



European
Network on
Statelessness

A CATALYST FOR ACTION: WORKING TO ADDRESS STATELESSNESS IN EUROPE



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“ Everyone has the right to a nationality

OUR MISSION

The European Network on Statelessness (ENS) is a network of non-governmental organisations, academic initiatives, and individual experts committed to addressing statelessness in Europe. Everyone has the right to a nationality. We believe this must be respected and that those who lack nationality – stateless people – are entitled to full protection. ENS is dedicated to working with stateless people in Europe to advocate for respect of their human rights. We aim to reach our goals through law and policy development, awareness raising, and capacity building.

MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR



Statelessness has again been in the news this past year. The appalling images and stories of Rohingya men, women and children fleeing Myanmar are a sobering reminder of how statelessness continues to cause forced displacement across the globe, the origins of this crisis which trace back to a 1982 discriminatory nationality law. Yet nationality-stripping is again on the rise including in our region, both as a national-security measure and as a tool to silence political dissent, such as in Turkey. And in various other ways, policies of exclusion and discriminatory laws continue to condemn thousands to living without a nationality in Europe.

According to Eurostat, 30,000 asylum seekers arriving in the EU during 2016 were recorded as being stateless or of 'unknown nationality'. This is unsurprising when you consider that 12 of the 28 top countries of origin of refugees have large in-situ stateless populations and/or gender discriminatory laws that prevent women passing on nationality to their children. This is particularly alarming given that most European states lack functioning statelessness determination procedures, or adequate safeguards to grant nationality to children born on their territory who would otherwise be stateless. Our research has shown that a failure to identify statelessness masks the true scale of the problem and leaves many stateless refugees and migrants in legal limbo or languishing in immigration detention.

This report describes how we are responding to these challenges. During 2017 we launched our #LockedInLimbo campaign at a vibrant conference in Budapest. A series of initiatives followed, including a high-profile event in the Palace of the Council of Europe and successful lobbying for principles of protection of stateless people from arbitrary detention to be included in emerging Council of Europe and EU standards. In June we gave evidence at a hearing on statelessness in the European Parliament which came about as a direct result of our #StatelessKids campaign petition, signed by over 22,000 supporters. Over the last year we have also broadened our focus through a new project exploring the link between statelessness and forced migration, and continued our important focus on addressing Roma statelessness through our #RomaBelong project, successfully collaborating with partners to organise a regional conference in Skopje and an event in the European Parliament, and broadening the reach of our membership to include Roma civil society organisations.

With greater visibility and awareness of statelessness among policymakers and parliamentarians secured through our advocacy and communications work; more evidence of its impact and solutions from our research; a wider membership with larger potential audiences, supporter bases and better connections to stateless communities; and our strengthened relationships with key regional actors, we are in a unique position to now push for reform and to connect policymakers with supporters. We are particularly buoyed by having enjoyed a 20% growth in our membership during 2017, and by having been able to recruit new staff adding expertise to our Secretariat.

Hence, we embark with much optimism on the process to prepare our next five-year strategic plan, excited about what we can achieve together during this period. Key to our work going forward will be our Statelessness Index – a new online tool allowing instant comparison and monitoring of law, policy and practice across Europe – which we believe will greatly enhance our ability to hold governments to account. It is something that we are immensely proud of, which has only been possible through the contribution of our members, and is a testament to the progress we have made in raising awareness about statelessness since we founded our Network in 2012.

Thank you for your continuing support.

