breakfast only),
- Stationery costs,
- Translation (translation of reports, brochures, videos etc.),
- Interpretation (simultaneous or consecutive),
- Sign language interpretation,
- Equipment rentals (equipment purchases are not supported, for equipment rental, the total rental price should not exceed 1/3 of the equipment's purchase price, car rentals are not supported),
- Website design, software and management (website development is only supported in cases when it is an essential step of the advocacy phase of HRM. The official general-purpose websites of CSOs are not supported),
- Software purchases and subscription expenses (database, storage, design, etc.),
- Design and management of social media tools,
- Domain names and hosting services,
- Design, editing, printing and dissemination of publicity, information, promotion etc. materials.

In addition, Etkiniz will consider reasonable accomodation measures if/when needed as decribed in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Article 2 (for example, interpretation or transfer expenses for participants with disabilities).

## II. Access to International Human Rights Mechanisms

CSOs that need support for their work to be included in international mechanisms such as the UN, Council of Europe and similar bodies or wish to access these mechanisms may place a request for support in this category.

In addition, CSOs can use this type of support to access international human rights mechanisms, such as attending meetings, reporting sessions or one-to-one appointments at the UN and the CoE, as well as in EU Member States, Candidate Countries, European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) countries, members of the European

Economic Area and the European Common Market.[2] Etkiniz will consider requests for international travel to any other country on a case-by-case basis.

Below is a list of activities for which a request for support may be placed under this category:

- Preparing reports for international human rights mechanisms,
- Organising visits to, or meetings with international human rights mechanisms,
- Inviting members/experts of international human rights mechanisms to events and meetings in Turkey,
- Organising meetings or events on international human rights mechanisms in Turkey,
- Organising advocacy events abroad targeting international human rights mechanisms.

**Covered expenses:**

- Venue rental,
- Refreshments and catering at events,
- International travel (an additional EUR 50 will also be provided as per diem support),
- Accommodation (room and breakfast only),
- Stationery costs,
- Translation (translation of reports, brochures, videos etc.),
- Equipment rentals (equipment purchases are not supported, for equipment rental, the total rental price should not exceed 1/3 of the equipment's purchase price, car rentals are not supported),
- Website design, software and management (website development is only supported in cases when it is an essential step of the advocacy phase of HRM. The official general-purpose websites of CSOs are not supported),
- Software purchases and subscription expenses (database, storage, design, etc.),
- Design and management of social media tools,
- Domain names and hosting services,
- Design, editing, printing and dissemination of publicity, information, promotion etc. materials.
- International travel,

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[2] EU Member States: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.

Candidate Countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo, Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey.

ENPI Countries: Azerbaijan, Belarus, Algeria, Armenia, Morocco, Palestine Regional Authority, Georgia, Israel, Switzerland, Iceland, Libya, Lebanon, Egypt, Moldova, Norway, Syria, Tunisia, Ukraine, Jordan.

European Economic Area (EEA): Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway.

European Common Market: Switzerland

- Event participation fees,
- Visa fees (the person applying for the visa is responsible for the visa process — Etkiniz Technical Assistance Team only reimburses the visa fee),
- Travel insurance,
- International departure stamp duties,
- Interpretation and/or sign language interpretation (CSOs receiving support are expected to work with volunteer consecutive interpreters; the interpreter's travel, accommodation etc. expenses may be requested from Etkiniz).

In addition, Etkiniz will consider reasonable accomodation measures if/when needed as decribed in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Article 2 (for example: interpretation or transfer expenses for participants with disabilities).

## 5. Expert Support

One of the main aims of the Etkiniz Programme is to establish and/or grow CSO expertise. Etkiniz can provide external expert support when CSOs do not possess such expertise. The Etkiniz expert pool was formed to provide CSOs with the experts in the fields they need.

By registering on the Etkiniz Information System, CSOs can request expert support under a request for support in the following fields:

- Training,
- Consultancy,
- Communication,
- Facilitation or moderation at events and meetings,
- Surveys and field research and guidance support,
- Human rights law consultancy,
- Monitoring and evaluation,
- Impact analysis,
- Translation services, etc.

If a request for expert support is deemed compliant, the Etkiniz Technical Assistance Team contacts the CSO to plan the process.

