

## **SAR Sections in Europe**

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## **SAR NATIONAL SECTIONS IN EUROPE**

11 European national networks of higher education institutions dedicated to supporting threatened scholars and promoting academic freedom.

- o CARA-SAR UK Universities Network with CARA (2006)
- SAR-UAF Netherlands & Belgium Network (2009)
- o SAR-Ireland section with Universities Ireland (2009)
- SAR- Norway section (2011)
- SAR-Switzerland section (2014)
- o SAR-Sweden section (2016)
- o SAR-Germany section with Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (2016)
- o SAR-Finland section with UNIFI Universities Finland (2017)
- o SAR Italy section (2019)
- o SAR Denmark section (2019)
- o SAR Slovakia section with Bratislava Policy Institute (2019)



## BENEFITS OF FORMING A SAR SECTION

- ✓ Pooling resources (financial and human) to protect scholars
- Sharing and deepening of expertise on hosting, advocacy and valuespromotion
- Access to support networks: within national sections, between sections, across global network
- ✓ Stronger voice / representation on the International Advisory Committee
- ✓ Increases likelihood of sustainability.
- Invited to nominate a representative to SAR's International Advisory Committee



## **STRUCTURE OF SAR SECTIONS**

**1. National secretariat** e.g. SAR Germany (w/Humboldt Foundation), SAR Finland (w/Universities Finland (UNIFI)

**2. Steering committee & Chair** e.g. SAR Norway., 5 to 7 reps elected to serve on steering committee for 2 years

**3. Partner NGO**: e.g. UK (Cara) which has a long history of supporting refugee and at-risk scholars

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