CHRIS NASH, DIRECTOR

UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING STATELESSNESS

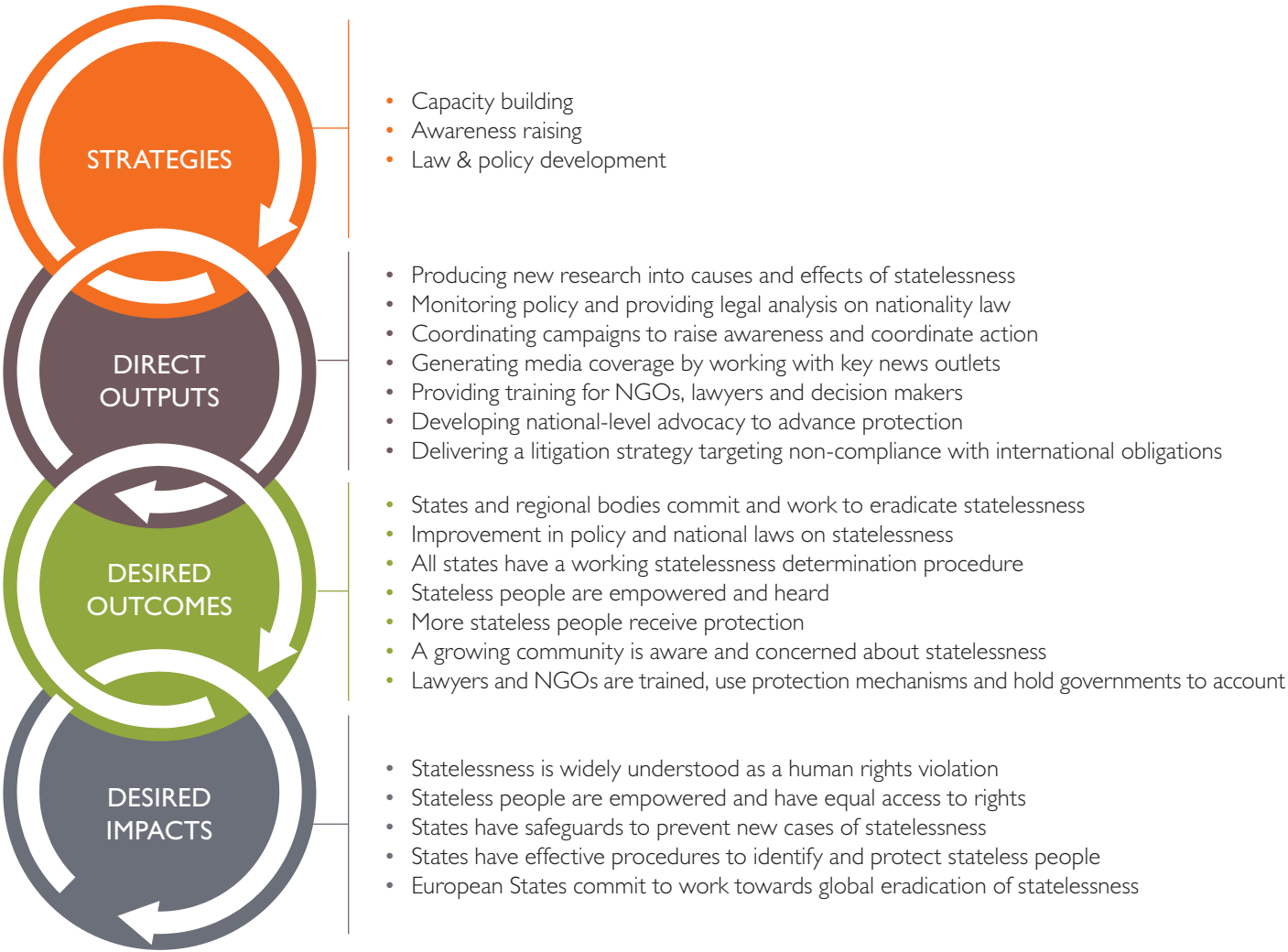
Statelessness is a legal anomaly affecting more than half a million people in Europe – not only recent migrants and refugees, but also people whose families have lived in the same place for generations.

Many stateless people find themselves stranded on the margins of society, at risk of discrimination and human rights abuses. For many, this translates into denial of the basic rights we take for granted: to go to school or work, to get married or register the birth of your child, to 'legally exist'.

All European states have obligations in international law to protect stateless people and prevent statelessness, but in many cases, these have not been translated into effective laws at the national level. While statelessness occurs for a variety of reasons – discrimination against minority groups, issues regarding

state succession, conflicts of laws between states, or even deliberate policies by states to deny or strip people of nationality – it is essential that Europe recognises and addresses this issue if it is to uphold its traditions of freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights.

WE WORK TO END STATELESSNESS IN EUROPE – OUR THEORY OF CHANGE



“ I believe that work carried out by UNHCR and civil society organisations, in particular the European Network on Statelessness since 2013, created real momentum for those advocating for the rights of stateless persons.

NILS MUIŽNIEKS, COUNCIL OF EUROPE COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

WHO WE ARE AND HOW WE WORK

Statelessness is a major human rights problem in Europe, yet for far too long it was ignored, with relatively little known about its causes, consequences and who it affects.

The European Network on Statelessness (ENS) is a network of non-governmental organisations, academic initiatives, and individual experts committed to addressing statelessness in Europe. Everyone has the right to a nationality. We believe this must be respected and that those who lack nationality – stateless people – are entitled to full protection. ENS is dedicated to working with stateless people in Europe to advocate for respect of their human rights.

ENS was founded to act as a coordinating body and expert resource for organisations working to end statelessness in Europe. At the heart of our strategy has been an understanding of the need to mainstream and raise awareness about statelessness and nationality issues, to build the capacity of civil society to take action, and to act as an effective catalyst for change.

During 2017 we have expanded our Secretariat and grown our membership by over 20 per cent. We continue to

work hard to further increase the profile and impact of our work, and to translate this into protection for men, women and children affected by statelessness.

Our thematic priorities include **children** – ending childhood statelessness, **access to justice** – protecting stateless people from arbitrary detention, **forced migration** – adopting comprehensive systems that protect and regularise stateless refugees and migrants and **anti-discrimination** – preventing statelessness among minority populations.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Although numerous organisations have a mandate to address statelessness, few possess the specialist knowledge to tackle the root causes. We provide training and a forum for the exchange of information and good practice. Our specialist pool of trainers and experts implements our Europe Wide Training Programme to build capacity among civil society partners, policy makers and other key stakeholders.

AWARENESS-RAISING

Statelessness remains relatively poorly understood. We aim to raise awareness and give a human face to the issue. Our weekly blog and quarterly newsletter provide opinion and analysis of developments to a readership of thousands. Our research and policy work generate widespread media coverage and we run targeted campaigns to support our advocacy.

LAW & POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Our goal is to ensure full respect for the rights of stateless people through evidence-based advocacy. We commission and publish research so the issue is fully understood and effective policy solutions implemented. Additionally, our litigation working group seeks to bring about change through the targeted use of strategic litigation.

OUR ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT

HELPING TO SHAPE THE EU RESPONSE TO STATELESSNESS

We have continued to utilise the advocacy channels and relationships that we have developed with key actors working at the EU level and to advocate for statelessness to be addressed in new instruments relating to EU asylum and migration policy, including the draft Asylum Procedures Regulation.

