

A quarterly update on statelessness in Europe



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ENS Interview with Elisabeth Tan, Director, UNHCR Division of International Protection

ENS was pleased to catch up with Elisabeth Tan, Director of UNHCR's Division of International Protection, to ask about the Global Alliance to End Statelessness, which will be launched next year, and for which ENS is happy to be a member of the Taskforce set up to advise on its foundational elements.



“The vision of the Global Alliance to End Statelessness is a world free from statelessness where everyone enjoys the right to a nationality without discrimination.”

- Elisabeth Tan, Director of UNHCR's Division of International Protection

**The Global Alliance to End
Statelessness will be formally launched**

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next year following the end of UNHCR's #IBelong campaign – can you tell us what the Global Alliance is, and why it is important?

Despite significant progress and results achieved in the last decade the challenges of statelessness will regrettably continue to remain beyond the lifetime of the #IBelong Campaign. The 2021 external evaluation of UNHCR-led Initiatives to End Statelessness found that UNHCR and partners successfully raised awareness on statelessness and influenced political will and capacity to prevent and resolve statelessness. However, it also acknowledged that UNHCR and its partners cannot end statelessness alone. Therefore, a key recommendation was to establish a lasting multi-stakeholder coalition to advance the statelessness agenda post the #IBelong campaign's conclusion in 2024.

We are excited to shift into this new strategic phase of our collective efforts to end statelessness. It involves adopting a 'whole of society' approach through engaging and mobilising a diverse range of stakeholders, across all societal sectors and levels (global, regional, national) including stateless people themselves.

statelessness where everyone enjoys the right to a nationality without discrimination. This will happen through convening all key stakeholders, including stateless-led organisations, UN Agencies, civil society organisations and networks, Member States and regional intergovernmental organisations to support collective and collaborative action. The Global Alliance will provide a platform for learning, exchange, and collaboration; and critically, will catalyse and accelerate change by identifying and responding to gaps in laws, policies and practice, and building the political commitment needed to eradicate statelessness and to uphold the rights of stateless people.

Addressing statelessness is closely linked to the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. The Global Alliance should contribute to achieving the SDGs, the commitments to leave no one behind, and ensuring legal identity for all.

Where can our readers find out more about the Global Alliance, who should get involved and why, and how is it possible to join?

For those interested in learning more or getting involved with the Global Alliance...

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Spotlight

ENS unveils ambitious new Strategic Plan



Our new 2024-28 Strategic Plan, published earlier this month, outlines our vision for ensuring that everyone can realise their right to a nationality. Aiming for transformative change, the plan outlines three key goals: that stateless individuals and their communities can claim power as leaders of change, ensuring ENS is an accountable, inclusive, and sustainable network, and driving urgent law and policy reform to realise the right to a nationality and other human rights of stateless people.

[Read the 2024-28 Strategic Plan](#) and find out how we plan to break the cycle of statelessness by working tirelessly alongside people affected by statelessness, supporting our members, and acting as a strategic partner to policymakers in law and policy reform.

Statelessness at the Global Refugee Forum



We were delighted to co-sponsor a Global Refugee Forum linked event on [Multi-Stakeholder Approaches Towards Ending Statelessness this month](#). The event was introduced by ENS Director Chris Nash and featured discussions with stateless activists facilitated by UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador, Cate Blanchett, followed by a wide-ranging panel discussion to highlight the importance of participation and partnership between civil society, States, and UN agencies to realise everyone's right to a nationality.

The Global refugee Forum itself proved a useful opportunity to raise and mainstream statelessness among a large audience of relevant stakeholders. We also met with a wide range of UN officials and state delegations in the margins of the event.

Joint advocacy to address statelessness among resettled Bhutanese refugees in Denmark



In November, we launched a [new film](#), which we produced together with the Association of Bhutanese Communities in Denmark (ABCD) as part of our #StatelessJourneys project. The film offers an intimate look at the daily challenges faced by the resettled Bhutanese community as they advocate for citizenship rights after over a decade of living in Denmark.

The film comes at a pivotal moment as ABCD continues their advocacy work to address statelessness among permanently resettled Bhutanese refugees in the country, of whom [98% remain without a nationality](#) today.

