

OUR IMPACT 2024

During 2024 ENS has continued to lead civil society efforts to address statelessness in Europe, achieving significant impact and a 'multiplier effect' through our membership, which includes over 180 members in 41 European countries.

Benchmarking progress through our Statelessness Index

A key priority has been to maintain and further develop our [Statelessness Index](#) which now benchmarks how 32 European countries address statelessness. We worked with our partners to update 14 countries, researched new country chapters for Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo, and delivered outreach and engagement activities in 18 countries. In March 2024, we held our annual [state of play assessment webinar](#) with an audience of over 100. The Index which had over 14,000 users in 2024 continues to enhance our ability to monitor law and policy, push for reform, and hold governments to account on their international obligations. In November we published a [comparative Index briefing](#) on birth registration and the prevention of statelessness in Europe. The Index contains a dedicated thematic section on detention, which informs our ongoing advocacy on preventing the arbitrary detention of stateless people.

Seeking to embed advocacy wins by influencing implementation of the EU Migration & Asylum Pact

Building on our [#StatelessJourneys initiative](#) focused on improving routes to protection for stateless refugees, we continued our advocacy towards EU institutions which successfully resulted in the finally adopted EU Migration & Asylum Pact including new provisions to improve the identification and protection of displaced stateless people. We followed this up with extensive advocacy on the need to action this as part of the Pact implementation process, in support of which we prepared this detailed [briefing](#). Our advocacy has included multiple meetings with the European Commission, MEPs. Members States and the EU Asylum Agency. We also engaged our members to support advocacy at country level. This coordinated and multifaceted advocacy at both regional and national level, utilising our extensive advocacy relationships, has been crucial in addressing the 'blind spot' on statelessness which had been entirely overlooked in the original Pact proposal first unveiled by the European Commission.

Continuing our focus on the War Against Ukraine

We have continued to monitor and respond to statelessness issues arising from the conflict in Ukraine. Drawing on the expertise of our members in the region, we continue to monitor and publish information on access to protection for stateless refugees in the EU and [to advocate](#) for inclusive solutions, including under the EU Temporary Protection Directive. We maintain a [dedicated page](#) on our website and participate in stakeholder fora to ensure statelessness is addressed. In February 2024, we published an updated [briefing](#) to mark the two-year anniversary since the full-scale Russian invasion.

Rolling out our new Identification Toolkit

A key innovation during 2024 was our development of an identification toolkit to help frontline practitioners to identify and address statelessness in countries across Europe. Together with our members, we designed a guide to developing a country-specific toolkit to support frontline asylum practitioners working with refugees to identify when somebody

might be stateless, and to respond accordingly. The guide provides key definitions and general information about the causes of statelessness and how to identify it, information about determining and preventing statelessness, and resources and support for stateless people that can then be adapted to each country. Building on our #StatelessJourneys campaign and a successful pilot project in France, we have worked with partners on the ground to develop tailored toolkits for [Bulgaria](#), [Czechia](#), Germany, [Romania](#), and [Turkiye](#).

Human rights advocacy and strategic litigation

We have worked with our members to undertake extensive human rights advocacy during 2024, making joint submissions to the Universal Periodic Review for [Albania](#), [Bosnia and Herzegovina](#) and [Spain](#), publishing joint submissions on [Serbia](#) and [Poland](#) to the Human Rights Committee, and on [Spain](#) and [Romania](#) to the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

We have maintained a strong focus on strategic litigation, including to further develop our Statelessness Case Law Database, which now contains over 340 summaries. The database attracted over 13,000 active users in 2024. In June we published an updated version of our [Litigation Toolkit](#) and in October we published a [legal briefing](#) on statelessness and the right to respect for family and private life, accompanied by a [webinar](#). Together with our litigation partners, we submitted two third party interventions before the European Court of Human Rights, one in February in the case [Suji v. Greece](#) on the right to family reunification of stateless refugees under the ECHR and one in May in [Ramadani v. Serbia](#) on the right to immediate birth registration without discrimination and the importance of nationality under the ECHR. We also produced three [Litigation Bulletins](#), providing an overview of developments on statelessness from European courts, recent publications and information about upcoming opportunities. We have continued to coordinate our Strategic Litigation Online Forum and organised regular legal drop-in sessions for legal practitioners working on statelessness in Europe, providing a member-led space to exchange knowledge and expertise across the ENS network.

Tackling Roma statelessness

We have continued to prioritise [work to address Roma statelessness](#) with a particular focus on a project with the Council of Europe in the Western Balkans supporting our members to advocate for governments to implement commitments to end Roma statelessness under the EU Enlargement Process. In April 2024, we made a [submission to the European Commission's Annual Enlargement Package](#) focusing on statelessness and covering all enlargement countries for the first time.

Addressing statelessness on the global stage

We have continued our [international advocacy](#) to ensure that statelessness is prominently addressed as part of the UN's Global Compact on Refugees and Global Refugee Forum (GRF) process, including by continuing to serve on the GRF NGO Reference Group. We also served as a member of the Taskforce set up to advise on the formation of a new UNHCR-led multistakeholder [Global Alliance to End Statelessness](#) before successfully applying to join its inaugural [Advisory Committee](#) which replaced the Taskforce in September. In October our Director was invited to [speak](#) at the High-Level Segment (HLS) on Statelessness which formally launched the Global Alliance. Ahead of this we published a [HLS briefing](#) on statelessness in Europe, following this up with several meetings in the margins of the HLS - including organising a delegation meeting of 15 civil society actors with UNHCR's Assistant High Commissioner. We also facilitated with UNHCR the first ever Global Alliance Regional Network Lab on Statelessness. Earlier, in February 2024, we organised and/or presented at

six sessions during the World Conference on Statelessness in Malaysia.

Growing our reach

Our social media, [blog](#), [newsletter](#), and [website](#) continue to strengthen our online presence and issue awareness with over 73,000 annual website users. In November we convened our Annual General Conference (online) bringing together our members from across Europe, and complementing other initiatives we held throughout the year designed to connect and engage our network with implementation of our [strategic plan](#).

Centering stateless people and progressing our community engagement work

Underpinning all our work and critical to our changemaking efforts is our strong engagement with stateless people and communities directly impacted by statelessness. We continue to facilitate a regular online space for collaboration and dialogue with a group of over 45 stateless changemakers and community representatives. We regularly consult the group on core ENS activities and enable opportunities to participate in and inform our work, as well as to co-develop holistic support and training. Through our community engagement model, we help to facilitate community representatives to meet directly with policymakers as part of our efforts to drive systemic change. At our online and in-person events, we have ensured that stateless leaders speak alongside ministers, parliamentarians, UN and other institutional leaders, reinforcing knowledge parity and enabling their direct shaping of policy agendas at country and regional level. To support this, we have also continued to promote our [Community Speaker Policy](#) co-designed to support equitable inclusion and respect for community members speaking at events. During 2024 we complemented this by co-developing [Community Storytelling Guidelines](#), designed to help enable individuals with lived experience to authentically control their own narrative in driving change and creating a better future.