On 18 December 2012, the European Union and Armenia held the fourth round of human rights dialogue in Brussels.

The dialogue was held in a friendly, open and constructive atmosphere, with an exchange on a wide range of issues of mutual interest and concern, as well as discussions on possibilities for concrete cooperation in the field of human rights. The Armenian delegation was headed by Mr. Zohrab Mnatsakanian, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, and included among other officials, the Deputy Minister of Justice Mr. Yeghishe Kirakosyan. The EU Delegation was headed by Ms. Elizabeth Tison, Head of the Human Rights Policy Guidelines Division at the European External Action Service.

The dialogue allowed for an exchange of views on the human rights situation both in Armenia and in the EU. In particular, the talks focused on: the national framework for the protection of human rights; the reform of the judiciary; elections and electoral framework, freedom of expression and information, freedom of assembly and association, the functioning of civil society and anti-discrimination policy. The EU and Armenia also discussed human rights cooperation within international organisations, in particular at the UN, the OSCE and the Council of Europe.

The European Union is engaged in dedicated human rights discussions with close to 40 countries around the world. The first Armenia-EU human rights dialogue was held in December 2009. The meetings are convened once a year, alternatively in Yerevan and Brussels.