On 27 November, we co-organised a public [meeting](#) in Copenhagen with the Danish Refugee Council and ABCD to discuss the current situation of different stateless communities in Denmark and the much needed reform of the Danish Government's approach to addressing statelessness. The initiative is a good example of how ENS seeks to work alongside members of our community group to help bring about change.

Latest updates

Welcoming a new team member



In November, we were excited to welcome Layan Choufani as our new Policy and Advocacy Officer. Layan will support our policy and advocacy initiatives towards the EU, Council of Europe, UN, and other relevant institutions across different thematic areas. We look forward to her contribution to the team and the increased capacity for our Policy team as we take steps to realise our new strategic goals.

Aleksandra Semeriak Gavrilienok appointed as ENS trustee



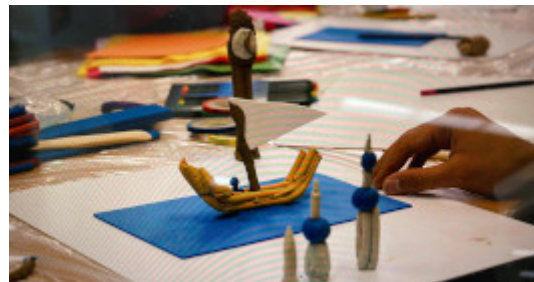
In November, we welcomed Aleksandra Semeriak Gavrilienok as a new ENS trustee. Aleksandra is a tireless campaigner for the rights of stateless people and brings a wealth of expertise to the Board, having dedicated her career to non-profit work in statelessness, migration, asylum, and human rights. As an active individual member of the Network since 2015, Aleksandra has played a significant role in our awareness-raising campaigns and community engagement on statelessness. She advocates fiercely for the importance of centring decision-making around the

Building Alliances with Changemakers in Berlin



On 28 November, Robert Bosch Stiftung, ENS, and Statefree jointly organised a panel discussion on working alongside stateless communities to end statelessness in Europe. Changemakers from Germany and Europe convened to discuss the strategies for building inclusive alliances for change with affected individuals and communities. The event was also an opportunity to present our new Strategic Plan with the ambitious aim to break the cycle of statelessness in Europe.

ENS organises a roundtable on mental health and statelessness



In our work with communities and our broader advocacy, we are increasingly aware of the complex impacts that statelessness, compounded by other factors, has on individuals' mental health and wellbeing. Despite this, there's been strikingly little research on the specific impacts of statelessness on mental health. To address this, ENS organised a mental health roundtable in October to look at ways to increase understanding amongst

perspectives of those with lived experience of statelessness, enriching these conversations with her own expertise and insights gained from her own lived experience. We look forward to the invaluable guidance and support Aleksandra will bring to ENS, especially as we embark on a new phase of development to realise our new Strategic Plan for 2024-28. [Learn more about Aleksandra's work.](#)

Joint statement on why statelessness cannot be ignored in the violence in Gaza and Israel



In the wake of the devastating violence in Gaza and Israel, we issued a [joint statement](#) with the MENA Statelessness Network (Hawiati) and Statefree calling for an immediate ceasefire, the lifting of the Gaza blockade, and respect for international law to prevent civilian casualties. Given the multi-generational statelessness lived by millions of Palestinians in the region and beyond, the statement urges that the issue of statelessness cannot be ignored in work to push for a longer-term, just solution for both Israelis and Palestinians and the promotion of sustainable peace and security in the region.

New ENS research: Stateless Kurds from Syria in the UK asylum process



communities, mental health practitioners, and support organisations of how to adequately promote the care and healing of stateless individuals. First and foremost this was an opportunity for representatives from different affected communities to share existing knowledge on mental health and statelessness and to discuss as a sector how gaps can be addressed going forward. Look out for more on this in coming months.

Celebrating Pro Bono Week 2023



We recently celebrated Pro Bono Week (6-10 November) with a [short video](#) showcasing the impactful contributions of our pro bono legal partners in the fight against statelessness in Europe. The support they provide encompasses vital research to develop legal briefings and information tools, as well as support for direct and third-party litigation across Europe. In particular, we wanted to highlight their contribution to our [Statelessness Case Law Database](#), a key pillar of our strategy to increase the capacity and expertise of lawyers and bring about real change to the lives of stateless people by supporting strategic litigation and other work to hold governments to account. [Watch the video.](#)

Recent developments in Belgium



In October, we launched new research on how stateless Kurds from Syria experience the UK asylum process. Conducted by Thomas McGee as part of our #StatelessJourneys project, the [research report](#) reveals that stateless asylum seekers in the UK can experience unique hurdles that pose challenges both for applicants and for decision-makers considering their asylum claims. Our [webinar](#) on 11 October brought together a panel of experts to discuss the relevance of these findings for wider statelessness and asylum law and policy and regional implications including for Country of Origin Information (COI). [Read more about the work in this blog](#).

