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ISHR PRESIDENT PRAISES HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

In his closing remarks of the [annual general assembly of the German section of the International Society for Human Rights \(ISHR\)](#), Prof. Dr. mult. Thomas Paul Schirmmacher, President of the International Council of the ISHR, declared, that ISHR mainly exists to protect [human rights defenders \(HRD\)](#) and is proud to have so many of them in their ranks.

Schirmmacher underlined:

“It is one thing to work against human rights violations from a rather safe country, it is another thing to live in the midst of widespread human rights violations, but instead to seek protection for oneself, to work for others, leading

out in the EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders, the EU is firmly committed to protect HRDs at risk by enhancing their visibility and recognition, and by publicly speaking out against the threats, they face.”

Further reading

- “Human rights defenders” [on the European Union website](#).
- “Human rights defenders” [on the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe \(OSCE\) website](#).