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## Strengthening the Independence of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRI) and Human Rights Protection in Austria in Times of Covid-19

12 January 2021 | 3.00 - 4.30 pm

Livestream from the premises of the Austrian Ombudsman Board  
Live-connections and video messages

Opening: **Werner Amon**, Austrian Ombudsman

Moderator: **Ulrike Grieshofer**, Head of International Unit, Austrian Ombudsman Board

1. Subject area: Strengthening the independence of NHRIs  
Presentation of FRA report in the Austrian context

- **Michael O'Flaherty**, Director of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
- **Renate Kicker**, Chair of the Human Rights Advisory Council
- **Brigitte Ohms**, Member of the Human Rights Advisory Council, Deputy Head Department for European and International Law, Human Rights Protection at the Federal Chancellery
- **Debbie Kohner**, Secretary General of the European Network of NHRIs (ENNHRI)
- **Peter Svetina**, Human Rights Ombudsman of the Republic of Slovenia
- **Werner Amon**, Austrian Ombudsman

2. Subject area: Human Rights and Covid-19 – interim report from the point of view of the Austrian Ombudsman Board and civil society

- **Bernhard Achitz**, Austrian Ombudsman
- **Walter Rosenkranz**, Austrian Ombudsman
- **Michael Lysander Fremuth**, Scientific Director of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Fundamental and Human Rights
- **Reinhard Klaushofer**, Director of the Austrian Institute for Human Rights

German/English simultaneous translation will be provided throughout the event.