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'THE FLOOR IS YOURS'

THURSDAY, 25 APRIL, 15.00 - 18.30



‘The floor is yours’ is an open space for participants of the Fundamental Rights Platform to share ideas, projects or issues that are important to them and engage in dialogue with colleagues from across the EU. It provides an opportunity to openly and critically discuss issues that you feel are key to current fundamental rights debates. It aims to facilitate structured networking and the exchange of promising practices as well as to open new opportunities for collaboration. The afternoon really IS YOURS! FRP organisations are entirely responsible for the workshop’s content. The quality of the discussions depends on the engagement and responsibility of each participant. Although the debates should be as free and open as possible, there are a few rules that all hosts and participants must follow.

Guidelines for hosts:

- **Content:** You may propose any fundamental rights issue that is linked to the aims and scope of FRA’s work. Your session should discuss a fundamental rights issue, rather than focus on promoting the work of your organisation. Please keep your audience, and what may be of interest to them, in mind. In an effort to carry plenary discussions into the working groups, we would particularly like to encourage workshops that address topics linked to non-discrimination and hate crime.
- **Build partnerships:** In order to facilitate dialogue and cooperation, joint sessions hosted by two or more organisations are particularly welcome. Together with other FRP participants, you could, for example, explore cross-cutting themes or examine the same issue from different angles. For joint sessions, you might consider appointing a moderator to host the discussions.
- **It’s up to you:** It is entirely up to you how you structure the 45 minutes of your session – you can screen a short film, share some practical examples from your work or put some questions up for debate. As past experience of successful workshops has shown, it is important that you leave enough time for audience questions and further discussion. We therefore encourage you to keep your initial introduction to no more than 15 minutes.

- **Short report from the workshop:** As a host you will be responsible for summarising the discussions, and reporting results and further steps. Every host will be requested to prepare a short (max. 1-page) summary of their session. You can decide to draft this report yourself, or you may ask the audience for volunteers.
- **Provide suggestions:** Draw some key conclusions from your session and think how they could feed into the work of FRA. Results from ‘The Floor is yours’ will be shared with FRA project managers.
- **This is a commitment!:** By signing up to host a session, you commit yourself to delivering a well-prepared session. Please keep in mind that FRP participants will evaluate your session in the final evaluation sheet. Use your time well!
- **Your perfect audience:** Participants will be free to choose the sessions they would like to attend. This is your chance to discuss your topic with an interested audience. Seize the opportunity to explore the issues from many angles!

Guidelines for participants:

- **Signing up as a participant:** Participants may register for each workshop online before the meeting or on the same day at the venue.
- **First come, first served:** There will be approximately 20-30 seats available in every room – however, if more people want to attend a particular session, there is standing room as well. The sessions are open to participants who can attend or leave the various sessions as they wish.
- **Foster constructive dialogue:** Some presenters may express views that differ from yours. You are welcome to disagree and raise your points, but it is a FRP principle that you intervene in a polite, fruitful and constructive manner. We strongly believe in the potential of open and honest but always respectful dialogue!

'THE FLOOR IS YOURS'

Plenary (EN/FR)

Room I

Room II

Room III

Room IV

Room V

15.00 - 15.45	<p>European Parliament, Greens/EFA Group</p> <p>EU Equality Action Calendar</p>	<p>European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy</p> <p>Fighting racism and discrimination through human rights education</p>	<p>European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe</p> <p>Collective complaint procedure at the ECSR</p>	<p>European Expert Group on the Transition from Institutional to Community based care</p> <p>Locked up ... keys thrown away?! Community-living - a right for all!</p>	<p>Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians</p> <p>Equality and Non-Discrimination as well as Hate Crime Documentation with regard to Christianity in Europe</p>	<p>European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)</p> <p>Introduction to the Fundamental Rights Platform</p>
15.55 - 16.40	<p>European Commission, DG Justice</p> <p>EU fundamental rights policy</p>	<p>Association of European Police Colleges</p> <p>Police training as a tool to better address discrimination and hate crimes</p>	<p>EQUINET Europe</p> <p>Equality bodies and civil society organisations - natural allies in promoting equality and combating discrimination</p>	<p>Access Info Europe</p> <p>No time for Questions?! The right to ask and the right to know about human rights</p>	<p>Movement for defence of pensioners, jobless and socially weak citizens</p> <p>Problems of representation of masses of protestors in disputes with the systems of power</p>	<p>Defense for Children International</p> <p>Applying human rights in the field of juvenile justice: challenges, difficulties and way forward</p>
16.50 - 17.35	<p>EEA & Norway Grants & Human Rights Monitoring Institute</p> <p>The EEA Grants – Supporting fundamental rights</p>	<p>AGE Platform Europe & ILGA Europe</p> <p>Equality for older LGBT people in Europe</p>	<p>European Group of National Human Rights Institutions</p> <p>Exploring civil society interaction with European National Human Rights Institutions</p>	<p>Legal Information Centre for Human Rights & Latvian Human Rights Committee</p> <p>Linguistic discrimination in employment in the light of the Racial Equality Directive</p>	<p>European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)</p> <p>Trade union movement and the fight against discrimination</p>	<p>Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM) & Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE)</p> <p>Access to protection and justice for undocumented women survivors of violence</p>
17.45 - 18.30	<p>Amnesty International</p> <p>Human rights here, Roma rights now</p>	<p>UNITED for Intercultural Action</p> <p>Populist parties and the effects on social cohesion concerning minorities</p>	<p>European Organisation of Military Associations (EUROMIL)</p> <p>Freedom of association for all?</p>	<p>Bureau for the Implementation of Equal Treatment (BUG) & Klagsverband</p> <p>Exchange of experiences concerning strategic litigation to secure fundamental rights</p>	<p>Advisory Panel of the Fundamental Rights Platform</p> <p>The role of the Advisory Panel: an interactive first-hand testimony</p>	<p>Church and Society Commission of the Conference of European Churches (CEC)</p> <p>Training on social, economic and cultural rights</p>