The expenses of short/long term experts are covered separately by Etkiniz, in addition to expert support.

# 6. Getting Started – Registering on the to Etkiniz Information System

CSOs that want to apply for a request for support need to register on the Etkiniz Information System by visiting www.etkiniz.eu and clicking on the **"APPLY NOW"** button and then the "**CLICK FOR REGISTRATION**" button.

Applicants logging into the Etkiniz Information System for the first time should click on the **"REGISTER"** button, fill in the required information and click on the **"REGISTRATION COMPLETE"** button. They will then see the statement **"Your registration has been successfully completed"** on the screen, if all the required information has been provided. A confirmation e-mail is sent to the applicant's registered e-mail. After the representative replies to the e-mail, they will receive another e-mail with their username and password.

When registering on the Etkiniz Information System, all users are asked to agree that their personal data will be stored in compliance with by approving the processing of personal data in compliance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)[3]. The relevant clarification and consent text is automatically presented to users for approval during the registration process.

# 7. Request for Support Process

Once the applicant has received their username and password, they can place their online request for support through the Etkiniz Information System, logging in using their username and password. Applicants are presented with a "New Request" form and required to answer the questions it contains.

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[3]   https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection_en

When applicants have completed their requests for support, they should click on the **"SAVE YOUR REQUEST FOR SUPPORT"** button to forward it to the Etkiniz Technical Assistance Team. They then receive an automatic e-mail receipt sent to the email address registered to the Information System. The request for support is then evaluated by the Etkiniz support desk.

The activities to be supported should start within three months at the earliest and six months at the latest from the date of the request for support.

Applicants can contact the Etkiniz support desk, if they have any problems or questions about their request for support (destek@etkiniz.eu).

Persons who do not have the electronic equipment or internet access necessary or who are not computer literate can contact the support desk by calling +90 312 447 7960 /+90 312 4482543 /+90 539 857 5960. Etkiniz Technical Assistance Team will provide the guidance necessary about how to proceed with the request for support.

As long as resources are sufficient and Etkiniz Technical Assistance Team's implementation capacity is not exceeded, Etkiniz is always open to requests for support.

## 8.  Compliance Criteria and Compliance Checks

Etkiniz Technical Assistance Team assesses the compliance of the requests for support every month.

For example, all requests for support submitted between 26 August and 25 October 2021 will be evaluated and the results will be announced by 1 November 2021 at the latest.

The Etkiniz Technical Assistance Team informs the CSOs of the results of their request for support individually via e-mail through the Information System.

The compliance check is carried out in two stages. In the first stage, ETAT checks that;

- The request for support is made by a CSO interested in HRM
- The request for support relates to international rights standards and norms.

Following the verification of compliance in accordance with the above criteria, Etkiniz Technical Assistance Team then further evaluates the request for support.

If a request for support is not compliant with the above criteria, the Etkiniz Technical Assistance Team makes efforts to recommend other support mechanisms.

In the second stage, the Etkiniz Technical Assistance Team evaluates requests for support according to the criteria below.

| COMPLIANCE CRITERIA | |
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| Determining Criteria | |
| 1 | **Does the request for support involve a direct link to international human rights mechanisms (e.g. UN human rights committees), such as communication, submission, reporting, etc.?** |
| 2 | **Does the request for support focus on making a good impact and improving human rights?** |
| 3 | **Are the objectives and outputs of the request for support measurable?** |
| 4 | **Does it prioritise disenfranchised/marginalised groups in difficult circumstances?** |
| 5 | **Does it engage relevant rights holders, other relevant and efficient stakeholders?** |
| 6 | **Does it include any measures to protect right holders?** |
| 7 | **a- Does it have measures to ensure non-discrimination?**<br>**b- Does it promote gender equality?** |
| Supporting Criteria | |
| 1 | **Is the requested budget amount below EUR 3000?** |
| 2 | **Do the requested budget items correspond to the proposed activities?** |
| 3 | **Is the request for support realistic in terms of budget and planned outputs?** |

The Etkiniz Technical Assistance Team categorises the requests into three groups based on the criteria above:

- **COMPLIANT[4]:** Requests for support that comply with at least five of the determining criteria and all of the supporting criteria are accepted as compliant and the Etkiniz Technical Assistance Team contacts the CSO to commence the support process.
- **SEMI-COMPLIANT:** In case a request for support meets three of the determining criteria, the Etkiniz Technical Assistance Team will contact the CSO, and work with them to improve the request for support to ensure that at least five determining criteria and all supporting criteria are met.
- **NON-COMPLIANT:** Request for support that comply with less than three of the determining criteria will be considered as non-compliant. The Etkiniz contacts CSOs

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[4] The ETKİNİZ Team provides the necessary information and some guidance documents, forms and checklists to CSOs it supports via e-mail to assist them in the implementation process.

that have submitted non-compliant requests and makes recommendations to them concerning other EU-funded support mechanisms, if applicable.

The CSO requesting for support is briefed about the results and the necessary steps are initiated.

CSOs have the right to object to the compliance check outcomes by sending an email to destek@etkiniz.eu.

During the compliance check process, Etkiniz Technical Assistance Team may request additional documents and information from CSOs about their actions.

Etkiniz does not accept urgent requests for support; however, CSOs that require such support may contact the Etkiniz Support Desk (destek@etkiniz.eu).

The Etkiniz Technical Assistance Team may find it necessary to limit the implementation of multiple requests for support from the same applicant in order to provide equal opportunities to all CSOs during peak periods.

In the event of multiple requests for support from a CSO, the level of support already received is evaluated and the number of support may be limited to ensure equal opportunities to all CSOs.

The Etkiniz Technical Assistance Team places particular emphasis on ensuring that the request for support process and provision of support is conducted without forming an environment of competition among CSOs. Thus, if an organisation has an innovative idea that could be used in human rights monitoring, the Etkiniz Technical Assistance Team is always ready to provide assistance in the request for support process. The team can be contacted to answer any questions about requests for support.

Should there be changes in the request for support conditions during the lifespan of the programme, they will be announced on the Etkiniz website and social media with no bearing on previous implementation.

The language used for requests for support is Turkish. Requests for support may also be submitted in English, Arabic and Kurdish. Applications in Arabic or Kurdish should be e-mailed to destek@etkiniz.eu.

If the request for support is considered semi-compliant, the applicant may be requested to revise/improve the request for support. Those who re-submit revised/improved requests before the onset of the next request period will retain their order in the ranking for assessment.

CSOs whose requests for support are evaluated as non-compliant can contact the Etkiniz support desk (destek@Etkiniz.eu) to get feedback about their request.

Etkiniz Technical Assistance Team reserves the right to take appropriate measures, make modifications to the support categories and increase in-kind financial support limits.

## 9.  Contact

Applicants any with questions about requests under the Etkiniz EU programme support can contact the Etkiniz support desk:

**E-mail: destek@etkiniz.eu**
**Phone:** +90 312 447 7960 /+90 312 4482543 /+90 539 857 5960
The Etkiniz support phone lines are available between 13:30-16:30 on weekdays.

Suggestions and complaints about the Etkiniz EU programme can be sent to info@etkiniz.eu or bilgi@etkiniz.eu.

**Address : Yıldızevler Mahallesi, Rabindranath Tagore Caddesi, No: 10/4, Yunus Ensari İş**
**Merkezi, Çankaya/Ankara, Türkiye**
**Digital Channels:**
www.etkiniz.eu
https://twitter.com/etkinizab
https://www.facebook.com/ETKİNİZab
https://www.instagram.com/etkiniz/
**https://www.youtube.com/etkiniz**

## ANNEX I: International Human Rights Framework Relevant to Turkey

United Nations Mechanisms – Mechanisms based on the UN Charter

| Mechanism | Law | Nature of Mechanism | Rights Groups and Rights Area |
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| Human Rights Council | UN Charter | Complaints Procedure | All human rights |
| Commission and Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights | UN Charter | Complaint and Communications Procedure | All human rights, urgent matters |
| Universal Periodic Review | **UN Charter** | **Reporting** | **All human rights** |