Following joint advocacy by ENS and UNHCR we were pleased to see that the European Commission have taken on board statelessness-related suggestions we made regarding the revised Returns Handbook. ENS also issued a public statement to Slovakia and Malta ahead of their respective EU Presidencies and contributed at various high-profile events including the EU’s Annual Child Rights Forum in Brussels.



LANDMARK HEARING IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT CALLS FOR BOLD ACTION TO ADDRESS STATELESSNESS

In June the European Parliament’s Justice and Home Affairs Committee and Petitions Committee held the first ever hearing on statelessness in the European Parliament. The hearing which came about as a direct result of ENS #StatelessKids petition signed by over 22,000 supporters gave us and other invited experts the opportunity to set out a blueprint for European Union action to tackle statelessness.

Members of the European Parliament recognised this landmark hearing as an opportunity to now devise and take forward a dedicated strategy for addressing statelessness in a holistic way. Following the hearing, the Chairs of both Committees sent a joint letter to the European Commission asking them to outline their intentions to develop an EU-wide strategy to address statelessness and fill gaps in the EU’s record on this issue to date.

BUILDING IMPETUS WITH THE EMN PLATFORM ON STATELESSNESS

In January, the European Migration Network (EMN), UNHCR and ENS organised a conference entitled “Addressing Statelessness in the European Union” focusing on two themes: the identification and protection of stateless people, and preventing childhood statelessness.

Key speakers included a representative of the Maltese Presidency of the EU, UNHCR’s Director for Europe and the Chair of EMN as well as representatives from the European Commission, the European Parliament and the EU’s Fundamental Rights Agency. ENS Director Chris Nash presented on the heightened risk of statelessness faced by refugee and migrant children born in exile. The conference also featured an exhibition of Greg Constantine’s Nowhere People photos prepared in collaboration with ENS.



Top of the page: Brussels, June 2017 – the hearing on statelessness in the European Parliament was a good example of why our awareness raising campaigns such as #StatelessKids and #LockedinLimbo are key to winning over new allies

Left: Brussels, January 2017 – one year after the EU Council Conclusions on Statelessness, the EMN, UNHCR and ENS conference took stock of collective efforts and identified further actions to address statelessness



INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY

Statelessness is fundamentally a human rights issue and one of the ways in which we seek to tackle it is through advocacy and engagement with human rights mechanisms. In partnership with the Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion and our national members, we have made submissions to the UN’s Universal Periodic Review process on Germany, Serbia, Switzerland, Ukraine and Russian Federation, as well as a joint alternative report on Serbia submitted to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.



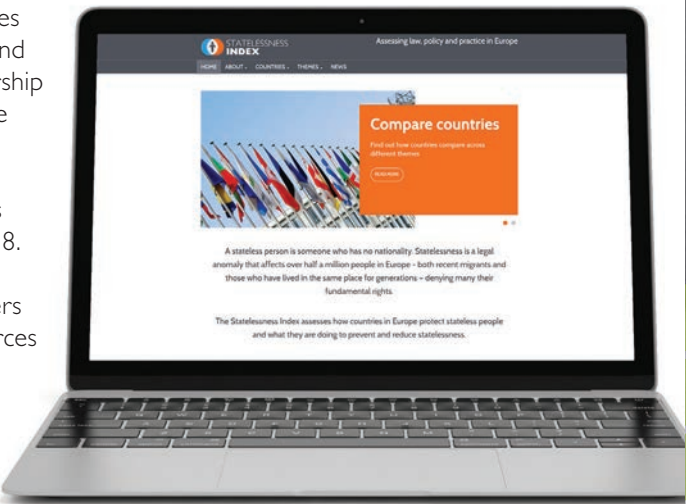
Vienna, June 2017 – ENS report builds on the ENS #StatelessKids campaign, adding to calls for states to amend their nationality laws to bring them fully in line with international obligations, and protect children from a life on the margins of society

DEVELOPING A NEW ONLINE STATELESSNESS INDEX

Our new Statelessness Index, launched in March 2018 is an online tool that provides extensive country by country analysis of law, policy and practice. Each country’s performance is benchmarked against international norms and good practice and then assessed using five categories, ranging from the most positive to the most negative. The Index allows users to quickly understand which areas of law, policy and practice can be improved by states and which can be looked to as examples of good practice in addressing statelessness.

In 2017, together with its members and partners, ENS started to collect and analyse data on 12 countries. The