A 10-minute break is foreseen between the timeslots!

SESSION I:
15.00 - 15.45

ROOM: PLENARY

EU EQUALITY ACTION CALENDAR



HOST: Georgia Tsaklanganos, Policy Advisor, Greens – European Free Alliance (GREENS/EFA) Group, European Parliament

The Greens/European Free Alliance is a political group in the European Parliament made up of Green MEPs and MEPs from parties representing stateless nations and disadvantaged minorities. Established in 1999, it is currently the fourth largest political group in the European Parliament, with 59 MEPs from 15 countries.

ABOUT: The EU is founded on the common values of respect for human dignity and rights, including of people belonging to minorities, equality, non-discrimination (art. 2 TEU). The proposal for Horizontal Directive (draft) (COM(2008)0426) is blocked in the Council since 2009. This workshop is an opportunity to plan an EU Equality Action Calendar for the next 12 months: participants will be presented with a calendar including scheduled institutional events and political opportunities (like the Council social affairs working party meetings, EPSCO Council, the conclusion of the EP impact assessment, plenary debate in EP, German elections, etc.). Participants will be expected to brainstorm in order to fill in the calendar with relevant actions and/or campaign tools to promote the adoption of the blocked Horizontal Directive within the next year. The objective is to conclude on a common 12 month action calendar and commit to its fulfilment and dissemination through the FRP.

ROOM: I

FIGHTING RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION THROUGH HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION



HOSTS: Wolfgang Benedek, Co-Director; and Barbara Schmiedl, Programme manager, ETC Graz - European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy

ETC's work comprises of human rights research, education, consulting and publishing. The human rights education programmes of ETC are largely based on the manual "Understanding Human Rights" and vary from public lectures, discussions and workshops to professional training series for different kinds of audiences. At the local level ETC closely cooperates with the city of Graz in implementing the Human Rights City process and the obligations of the European Coalition of Cities against Racism. It also acts as the city's administrative office of the Human Rights Council.

ABOUT: Human rights have finally "arrived" at the local agenda. Still, there is a gap between human rights legislation and policies on the one hand and rights awareness, implementation measures and the use of redress mechanisms on the other. Human rights education that matters must therefore reach out for everyone - for you and me who are rights-holders - as well as for duty-bearers whose professional positions oblige them to respect, protect and fulfil human rights. On the example of the Human Rights City of Graz, the workshop will present the human rights city concept as a model for implementing and promoting human rights at the local level. Strategies, good practices and challenges of human rights education as a means to fight racism and discrimination will be presented and discussed in the workshop.

ROOM: II

COLLECTIVE COMPLAINT PROCEDURE AT THE ECSR



HOST: Luis Jimena Quesada, Chair of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe

The European Social Charter guarantees social and economic human rights. It was adopted in 1961 and revised in 1996. The European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR) is the body responsible for monitoring compliance by States Parties. The ECSR examines the reports and decides whether or not the situations in the countries concerned are in conformity with the European Social Charter. In respect of national reports, the Committee adopts conclusions, in respect of collective complaints, it adopts decisions. The Committee is composed of 15 independent, impartial experts, elected by the Committee of Ministers for a 6-year term of office.

ABOUT: Non-governmental organisations may lodge complaints alleging violations of the European Social Charter to the European Committee of Social Rights. The workshop will provide information on the procedure, its practical results and its impact at national level. It will also highlight the complementarity of this procedure with the right of individual petition before the European Court of Human Rights and its relation with EU legislation and, in particular, the Charter of Fundamental Rights.