Significant progress in North Macedonia



[In a series of recent legal reforms](#), North Macedonia has introduced measures to address the lack of identity documents and birth registration of people with unregulated civil status in the country. In June, the North Macedonian Parliament adopted amendments to the Law on Civil Registry that ensure the immediate registration of every child born on the territory and regularise the situation of 700 undocumented people identified through an earlier public call. Amendments were also subsequently adopted to the Law on Registration of Residence and the Law on Identification Documents, which introduce a simplified procedure to register residence (a prerequisite for obtaining an identity document). A process has now begun to document individuals with unregulated status and issue identity documents, opening up routes to confirm or acquire nationality. It will be important

[Belgium](#) has been the focus of much attention in recent months. In September, the Government submitted a [proposal](#) to amend the Immigration Law with a view to introducing a new right of residence for stateless persons, which is currently being discussed in Parliament. The bill contains several concerning features, including imposing restrictive eligibility requirements and creating a complex mechanism for stateless people to access protection. [ENS and NANSEN published a joint opinion](#) analysing the proposal. There have also been reports that in August, the Immigration Office instructed several municipalities to [withdraw the Belgian nationality of Palestinian children](#) born in Belgium, which lawyers have deemed [illegal](#) and is highly concerning. In December, our member, NANSEN, organised an event for lawyers in Brussels to discuss the ongoing reforms and present the data from the [Statelessness Index on Belgium](#), with contributions from Aleksejs Ivashuk (Apatride Network), Patricia Cabral (ENS), Valérie Klein (UNHCR Belgium), and Julie Lejeune (NANSEN).

OSCE, HCNM and UNHCR Conference on Statelessness in South-Eastern Europe



In October, a [regional conference](#) held by OSCE, the High Commissioner for National Minorities, and UNHCR in Skopje saw national authorities and civil society representatives committing to resolving all identified cases of statelessness in South-Eastern Europe and preventing the birth of stateless children. During the event, our Director, Chris Nash, reflected on the progress made and underscored the

to monitor and evaluate implementation of the new measures over the coming months and years.

Georgia passes new citizenship law



The Georgian Parliament has approved a legislative amendment to [facilitate the naturalisation of stateless people](#), in line with a [pledge](#) that Georgia made at UNHCR's 2019 High Level Segment on Statelessness. According to the [amendments to the Citizenship Law](#), which will enter into force on 1 January 2024, stateless people who have been residing 'lawfully' and continuously in Georgia for five years will qualify for naturalisation, which is reduced from ten years compared to foreigners with a nationality. However, stateless people must still fulfil other requirements to be eligible for Georgian nationality, such as adequate knowledge of the language, history of the country, and working or having invested in the country (unless they are a minor).

ENS workshop at EUAA Country Information and Guidance Conference



In October, ENS joined forces with Asylös to co-facilitate a workshop on statelessness as a protection consideration at the EU Asylum Agency's Country Information and Guidance

ongoing efforts needed to address statelessness in the region. The discussions encompassed crucial aspects such as ensuring birth registration, facilitating acquisition of nationality, and combating antigypsyism.

Statelessness Awareness Forum Europe - SAF(E)



A new initiative led by Apatride Network aims to raise awareness of statelessness by directly involving experts with lived experience in engagement with experts including UNHCR, statelessness NGOs, and universities. The [Statelessness Awareness Forum \(Europe\) – SAF\(E\)](#) will take place between 20-24 March 2024 and invites participation from university students and young professionals across Europe to engage and learn about the topic of statelessness. The forum will feature lectures and workshops and aims to provide a platform for neutral and collaborative discussions, fostering awareness and knowledge exchange on the significant issue of statelessness among a diverse audience. [Learn more.](#)

Awareness month on childhood statelessness and the right to education



The Institute for Statelessness and Inclusion (ISI) recently concluded its Awareness Month on Childhood

Conference in Malta. The workshop aimed to deepen participants' understanding of statelessness in the EU, emphasizing its relevance in asylum contexts. It explored the crucial role of Country of Origin Information and Country Guidance in enhancing the assessment of international protection claims submitted by stateless individuals in Europe. After fruitful exchanges with EUAA, decision-makers, civil society, and UN representatives, we are excited for continued collaboration.