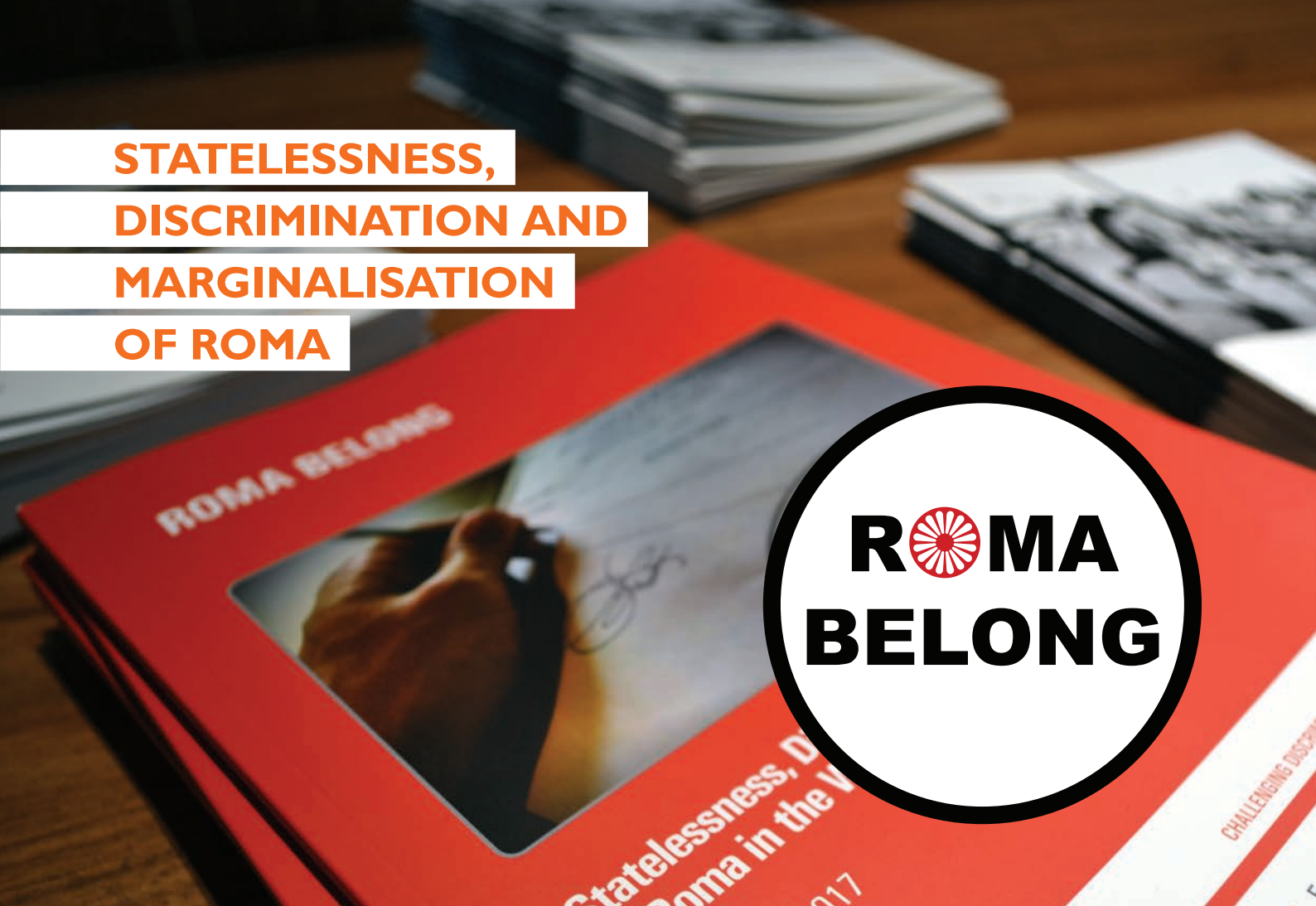
<http://index.statelessness.eu>



#STATELESSKIDS – CAMPAIGNING TO END CHILDHOOD STATELESSNESS

DLA Piper, Diakonie Flüchtlingsdienst and ENS published a new report in June on the issue of childhood statelessness in Austria, shedding light on Austria’s international obligations on the prevention and reduction of statelessness, along with the provision in Austrian nationality laws to protect children born in the country or to Austrian citizens abroad from statelessness. The report was launched at an event in Vienna in June attended by high-ranking government representatives, civil society organisations and UNHCR.

Our advocacy helped secure the inclusion of an action on every child’s right to a nationality in the action plan on migrant and refugee children recently published by the Council of Europe Secretary General’s Special Representative on Migration and Refugees. ENS Director Chris Nash was subsequently invited to present expert evidence at a meeting of the Council of Europe Committee on Legal Cooperation in October intended to help the Committee of Ministers decide a process to implement this action.



#LOCKED IN LIMBO

WHY EUROPE MUST END DETENTION OF STATELESS PEOPLE

“ The ENS #RomaBelong campaign has been instrumental in mainstreaming the issue of Roma statelessness at the EU level. By bringing together a wide range of stakeholders the campaign has helped pave the way for positive action and has increased attention on the issue within EU enlargement negotiations.

SORAYA POST, CO-CHAIR OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ANTI-RACISM AND DIVERSITY INTERGROUP

Set up in 2016, the #RomaBelong project is a joint initiative by the European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC), the Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion (ISI) and the European Network on Statelessness (ENS) to better understand and tackle Roma statelessness in the Western Balkans and Ukraine.

Living without nationality and rights is a harsh reality for thousands of Roma in Europe, including children. Many are left struggling to obtain identification documents, attend school classes, access healthcare and later in their life find employment, own property, get married or register the birth of their own children.

On 26 and 27 October ERRC, ISI and ENS organised a regional conference launching the #RomaBelong synthesis report and bringing together over 70 key stakeholders to discuss the findings and next steps for the project. The report was produced in collaboration with ENS members and partner organisations in Albania (Tirana Legal Aid Society), Bosnia-Herzegovina (Vaša Prava), Macedonia (Macedonian Young Lawyers Association), Montenegro (Mladi Romi), Serbia (Praxis) and Ukraine (Desyate Kvitnya) and looks at the role of discrimination, access to justice, marginalisation, and access to civil registration in creating and perpetuating a lack of documentation and risk of statelessness among Roma in the Western Balkans and Ukraine.