ROOM: III

LOCKED UP...KEYS THROWN AWAY?! COMMUNITY-LIVING - A RIGHT FOR ALL!

HOST: Irene Bertana, Policy Officer, European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD), Gabor Petri, Human Rights Officer, Mental Health Europe (MHE) and Pamela Sanders, OHCHR, on behalf of the European Expert Group on the Transition from Institutional to Community-based Care

The EASPD, together with Eurochild and OHCHR Regional Office for Europe, co-chairs the European Expert Group on the Transition from Institutional to Community-based Care (EEG) - a broad coalition of organisations sharing their commitment to a human rights-based approach to social services and their concern over outdated models of care. The EEG stands up for people with care or support needs and believes that they, regardless of age or intellectual ability, and their families, must be involved in deciding about their own lives.

ABOUT: At this workshop, real-life experiences of care-users will set the context for a broader debate on the deinstitutionalisation of care in EU Member States. A brief introduction of the key findings of a recent study on deinstitutionalisation in the mental health sector is thought to further trigger the discussion on why it is so important to empower people with support needs and ensure that they will be involved in decisions that concern them. The EEG will also share with the audience how EU funds can support national, regional and local authorities in implementing structural reforms aimed at facilitating the development of quality family- and community-based alternatives to institutional care. This raises a number of questions on how to reach out to the Member States and how to raise awareness of the human rights violations that institutionalisation implies.

ROOM: IV

EQUALITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION AS WELL AS HATE CRIME DOCUMENTATION WITH REGARD TO CHRISTIANITY IN EUROPE



OBSERVATORY ON
INTOLERANCE AND DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST CHRISTIANS IN EUROPE

HOST: Gudrun Kugler, Director, Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians

The Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians in Europe provides the European Union, the OSCE, the Council of Europe, the United Nations and religious institutions with objective and reliable data on the phenomenon of intolerance and discrimination against Christians in Europe. The aim of providing this information is to help international actors to take appropriate measures of remedy within their respective spheres of competence.

ABOUT: The workshop will mainly focus on the concerns of European Christians about equality and non-discrimination as well as hate crime documentation. In addition, the Report on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians in 2012 will briefly be presented. The discussion will focus on solutions.

ROOM: V

INTRODUCTION TO THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS PLATFORM



HOST: Massimo Toschi, FRP Programme Manager, FRA, and Maria Amor Estebanez Martin, Programme Manager – Legal Research, FRA

The FRP is the agency's channel for cooperation with over 350 civil society organisations working on a variety of fundamental rights issues across the EU. Over the past years, the FRP has become a unique forum for knowledge and information exchange among civil society organisations active on fundamental rights.

ABOUT: This workshop will give a brief introduction to the Fundamental Rights Platform (FRP) and its main activities – annual consultations, cooperation with civil society on a project-by-project basis, knowledge exchange forums – and much more.

SESSION II:
15.55 - 16.40

ROOM: PLENARY

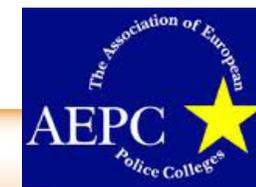
EU FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS POLICY

HOST: Julien Desmedt, Policy Officer, Directorate General for Justice, European Commission

ABOUT: During this session participants will have an opportunity to discuss the main achievements of the EU's fundamental rights policy. The workshop will retrace the process that led to the Charter entering into force, in December 2009, as a legally binding text for EU institutions and Member States when implementing EU law. Efforts to ensure the effective application of the Charter will be covered drawing on the assessments made by the Commission in the 2010 and 2011 Annual Reports on the Application of the Charter.

The open discussion will focus on participants' testimonies on the use of the Charter at Member State level. By looking back at the first results achieved since the Charter gained force of law, participants will be invited to identify possible steps for further strengthening the EU's fundamental rights policy.

ROOM: I

POLICE TRAINING AS A TOOL TO BETTER ADDRESS DISCRIMINATION AND HATE CRIMES

HOST: Gaëlle Bistiaux, Advisor - International Training, Association of European Police Colleges (AEPC)

The Association of European Police Colleges is an informal network of national police academies spread all over the European continent. Created in 1996, its aim is to assist the police services of member countries to provide the best possible policing for their communities. It does this by arranging joint training activities on matters of mutual concern and relevance, by maximising cooperation and coordination between member colleges and by facilitating the sharing of best practices and research.

ABOUT: The aim of this workshop is to present the Association of European Police Colleges, its aims, structure, partners and initiatives, with a focus on past and future initiatives linked to human rights and anti-discrimination. Following the short presentation, participants will be invited to discuss opportunities for new cooperation, synergies and initiatives in the field of anti-discrimination and fight against hate crimes between the AEPC and interested organisations.