CDA conference on statelessness in Moldova

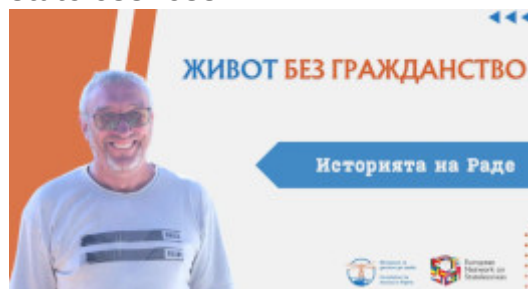


In November, our member, Centrul de Drept al Avocatilor (CDA), hosted a [two-day conference on statelessness](#), supported by UNHCR. Attended by national and international experts, government officials, and UN representatives, the event aimed to address statelessness in Moldova. ENS's Patricia Cabral and Alexia Tizzano presented on the situation of stateless people in Europe and the Statelessness Index. The conference welcomed the recent legislative amendment to prevent statelessness at birth of all children born in Moldova, regardless of their parents' status, and emphasised the importance of political will, clear strategies, and a collaborative multilateral approach to address further issues. [Read the impact report](#).

Cepaim organises training for civil society on statelessness

Statelessness and Education. This global initiative, in collaboration with national partners across all regions, aimed to generate much-needed discourse and action on this issue. A key event on 28 November featured ENS member, Elvis Beriša, discussing the challenges faced by Roma children due to statelessness, especially in education. [Learn more about the initiative](#).

Foundation for Access to Rights social media campaign on statelessness

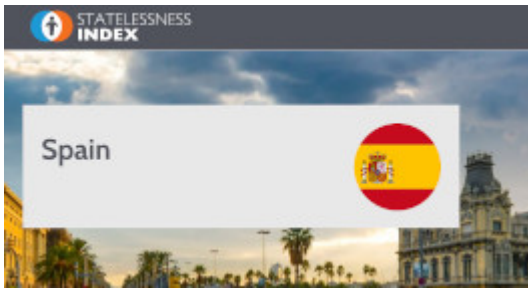


Over the last few months, our member, Foundation for Access to Rights, has developed an [online campaign](#) based on [interviews conducted with stateless people](#) living in Bulgaria, to draw attention to the major issues they face including lack of documentation, immigration detention, and lack of access to fundamental rights. The campaign also included information about the SDP in Bulgaria, the Statelessness Index, and key advocacy priorities to address statelessness.

CIR webinar on statelessness

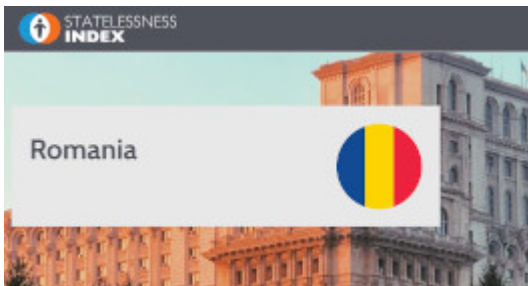


On 6 December, our member, the Italian Council for Refugees (CIR), hosted a [webinar](#) on statelessness in Italy and across Europe, encompassing discussions on a variety of themes including data on statelessness, the



Across the month of November, Fundación Cepaim hosted a series of webinars as part of its “Impulso” project, aimed at promoting the participation of civil society in European and international spaces. One of the webinars was dedicated to discussing statelessness and how civil society can work together to address the issue in Spain, including through the use of the [Statelessness Index](#) as a benchmarking tool. The webinar included participations from Aleksandra Semeriak, Ahmed Barca Yeslem (LEFRIG), El Mami Brahim (Convive - Fundación Cepaim), and Patricia Cabral (ENS).

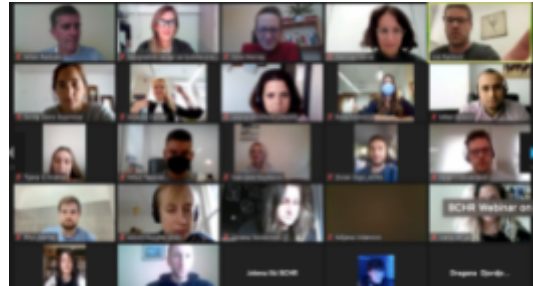
JRS/UNHCR roundtable on statelessness in Romania



In November, our member, the Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) in Romania, together with UNHCR, co-organised a national roundtable on statelessness, bringing together government representatives, legal practitioners, civil society, and media. Expert interventions were made by ENS’ Patricia Cabral and Gábor Gyulai from the Hungarian Helsinki Committee on international and regional standards to protect stateless people and the [Statelessness Index](#). It was recommended that the Romanian Government consider creating an inter-ministerial technical working group, with

perspectives of people affected by statelessness, climate statelessness, and the role of case law in the protection of stateless people. The webinar promoted the use of the Statelessness Index and the [country profile on Italy](#), which provides up-to-date information on law, policy and practice to address and prevent statelessness.

Drop-in sessions for legal practitioners on statelessness



In October, ENS hosted the first drop-in session for legal practitioners working on statelessness in Europe. Recognising the knowledge and expertise across the ENS network, and based on feedback from our members, we aim to create opportunities for exchange that will support our members’ work. The sessions aim to be a member-led space, where discussions are guided by member priorities, and will be held on a regular basis.

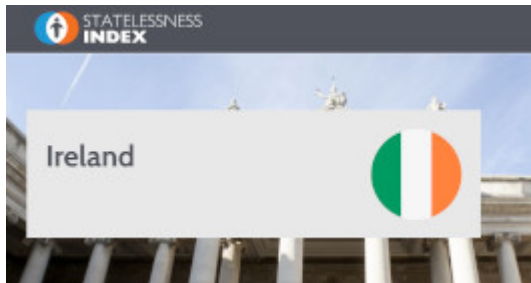
EMN workshop on multi-level governance in case resolution for undocumented migrants



In December, the European Migration Network organised a two-day workshop to share initiatives and discuss challenges in taking a multistakeholder and whole-of-society approach to resolve the cases of undocumented migrants living in a prolonged irregular situation, including

participation from UNHCR and civil society, to further discuss issues relating to nationality and statelessness in Romania.

Immigrant Council of Ireland organises trainings on statelessness



Our member, the Immigrant Council of Ireland (ICI), provided a series of trainings to staff of the Citizens Info Service and to the Irish Immigration Lawyers Association. The latter included a half-day [conference for lawyers](#) focusing on access to nationality for stateless people in Ireland and the prevention of childhood statelessness, with interventions from Mary Henderson and Catherine Cosgrave (ICI), who also presented the [Statelessness Index](#) as a source of analysis and comparative information.

UPR and CRC submissions on Macedonia and Georgia highlight statelessness



Rights Georgia and ENS made a [joint submission to the Committee on the Rights of the Child](#) in November, focusing on Georgia's compliance with the right of every child to acquire a nationality. In October, ENS worked with the Macedonian Young Lawyers Association (MYLA), European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC), and Institute on Statelessness

collaborations between national authorities, local authorities, municipalities, and civil society. ENS's Patricia Cabral participated in the event and contributed with a session aimed at identifying the particular issues faced by stateless people across Europe.

ENS participates in civil society meeting with the European Court of Human Rights



In October, ENS participated in a European Court of Human Rights meeting with NGOs and litigators. In advance of the meeting, ENS's Alexia Tizzano met with NGOs and litigators at an event organised by the [Open Society Justice Initiative](#) in Strasbourg. The meetings provided an opportunity to discuss crucial issues such as the impact of Russia's war in Ukraine on case processing at the Court, the Court's impact strategy, as well as third-party interventions, both with litigators and the Court itself.

EUAA second plenary meeting of the Consultative Forum



ENS's Alexia Tizzano attended the second edition of the EU Asylum Agency's Consultative Forum plenary meeting in Malta on 30 November, during which the EUAA provided an update on asylum in the EU, and the Agency's activities. In addition, interactive discussions between

and Inclusion (ISI) on a [joint submission to the Universal Periodic Review](#), noting progress in North Macedonia to solve statelessness but also the challenges that remain.

the Consultative Forum members took place on the Agency's 2024 annual workplan. ENS also attended thematic consultation group meetings on persons in a vulnerable situation and Country-of-Origin Information (COI) taking place alongside the plenary.

