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National Human Rights Institutions

See the Human Rights Ombudsman.

Human Rights Ombudsman (*Varuh človekovih pravic*)

The position of Human Rights Ombudsman was created in the Republic of Slovenia in order to ensure general protection for human rights and fundamental freedoms. The Human Rights Ombudsman, his/her four deputies or his/her assistants receive applications from persons who consider that **a human right or fundamental freedom has been infringed by the action of a public authority, a local self-government body or a legal person subject to public law**. The Human Rights Ombudsman operates on the basis of the 1994 Human Rights Ombudsman Act (*Zakon o Varuhu človekovih pravic*).

The Human Rights Ombudsman may

warn the perpetrator of the infringement to rectify or cease the irregularity, or

even **propose** that compensation be granted for damages.

On your behalf and with your authorisation, the Ombudsman **may submit a request to the Constitutional Court for an assessment of the constitutionality and legality** of certain provisions or acts, or

submit a constitutional complaint on the grounds of the infringement of a right.

He/she may **submit initiatives to the Government or Parliament for laws and other provisions to be amended**.

He/she may suggest to all bodies for which he/she is responsible that they improve their functioning and their relations with parties.

He/she **may give anyone his/her opinion** on a particular case relating to a breach of rights and freedoms, irrespective of the type of procedure or the stage reached in the examination of the case before the body in question.

The Human Rights Ombudsman may not act or **rectify breaches** or irregularities **instead of the relevant state body, local self-government body or legal person subject to public law**.

The party that committed the breach or infringement is also responsible for rectifying it itself. Moreover, the Ombudsman **may not examine cases that are being dealt with by the courts**, other than in exceptional cases.

By law the Ombudsman **has no authority in the private sector**, so he/she may not intervene in cases in which rights are breached by a private company, for example. In such cases, he/she may exert pressure on the state bodies, local self-government bodies or legal persons subject to public law which monitor the work of the private company or individual concerned.

The Ombudsman also monitors places of detention and the treatment of persons who have been detained or whose liberty has been restricted, in cooperation with non-governmental and humanitarian organisations.

The Ombudsman has the power to monitor, warn and advise but not to take official decisions.

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Human Rights Ombudsman of the Republic of Slovenia

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Specialised human rights bodies:

Ombudsman for Rights of Children (*Varuh otrokovih pravic*)

Part of the Human Rights Ombudsman's institution, a specialised Deputy of the Ombudsman.

Advocate of the Principle of Equality (*Zagovornik načela enakosti*)

The Advocate of the Principle of Equality seeks to prevent and eliminate discrimination in Slovenia.

INITIATIVES (COMPLAINTS): He/she handles your initiatives or complaints in cases of alleged discrimination. He/she issues a non-legally binding opinion on whether you are being discriminated against in a particular situation, i.e. are being treated unequally because of personal circumstances. At the same time, he/she makes recommendations to the perpetrators of infringements on how to rectify them and on the reasons for and consequences of such infringements. In this way, he/she seeks, through his/her action, to rectify infringements informally and helps to improve future practice. However, if a problem cannot be resolved in this way, he/she may propose that the inspectorates prosecute the offence. Procedures before the Advocate of the Principle of Equality are free of charge and confidential.

ASSISTANCE: He/she offers assistance with legal protection against discrimination in other procedures, e.g. by providing advice on what remedies you have at your disposal and how to use them before other State bodies.

ADVICE: You may ask him/her for an opinion on whether your action constitutes, or could constitute, discrimination, and for advice on how to act in order to avoid discrimination and uphold the right to equal treatment more effectively.

INFORMATION: He/she provides general information on the issue of discrimination and the situation in this area in Slovenia.

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All the basic information on the above-mentioned website is also available in full in English, French, German, Italian, Hungarian, Serbian, Bosnian, Albanian and Romany.

<http://www.zagovornik.gov.si/si/o-zagovorniku/kdo-je-zagovornik/index.html>

<http://www.zagovornik.gov.si/si/o-zagovorniku/osebna-izkaznica/index.html>

Information Commissioner (*Informacijski pooblaščenec*)

The Information Commissioner decides on reports of breaches of the **protection of personal data** on the basis of the provisions of the framework 2004 Personal Data Protection Act (*Zakon o varstvu osebnih podatkov*) and the sectoral laws governing specific personal data issues (e.g. the Identity Card Act (*Zakon o osebni izkaznici*)). He/she also acts on his/her own initiative (*ex officio*) if he/she finds out that there may have been a breach of the protection of personal data, and also monitors specific fields or areas without having received a report. Inspections are carried out by State inspectors responsible for the protection of personal data, who are employed by the Information Commissioner: the Information Commissioner may order corrections to be made to personal data, ascertain infringements involving the illegal acquisition or processing of personal data and impose penalties (fines) on personal data controllers. An administrative complaint may be brought against his/her decisions before the Administrative Court of the Republic of Slovenia.

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