ENS also facilitated a half day workshop with organisations working in the region to map and plan local and regional advocacy to address the issues raised in the report. The discussions informed a regional advocacy plan, which ENS is currently implementing, as well as three national level plans developed in partnership with ENS members.

In November, ENS and UNHCR organised an event in the European Parliament to focus the attention of European lawmakers on Roma statelessness and present the #RomaBelong synthesis research. The meeting attended by a cross party panel of Parliamentarians, the Commission and civil society representatives was the first step in setting out a clear agenda for addressing the issue as part of ENS's regional strategy.



Images from left to right:

Skopje, October 2017 – #RomaBelong report was launch at an event in Skopje and received wide media coverage, bringing much needed attention to the topic

Brussels, November 2017 – Joint event in the European Parliament facilitated a discussion about relevant strategies and next steps to address the issue of Roma statelessness



Madrid, October 2018 – A training session for lawyers, NGO staff and government officials facilitated by ENS President, Gabor Gyulai, and Head of Policy & Research, Nina Murray

BUILDING CAPACITY AND SHARING OUR EXPERTISE

ENS has continued to develop its Europe Wide Training Programme (EWTP) in partnership with members. In 2017, training was rolled out for lawyers, NGOs and government decision-makers in Spain, Germany and Poland. Sessions in Madrid and Barcelona in October were co-

facilitated by ENS President, Gabor Gyulai, and Head of Policy & Research, Nina Murray, with the support of ENS partners, including Pueblos Unidos (Jesuit Migrants Service), CCAR (Comissió Catalana d'Ajuda al Refugiats), Aleksandra Semerjak and Arsenio Cores. Training in Germany was co-facilitated with the Refugee Law Clinic at the University of Cologne, attended by over 30 student lawyers, lawyers and supervisors from the clinic. Further trainings were delivered by our member, Halina Niec Legal Aid Center, in Poland in December.

This capacity-building work has reinforced national advocacy towards the introduction and improvement of dedicated statelessness protection mechanisms and has equipped lawyers to directly uphold the human rights of stateless people.

In May, ENS held a one-day advanced training workshop and planning meeting in Budapest for our members.

We are regularly invited to share our expertise with both governmental and inter-governmental partners. This year, ENS presented at events in Brussels, Berlin, Edinburgh, Glasgow, London (x2), Strasbourg (x2) and Vienna.

In July and September ENS contributed expertise and facilitated sessions at respectively the Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe

summer school and a regional conference on statelessness organised by the World Council of Churches and Brot fur die Welt in Berlin. These events provided useful opportunities to plan, strategise and connect churches and faith groups with ENS activities and member organisations across Europe in support of a shared commitment to address statelessness.

In November, ASKV, ENS and ISI hosted an expert meeting at Amnesty International in Amsterdam ahead of the UNHCR #IBelong anniversary event at the Rijksmuseum. Our event brought together statelessness and migration experts to reflect on the current situation in the Netherlands, to discuss further actions and to place the debate in the Netherlands in the wider European context.

“ #LockedinLimbo is a significant statement, showing inter faith support for global efforts to contribute to ending statelessness and the arbitrary detention associated with it. Faith groups have an important role in calling for policy makers to prioritise the welfare of people who face marginalisation and exclusion.

ROWAN WILLIAMS, FORMER ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

Across Europe a failure by states to put in place effective systems to identify stateless people leaves thousands exposed to repeated and prolonged detention. We believe it is of vital importance that stateless people are afforded respect for their fundamental rights, including liberty of the person.

On 4 – 5 May ENS hosted a regional conference in Budapest with over 120 participants representing civil society, UN agencies, academia and governments, to discuss the law, policy and human implications of the immigration detention of stateless people.

At the conference, ENS launched its #LockedinLimbo campaign and a statement signed by NGOs, politicians, lawyers and academics from over 30 European countries. The statement highlights that the current use of immigration detention is unsustainable, harmful, and, in many cases, unlawful, and makes concrete recommendations to European governments on how to address the issue.



The ENS report “Protecting Stateless Persons from Arbitrary Detention: An Agenda for Change”, was also launched at the conference. The report argues that immigration systems do not have appropriate procedures in place to identify those who are left without a nationality and to protect stateless people.

Following the conference in Budapest, ENS has been working hard to build further support for the campaign and to foster opportunities for advocacy. This has included attending a hearing before the Committee for Legal Cooperation of the Council of Europe to feed into the codification of standards for the administrative detention of migrants in Europe, meeting with key stakeholders in Berlin and Geneva at the Global Conference on Children's Rights, and Annual UNHCR NGO Consultations, working with UNHCR to contribute language on statelessness to the ongoing review of the EU Returns Handbook, working with members to implement campaign activities nationally and collecting over 100 endorsements of our #LockedinLimbo Statement.



#LOCKEDINLIMBO – WORKING WITH THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE TO END DETENTION OF STATELESS PEOPLE

On 11 October, in partnership with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, ENS organised a lunchtime event at the Council of Europe to present the #LockedinLimbo statement calling on European states to take action to end the detention of stateless people. New pledges of support for the campaign were made by key parliamentarians and Council of Europe representatives. Tomáš Boček, the Secretary General's Special Representative on Refugees and Migrants, spoke at the event endorsing ENS's campaign recommendations and committing to work on the issue.