## United Nations Mechanisms – Committee-Based Mechanisms Adopted by Conventions

| Mechanism | Law | Nature of Mechanism | Rights Groups and Rights Area |
|---|---|---|---|
| Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination | International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination | Reporting | Racial Discrimination |
| Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights | International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights | Reporting | Economic, Social and Cultural Rights |
|  | Optional Protocol to the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights | Communications Procedure |  |
| The Human Rights Committee | International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights | Reporting | Civil and Political Rights |

| | Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights | Communications Procedure | |
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| | Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty | | |
| Committee on Elimination of Discrimination against Women | Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women | Reporting | Women, gender equality, gender identity, LGBTI+ |
| | Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women | Communications Procedure | |
| Committee on Prevention of Torture | Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment | Reporting | Torture, Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment |
| | Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment | Communications Procedure | |
| | Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture | Visits | |

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| Committee on the Rights of the Child | Convention on the Rights of the Child | Reporting | Children |
| | Optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict | Reporting | |
| | Optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography | Reporting | |
| | Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure | Communications Procedure | |
| Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrants Workers and Members of Their Families | International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families | Reporting<br><br>Communications Procedure | Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families |
| Committee on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance | International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance | Reporting<br><br>Communications Procedure | Enforced Disappearance |
| Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities | Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities | Reporting | Persons with Disabilities |

| Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities | Communications Procedure | |
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| United Nations Mechanisms | | |
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| **Special Procedures/Mechanisms – Annual Reporting, Communications Procedure, Urgent Actions** | | **Rights Groups and Rights Fields** |
| Working Group of experts on people of African descent | | People of African descent |
| Working Group on arbitrary detention | | Arbitrary Detention |
| Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises | | Business and Human Rights |
| Working Group on enforced disappearances | | Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances |
| Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination | | Armed Conflict |
| Working group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice | | Women in Law and in Practice |
| Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights | | Cultural Rights |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities | | Persons with Disabilities |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to education | | Education |
| Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment | | Environment |

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| Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions | Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to food | Food |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression | Freedom of opinion and Expression |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association | Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and Association |
| Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living | Adequate housing, adequate standard of living |
| Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health | Health |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders | Human Rights Defenders |
| Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers | Judges and Lawyers |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples | Indigenous Peoples |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons | Internally Displaced Persons |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants | Migrants |
| Special Rapporteur on minority issues | Minority Issues |
| Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons | Older Persons |
| Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights | Extreme Poverty |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy | Privacy |

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| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance | Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia |
| Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief | Freedom of Religion and Belief |
| Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography | Children, Sexual Abuse |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and its consequences | Slavery, Women, Children, Workers' Rights |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism | Terrorism |
| Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment | Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment |
| Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children | Human Trafficking, Women, Children |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence | Prevention of Human Rights Abuses |
| Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences | Violence Against Women |
| Independent expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity | Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity |
| Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes | Hazardous Substances and Wastes, Children, Indigenous Peoples |

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| Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation | | Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to development | | Development |

| Council of Europe Mechanisms | | |
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| **Mechanism** | **Law** | **Rights Groups and Rights Area** |
| European Court of Human Rights | The Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms | All rights all groups |
| Committee of Ministers (Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights) | Execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights | All rights all groups |
| European Committee of Social Rights | European Social Charter (revised) | All rights and groups – specific causes on children, women, labour/work conditions |
| European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) | Resolution Res (2002) 3 Adopting the Revised Statute of the European Commission for Democracy through Law | Rule of Law, Democracy through Law |
| Commissioner for Human Rights | Resolution (99) 50 on the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights | All rights all groups |

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| Congress of Local and Regional Authorities | European Charter of Local Self-Government | Local Democracy |
| Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists | Declaration on the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists and Other Media Actors | Freedom of the Press, Journalists |
| Group of Experts on Action Against Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO) | Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention) | Violence against Women, Domestic Violence, Children |
| Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Committee) | The Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse | Sexual Exploitation, Child Abuse |
| Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) | Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings | Human Trafficking |
| Advisory Committee on FCNM | Framework Convention for The Protection of National Minorities (FCNM) | Minorities |
| Group of States Against Corruption (GRECO) | Criminal and Civil Law Conventions on Corruption | Corruption |
| Cybercrime Convention Committee (Budapest Committee) | Budapest Convention on Cybercrime | Cybercrime |