



## THE HUMAN RIGHTS TRUST FUND

The Human Rights Trust Fund (HRTF) was established in Oslo in March 2008 as the result of an agreement between Norway, the Council of Europe and the Council of Europe Development Bank.

Although open to participation by other states, an initial contribution of one million Euros was made by the fund's founding contributor and initiator, Norway. Germany the Netherlands, Finland and Switzerland have since joined them in contributing.

*"Ensure respect for the European Convention on Human Rights, is without doubt the most important measure to be taken to reduce the number of applications before the Court, and thus contribute to its sustainability. It was against this background that Norway took the initiative to establish a trust fund to support national efforts of Member States in implementing human rights."*

***Petter Wille**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Norway to the Council of Europe*



The primary objective of the HRTF is to support national efforts of Member States in implementing the European Convention on Human Rights. The HRTF aims to do this by contributing in particular to activities which aim to strengthen the sustainability of the European Court on Human Rights by providing:

- Adequate training for law professionals in convention standards
- Effective national remedies for anyone who wishes to file a complaint due to a violation of the Convention
- The compliance of procedures at national level with the legal procedures under the Convention for the conduction of effective investigation in the case of serious violations of human rights
- Effective mechanisms for verifying the compatibility of draft legislation and administrative practice with the Convention
- The dissemination of the Court's case-law
- The domestic execution of judgments of the Court in a full and timely manner
- The sufficient organisation and management of administrative and judicial public services

In providing Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals, the HELP Programme is one of the projects funded by the Human Rights Trust Fund.