UK FAITH LEADERS CALL ON GOVERNMENT TO STOP DETENTION OF STATELESS PEOPLE

ENS joined together with Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees and UK faith leaders during Interfaith Week in November 2017 to call on the UK Government to support stateless people and protect them from arbitrary detention. ENS worked with faith groups to produce a faith leaders' joint statement on statelessness, which attracted over 110 signatures from Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish and Muslim representatives across the UK, in just a few weeks. The statement calls for action by the UK Government to review its policies towards stateless people and to end prolonged and pointless detention. The initiative received widespread media coverage.

“ For churches in Europe 2017 was an essential year to refocus their work on statelessness. ENS has been a highly valuable source of information and inspiration. Their contribution at our summer school and the consultation on statelessness as well as the partnership as a whole have been essential for mobilisation.

DR. TORSTEN MORITZ, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AT THE CHURCHES' COMMISSION FOR MIGRANTS IN EUROPE (CCME)

LITIGATING FOR CHANGE

Another key component of our law and policy work in 2017 has been the continued development and implementation of a three-year strategic litigation strategy, including through a dedicated working group and a training workshop for lawyers in May.

We also provided resourcing to members in Bulgaria and the Netherlands to identify and develop an 'incubator' of cases suitable for strategic litigation with a focus on arbitrary detention.

Images from left to right:

Budapest, May 2017 – ENS #LockedinLimbo campaign was launched at a pan-European conference attended by 120 participants. The event set a future agenda to guide ongoing collective efforts to end detention of stateless people

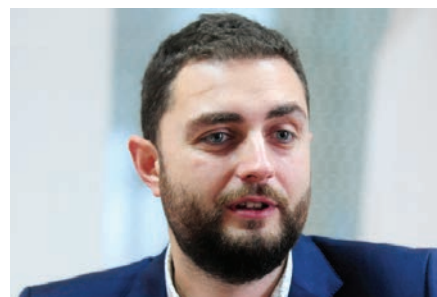
Strasbourg, October 2017 – ENS Director Chris Nash handing over the #LockedinLimbo statement to Members of the Parliamentary Assembly at the Council of Europe

“ I feel bad because I'm from here, but they are not giving me citizenship. I feel I don't belong here. God forbid if I die, they will not bury me because I do not have documents... This is my biggest burden. I am born here, but I don't have a nationality.

NADIJA, A ROMANI WOMAN LIVING IN MACEDONIA

OUR WORK ON THE GROUND

#ROMABELONG – TACKLING ROMA STATELESSNESS



CO-WRITTEN BY: **ZORAN DRANGOVSKI**, PRESIDENT OF MACEDONIAN YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION & **NINA MURRAY**, ENS HEAD OF POLICY & RESEARCH

This is how Nadija describes what it's like to live without a nationality. Nadija is 50 years old. She was born and has lived her whole life in Macedonia, but has never had any identity documents. She was told that she had to be registered first to get Macedonian nationality. The simplest way to do this was by securing a foreigner's ID through her husband. But he didn't want to help her, and she could not afford to pay the fees. After their marriage broke down, Nadija went to MYLA to ask for advice. MYLA's lawyers are now helping her to secure an ID and eventually have her Macedonian nationality recognised.

Many more stories like Nadija's surfaced during our research in the Western Balkans and Ukraine, and are what inspired our partnership work to address Roma statelessness in the region. Set up in 2016, the #RomaBelong project is a joint initiative by the European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC), the Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion (ISI) and the



European Network on Statelessness, and six national partners including the Macedonian Young Lawyers Association (MYLA). The project findings are a wake-up call to governments and institutions in the region and further afield to focus much-needed attention on statelessness among Roma communities.

Around the world, minorities are at particular risk of statelessness. In fact, two-thirds of the world's stateless are minorities. Despite being nationals under the letter of the law, many Roma struggle for years to prove their links to their home country due to discrimination, marginalisation and lack of access to justice. Latest estimates by MYLA put the number of Roma at risk of statelessness in Macedonia at over 450. Many thousands more in the region lack birth certificates or any other documents to prove their citizenship. As a consequence, every day women, men and children face numerous difficulties in their lives amounting to denial of their

fundamental rights in many cases: they may not be able to access healthcare, including reproductive healthcare for women, education, employment opportunities, property rights and their freedom of movement may be restricted.

To address this, civil society, governments and UNHCR are now working to simplify civil registration procedures, fill gaps in legislation, and raise awareness about the issues. For the last seven years in Macedonia, MYLA has been spearheading a campaign focused on reducing the number of stateless Roma through awareness raising, coalition building, advocacy and provision of legal and financial assistance to people without nationality. As a result of joint work on the issue, the Government has now launched a six-month public call to register people who lack a birth certificate, which should go a long way in reducing the number of Roma who are unable to prove their nationality. Such efforts show that it is possible to tackle statelessness with a proactive approach. But, much more work still needs to be done.

ENS will continue to focus on Roma statelessness in 2018 and beyond, working in partnership with its members to achieve change. Key to this will be to develop a shared understanding of the issues, which cannot be done without listening to Roma voices and ensuring that Roma communities are at the heart of shaping and implementing change.

OUR STAFF, TRUSTEES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ENS has a small but dedicated secretariat based at our London office, tasked with coordination and development of the Network. We operate a controlled growth and engagement strategy by maintaining an agile structure and a philosophy of building capacity and, wherever possible, channelling resources through our members across 40 European countries.

