

Italy, Slovenia and Bosnia-Herzegovina receive recommendations on statelessness at the 34th Universal Periodic Review

Three European countries were under review at the 34th Session of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), which took place 4-15 November in Geneva. ENS worked with our members, Consiglio Italiano per i Rifugiati in Italy, the Peace Institute in Slovenia, and the Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion, to prepare joint submissions on the prevention and reduction of statelessness and protection of stateless people ahead of the review for [Italy](#) and [Slovenia](#).

We were able to highlight key gaps in law, policy and practice, based on data from the [Statelessness Index](#). Following the review, Italy received four relevant recommendations, including to accede to the European Convention on Nationality and to reduce the cases of statelessness in the country. Slovenia received 10 relevant recommendations, including on resolving the status of 'Erased Persons', acceding to the 1961 Convention and establishing a statelessness determination procedure. Additionally, Bosnia-Herzegovina received a recommendation on ensuring all births are registered, regardless of ethnicity, in order to prevent statelessness. For a useful analysis of all statelessness and nationality-related recommendations made at the session, see this [briefing](#) by the Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion.