

The Church and Society Commission of CEC and EU Fundamental Rights Agency  
(FRA)  
have a common agenda

On 20 May 2008 the Working Group for Human Rights and Religious Freedom of the Church and Society Commission of CEC met with Mr. John Kellock, Head of Unit for Communication and External Relations of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency. The international group of experts, together with the Director of Church and Society Commission and Associate General Secretary of CEC Rev Rudiger Noll, discussed a common agenda for future cooperation.

The members of the Working Group expressed interest in taking an active part in the work of the future Fundamental Rights Platform. The Working Group for Human Rights and Religious Freedom stressed the churches' strong commitment to human rights. One example of churches' contributions to Human Rights Education is a current project to develop a Human Rights Manual. The Manual will support and strengthen the churches' involvement in promoting and implementing human rights and will introduce specific human rights topics from a churches' perspective.

The participants of the Working Group welcomed the inauguration of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency and its Multi-Annual Framework (2007-2012). The Church and Society Commission of CEC is looking forward to close cooperation with FRA and will contribute to FRA's work with its expertise.