



## European network of legal experts in gender equality and non-discrimination

### NEWS REPORT

**Country:** Norway  
**Title:** Assessment of equality bodies set-up and structure to be carried out by 1 March 2016  
**Date:** 30 June 2015  
**Expert:** Else Leona McClimans

#### Context

**Issue at stake:** Political aim to split the various functions of the national equality body into separate bodies

**Ground of discrimination:** All grounds

**Source:** National equality body

**Field:** Other

**Applicable law:** Act on the Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud and the Equality and Anti-Discrimination Tribunal of 10 June 2005 No 40 (*Diskrimineringsombudsloven*).

#### Content

**Policy development:** The Minister of Children and Family affairs has initiated a full assessment of the current set-up and structure of the national equality bodies – the Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud and the Equality and Anti-Discrimination Tribunal. The aim of the Minister is to distinguish better between the political and the legal aspects of the work of the Ombud, with an aim to strengthen the legal enforcement-role of the Ombud and/ or Tribunal. The study will suggest amendments to the Act on the Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud and the Equality and Anti-Discrimination Tribunal of 10 June 2005 No 40 (*Diskrimineringsombudsloven*).

The assessment was allocated to the international company PwC after an international procurement process. Helga Aune and Else Leona McClimans, the ELN network experts for Norway, will carry out the legal review. The deadline of the assessment is 1 March 2016.

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