

Cooperation mechanisms

This section provides examples of how national human rights structures collaborate to implement EU law. The protection and promotion of human rights within the EU require collective action across various structures and mandates. The mapping offers practical cases of cooperation designed to facilitate peer learning, although it does not claim to be exhaustive. Effective national human rights frameworks depend on both formal and informal collaboration among key stakeholders, including human rights statutory bodies, civil society organisations, government bodies, and parliamentary committees. Such partnerships promote coordinated efforts and the exchange of expertise, enhance rights awareness, help operationalise human rights principles, address gaps in protection, and reduce unnecessary duplication. The Tool includes two examples for each country, with supplementary details and, when available, additional practices under "more information." The Practices section outlines mechanisms that support cooperation among stakeholders, such as formal and informal arrangements. These mechanisms include collaborative working relationships, joint initiatives, memoranda of understanding, protocols, and advisory councils.

MS	Title	Partners	Description	More details
Austria	Roma Dialogue Platform	• Roma civil society, government administration	The Roma Dialogue Platform is considered a promising practice of cooperation, coordination and synergies, as it meets several criteria in accordance with the Belgrade principles, as explained below. The mechanism is regulated by point 28 of the EU framework for national Roma integration strategies up to 2020. The framework calls on Member States to promote the active involvement of Roma civil society as a whole and all other stakeholders, including at the regional and local levels, in Roma inclusion strategies. This is done in Austria by the Roma Dialogue Platform, which is a means of cooperation between parliament, government administration and civil society. In the framework of the Roma Dialogue Platform, civil society participates in monitoring the implementation of the national Roma strategy. Moreover, through the Roma Dialogue Platform, Roma civil society consults decision-makers in parliament and government administration on Roma concerns and needs. Thus, regular and structured exchange between representatives of government agencies and civil-society associations, in addition to experts from science and research, on Roma-relevant issues is facilitated by the platform.	View more

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