European litigation updates

This section includes relevant European case law on statelessness and nationality from regional and domestic courts. For more updates and to browse 300 other cases visit our [Statelessness Case Law Database](#). You can also read and subscribe to our special [Litigation newsletter](#) which is dedicated to providing updates relevant to legal practitioners working on nationality and statelessness.

CJEU: UNRWA's protection ceases when a stateless Palestinian cannot access required medical care

[Court of Justice of the European Union, Office français de protection des réfugiés et apatrides \(OFPRA\) v SW, C-294/22](#) (5 October 2023)

A stateless person of Palestinian origin, who lived in one of UNRWA's areas of operations in Lebanon, made an asylum application in France claiming that it was impossible for UNRWA to provide him with sufficient access to medical care and appropriate living conditions required by his health condition. The Court found that UNRWA's protection or assistance must be considered to have ceased when UNRWA is unable to ensure that the person 'has access to the healthcare and medical treatment without which that person is exposed to a real risk of imminent death or to a real risk of suffering a serious, rapid and irreversible decline in his or her state of health or a significant reduction in life expectancy'. The existence of that risk is for the national court to assess.

First ECtHR case examining the right to a birth certificate under Article 8

[European Court of Human Rights, G.T.B. v Spain, app no. 3041/19](#) (16 November 2023)

The Court found a violation of article 8, in a groundbreaking case regarding children's right to a birth certificate. The applicant was born in Mexico and repatriated to Spain after an earthquake. Despite his mother's attempts, his birth was not registered upon arrival in Spain as the necessary documentation had been destroyed by the earthquake in Mexico, and he was issued with an ID card only at 21. The Court found that, upon becoming aware of the situation, Spanish authorities were under a positive obligation to assist the applicant in obtaining documentation and the failure to do so resulted in a violation of Article 8 ECHR. Read also the [ECtHR press release](#).

ECtHR: Croatia violated the ECHR when ordering expulsion on national security grounds due to limited procedural rights

[European Court of Human Rights, F.S. v Croatia, app no. 8857/16](#) (5 December 2023)

The applicant had renounced his Bosnian-Herzegovinian citizenship after having received an assurance that he would obtain Croatian citizenship, and became stateless. However,

Croatia subsequently refused his citizenship application on national security grounds, without providing the reasons for this decision. He was issued an expulsion order, and his permanent residence was terminated. While the applicant was in immigration detention, his Bosnian-Herzegovinian citizenship was restored and he left Croatia voluntarily. The Court found that the limitation in the applicant's procedural rights in his expulsion proceedings had not protected him against arbitrariness, and found a violation of Article 1 of Protocol n. 7. The remaining complaints were either found inadmissible or were not examined by the Court. Read the [ECtHR press release](#).

ECtHR: No violation of Article 3 ECHR in case of return of a stateless Palestinian to Lebanon

[European Court of Human Rights, H.A. v United Kingdom, app no. 30919/20](#) (5 December 2023)

The applicant is a stateless person of Palestinian origin who was born in a refugee camp in Lebanon. He applied for protection in the UK on several grounds, including that he was at risk of harm in breach of Article 3 ECHR because of attempts to recruit him to extremist armed factions in the camp, but his application was rejected. The ECtHR accepted that there was no risk in case of return to Lebanon, and found no violation of Article 3 ECHR. Read the [ECtHR press release](#).

Recent publications, reports & briefings

- [\(ENS\) Strategic Plan 2024-28](#) – Our 5-year strategic plan outlines our vision for ensuring that everyone can realise their right to a nationality.
- [\(ENS\) Stateless Bhutanese Refugees in Denmark: Lok Maya's Story](#) – This powerful film follows Lok Maya, a Bhutanese refugee who remains stateless more than 12 years after being permanently resettled in Denmark.
- [\(ENS\) How law firms are contributing to the fight to end statelessness in Europe](#) – To celebrate Pro Bono Week 2023, this video showcases the impactful contributions of our pro bono partners in the fight against statelessness in Europe.
- [\(ENS\) Litigation Bulletin - October 2023](#) – An overview of developments on statelessness from European courts, an update on our litigation activities across the network, recent publications relevant for legal practitioners, and notification about upcoming events and opportunities.
- [\(ENS\) Joint submission on Georgia to the Committee on the Rights of the Child](#) – Joint submission with Rights Georgia to the Committee on the Rights of the Child for the 97th Pre-Sessional Working Group, focusing on Georgia's compliance with the right of every child to acquire a nationality.
- [\(ENS\) Why statelessness cannot be ignored in the violence in Gaza and Israel](#) – Joint Statement with the MENA Statelessness Network (Hawiati), and Statefree as three civil society actors working with people affected by statelessness in the MENA region and in Europe.
- [\(ENS\) "Credibility Undermined" - Challenges in Determining Country of Origin for Stateless Asylum Seekers: Kurds from Syria in the UK](#) – Research report revealing that stateless asylum seekers in the UK can experience unique hurdles that pose challenges both for applicants and for decision makers considering their asylum claims.

- [\(ENS\) WEBINAR: 'Credibility Undermined' – Challenges Faced by Stateless Asylum Seekers in the UK](#) – A recording of our webinar launching a new research report exploring the experiences of stateless Kurds from Syria in the UK asylum process.
- [\(ENS\) Submissions to the Human Rights Council at the 46th Session of the Universal Periodic Review \(UPR\)](#) – A submission on North Macedonia was made jointly with Macedonian Young Lawyers Association (MYLA), the European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC) and the Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion (ISI).
- [\(Secretary General of the Council of Europe\) - Annual Report on the State of democracy, human rights and the rule of law 2023](#) – The Secretary General of the Council of Europe published her annual report on the state of democracy, human rights and the rule of law.
- [\(Oxfam\) Further into the Margins: A regional report on Roma communities displaced by the Ukraine crisis](#) – This research report examines the experiences of Roma communities displaced by the war in Ukraine.

Blogs & news articles

- [\(José María Arraiza\) Will Digital ID help Stateless People? The Threat of Digital Administrative Violence](#) – The opportunities and risks digital ID systems pose for stateless people.
- [\(Giulia Bittoni\) Surrogacy Arrangements: Can Article 8 of the ECHR Combat Child Statelessness?](#) – Exploring surrogacy as a potential (indirect) contributor to statelessness and the possible legal remedies to avert new incidents of statelessness.
- [\(Catherine Harrington\) Our Hands Extended: International Calls to End Gender Discrimination in Nationality Laws](#) – How the recent Global Summit on Gender Equality in Nationality Laws spotlighted the urgent need to eliminate gender discriminatory nationality laws.
- [\(ENS\) Open Call For An Immediate Ceasefire In The Gaza Strip And Israel](#) – ENS joined over 300 organisations in over 50 countries to show solidarity in calling for an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and Israel.
- [\(Nicoletta Charalambidou\) In search of a legal bond: Turkish Cypriot children of mixed marriages in Cyprus](#) – An estimated 10,000 children of mixed marriages between Turkish Cypriots and Turkish nationals (or nationals of another country) are facing discriminatory barriers to acquiring Cypriot nationality.
- [\(Thomas McGee\) Are Stateless Claimants Disadvantaged Within Asylum Procedures? New Evidence from the UK Context](#) – This post introduces new research focussing on the experiences of stateless Kurds from Syria in the UK asylum system.
- [\(Open Democracy, Igor Ilyash\) Can EU help Belarusians who face the choice between statelessness and prison?](#) – This article speaks about the situation faced by Belarusians living abroad.
- [\(Refugee Law Initiative\) The EU's Ukraine Temporary Protection Scheme: a 3rd year extension](#) – This blog provides interesting background to the extension of Temporary Protection for those fleeing the conflict in Ukraine.
- [\(Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion \(ISI\) & Child Identity Protection \(CHIP\)\). Protecting Futures: Addressing lack of access to education for children without legal identity](#) – This Symposium was held on 28 November to address the situation of millions of children who cannot access education due to lack of legal identity

connected with issues such as missing birth certificates, being stateless and lost identity documents.

Events & opportunities

- [2024 World Conference on Statelessness](#) – 26-29 February in Malaysia. Buy tickets and register [here](#).



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