STAFF

CHRIS NASH – Director

Chris is the Director and co-founder of ENS. He has worked in the refugee and migration field for over 20 years, initially as an asylum lawyer and then at the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (Head of Policy & Advocacy), the Refugee Council of Australia (National Policy Director), Amnesty International (Head of Refugee & Migrant Rights Team) and Asylum Aid (International Protection Policy Coordinator). He is a sought-after speaker and has written widely on asylum, migration and statelessness.

JAN BRULC – Head of Communications

Jan joined ENS in November 2015 to run its communications and campaigns work. He holds an MA in Politics. Previously, Jan worked for the Migrants' Rights Network and the European Council on Refugees and Exiles, managing communications work from their London and Brussels offices. He also worked as a lead web developer at Small Axe and at the European Medicine Agency.

NINA MURRAY – Head of Policy & Research

Nina joined ENS in March 2017. She holds an MA in Migration Studies and a BA in Modern Iberian and Latin American Regional Studies. She previously worked at Scottish Refugee Council for over six years, and has extensive experience undertaking and leading research, policy development and advocacy with a focus on gender and refugee rights. She has also worked as a researcher at What Works Scotland, based at the University of Glasgow, and in a range of other professional and voluntary roles in the human rights field.

ELIZABETH ODETTE – Operations Manager

Elizabeth joined ENS in November 2015 as operations manager responsible for managing HR, finance, governance and administration. Before joining ENS Elizabeth worked in a broad range of finance and business administration roles in the charity sector for over 10 years. Her interests include working with young people in various projects with which she is involved.



OUR VOLUNTEERS

We owe a big thank you to the tireless work of our volunteers – Tsedön Khangsar and Zvjedana Mileta – who contributed their time, energy and creativity to helping us achieve our objectives in 2017.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ENS is a membership organisation. This gives us a strength beyond our staff and trustees, and a reach across Europe. Our Secretariat receives ongoing support from the Advisory Committee members, who regularly lead on delivering training and research, contributing to strategic planning and representing the organisation at external events across Europe.

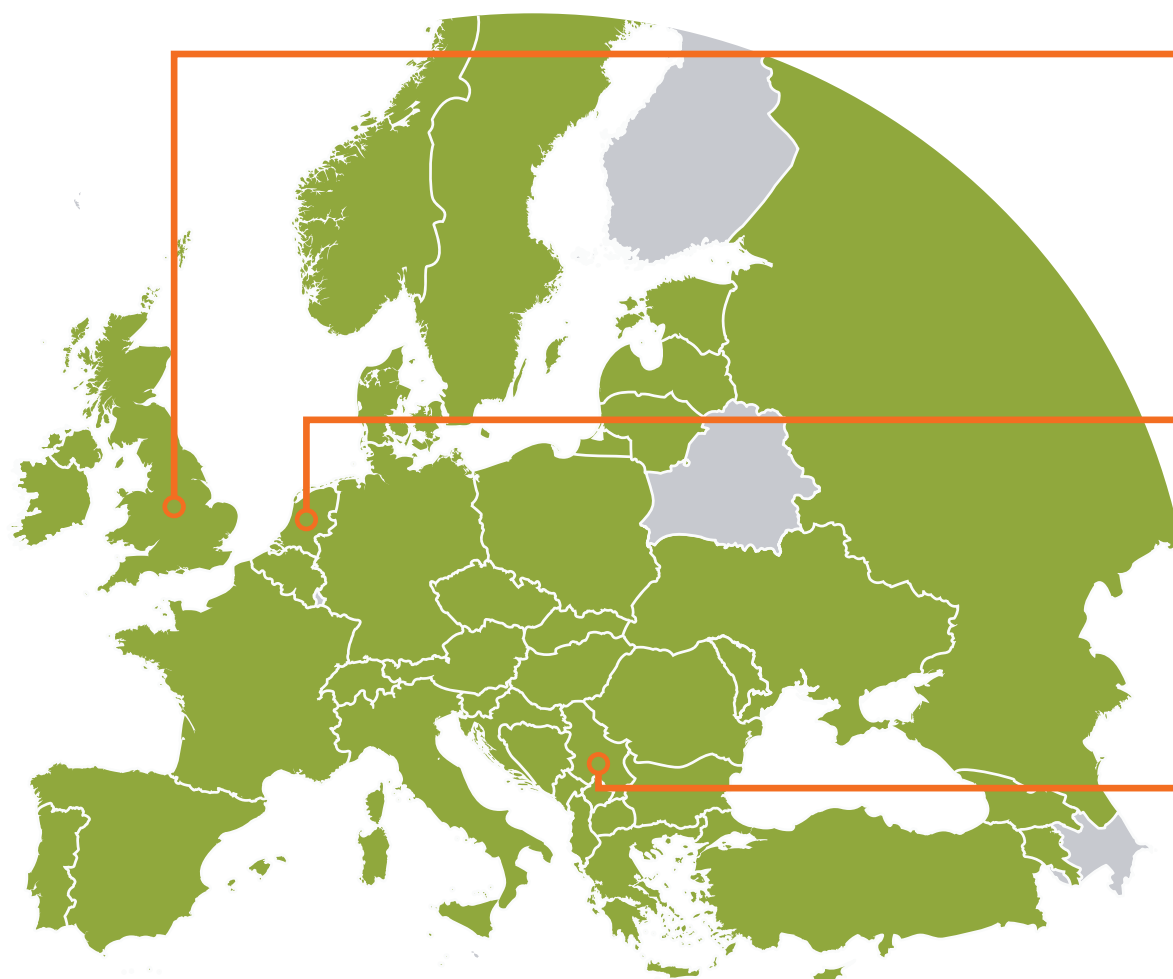
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ENS has an active Board of Trustees currently made up of six members, responsible for overseeing the governance of the charity. They are:

- **STEFANIE GRANT** – An experienced human rights lawyer and expert, currently working as a consultant
- **GÁBOR GYULAI** – Refugee Programme Manager at the Hungarian Helsinki Committee
- **IVANKA KOSTIC** – Founder and Executive Director of Praxis
- **ALLAN LEAS (Chair)** – An experienced human rights professional, formerly ECRE Secretary General and currently working as a consultant
- **JAMES WOODSON (Treasurer)** – Secretary General of the British-Swiss Chamber of Commerce
- **MAURICE WREN** – Chief Executive of the Refugee Council

OUR MEMBERS

Our membership spans a broad spectrum, from large international NGOs to smaller grassroots organisations: legal advice agencies, research and policy institutions, frontline service providers, detention specialists and several prominent international law experts. We have 125 members in 40 European countries (see shaded areas of map).



“Working with ENS is incredibly rewarding. The Director and staff are extremely knowledgeable and dedicated to tackling the issue. Using ENS's report on detention of stateless people in the UK for training and advocacy and collaborating on the Statelessness Index have been particularly useful for me.

CYNTHIA ORCHARD, STATELESSNESS POLICY AND CASEWORK COORDINATOR AT ASYLUM AID

“Our collaboration with ENS has enabled ASKV to take our statelessness work to the next level. We now have a strong coalition working on statelessness issues in the Netherlands supported by ENS's strategic litigation programme, joint awareness raising work and the Statelessness Index.

MARLOTTE VAN DAEL, PROJECT COORDINATOR & RESEARCHER AT ASKV REFUGEE SUPPORT

“ENS puts a much-needed spotlight on the circumstances that give rise to statelessness and its impact on people. The Statelessness Index will help us get the issue higher up the policy agenda and will be a valuable advocacy tool to push for further improvement in protection, prevention and reduction of statelessness in Serbia.

IVANKA KOSTIC, DIRECTOR OF PRAXIS

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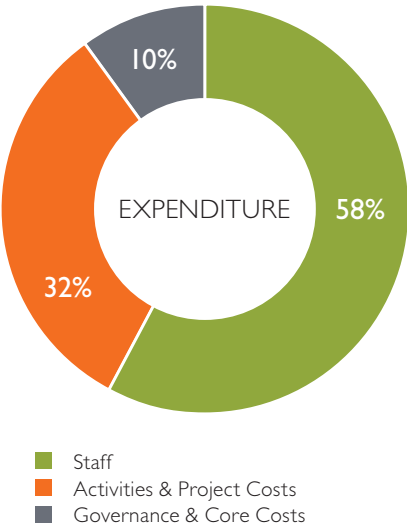
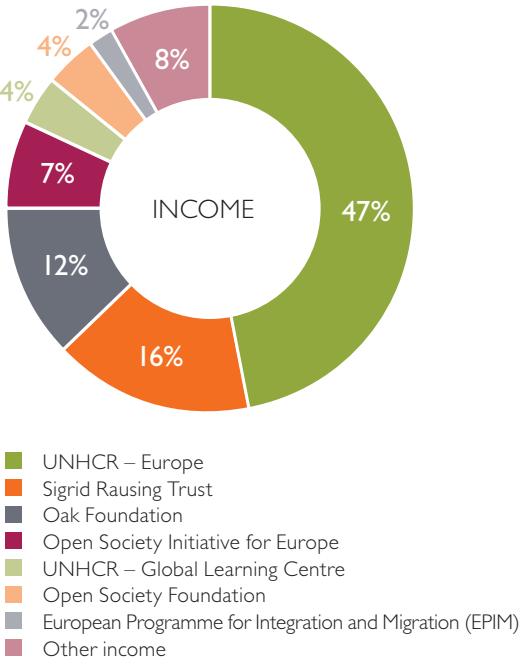
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FINANCES

The information below covers the period between 1 January to 31 December 2017 and is an extract from our full annual financial statement, which was approved by the ENS Board of Trustees on 18 May 2018. This underwent Independent Financial Examination, and has been submitted to the Charity Commission. For further information, please consult the full financial statement, the Independent Examiner's Report and the Trustees' annual report which are available from ENS on request.

	Unrestricted funds (£)	Restricted funds (£)	Total funds (£)
BALANCE AT 1 JANUARY 2017	61,575	7,903	69,478
INCOME			
Grants received	70,000	178,361	248,361
Other voluntary income	4,402	-	4,402
TOTAL INCOME	74,402	178,361	252,763
EXPENDITURE			
Charitable activities	68,719	151,952	220,671
Governance costs	1200	-	1,200
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	69,919	151,952	221,871
Transfers between Funds	493	(493)	-
TOTAL FUNDS (31 DECEMBER 2017)	66,551*	33,819**	100,370

* Part of these funds (£40,000) comprise monies which are required to be expended by 31 August 2018.
** These funds comprise monies from grants periods 2017 -18, which are required to be expended by 31 December 2018.



“ Council of Europe’s action on identifying practical solutions aims to reduce statelessness among refugee and migrant children. ENS, its work and its campaign #LockedInLimbo are instrumental in advocating for the rights of stateless people. Together we hope to increase safety for stateless refugees and migrants and secure respect for their human rights.

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