ROOM: II

EQUALITY BODIES AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS - NATURAL ALLIES IN PROMOTING EQUALITY AND COMBATING DISCRIMINATION



HOST: Tamas Kadar, Senior Policy Officer, European Network of Equality Bodies (EQUINET)

EQUINET is the European network of national equality bodies set up according to the EU anti-discrimination directives. Currently it brings together 38 statutory equality bodies from 31 European countries. It provides a platform for information exchange between equality bodies. It also helps to build capacity of its members through training and seminars, collects and conveys the experience and expertise of equality bodies to inform legislators, stakeholders and policy-makers at European and national levels.

ABOUT: This workshop will focus on the essential links between national equality bodies (NEBs) and civil society organisations as natural partners in promoting equality and fighting discrimination. The workshop will foster a better understanding of the role and specificities of national equality bodies as institutions that are part of the public administration, yet independent both from government and from civil society. Participants will be asked to share their experiences and novel ideas on effective and fruitful ways of cooperation with NEBs. The workshop will also discuss how NEBs can support and empower civil society organisations, and in what ways civil society could support NEBs, if and when their independence or effectiveness is at risk. The workshop will build on the publication: 'Effective strategies to empower civil society', available at the EQUINET website:

(<http://www.equineteurope.org/Effective-Strategies-to-Empower>).

ROOM: III

NO TIME FOR QUESTIONS?! THE RIGHT TO ASK AND THE RIGHT TO KNOW ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS



HOST: Lydia Medland, Research and Campaigns Coordinator, Access Info Europe

Access Info Europe is a human rights organisation dedicated to promoting and protecting the right of access to information in Europe and globally as a tool for defending human rights and civil liberties, for facilitating public participation in decision-making and for holding governments accountable. Access Info Europe is dedicated to working on the right of Access to Information both as a fundamental right itself and as an instrumental right for the protection of other fundamental human rights.

ABOUT: In this workshop we will explore the right of access to information, or the right to ask and the right to know what public bodies do in our name. The workshop will focus on the use of access to information by human rights organisations in order to get information needed for their work on human rights issues. The workshop will be interactive with participatory exercises and games as well as space for discussion on participants' own experiences of accessing information and obstacles that they have faced. There will be a very short presentation of some of Access Info's own information requesting strategies for getting access to information about human rights issues.

ROOM: IV



PROBLEMS OF REPRESENTATION OF MASSES OF PROTESTORS IN DISPUTES WITH THE SYSTEMS OF POWER

HOST: Lozan Stoimenov, Pensioner, Movement for defence pensioners, jobless and socially weak citizens

The organisation was established in 1994 with the basic aim of organising people affected by changes of the socio-economic system from planned economy to market economy, as a result of which sharp reduction of GDP had taken place. Since its establishment, our organisation has defended the interests of the above-mentioned groups of people.

ABOUT: International, EU and national legislation define rights for people, but without a reliable system for their protection. This is the reason for individuals to organise collective protests. When protestors are not members of legitimated organisation, gathering is based on announcement by some activists, without any legal authorisation to represent protestors. The claims of protestors can vary. Some are controversial and it is not clear how many people are behind particular speakers. Meetings between unauthorised representatives of protestors and authorities are fruitless and large scale riots with considerable damages and loses of lives can take place. In the EU for millions of people Article 2, p. 1 of the Charter for Fundamental Rights cannot be implemented, as their spending for physical survival is higher than their income. These millions may not stay peaceful. In this situation ways to establish fruitful negotiations between protestors and correspondent authorities should be found.

ROOM: V



APPLYING HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE FIELD OF JUVENILE JUSTICE: CHALLENGES, DIFFICULTIES AND WAY FORWARD

HOST: Benoit Van Keirsbilck, Director, Défense des Enfants - International Belgique

Defence for Children International (DCI) is an independent grassroots and rights based non-governmental organisation that promotes and protects children's rights on a global, regional, national and local level. DCI is one of the leading NGOs on issues of juvenile justice with on the ground presence in five continents: 45 national sections and an International Secretariat in Geneva.

ABOUT: Children in the custody of the police or in criminal justice institutions are at a high risk of violence, as a result of the public perception of them as being antisocial or criminals. Much too often States use punitive approaches to respond to the situation of children in conflict with the law. A high number of children are deprived of their liberty and alternatives to detention are usually forgotten. Yet, there are many international standards applicable to juvenile justice that could help in diminishing the level of violence against these children. The workshop will give an overview of the current situation of children in the justice system and will briefly present the relevant international standards. Then, it will try to identify the possible solutions and what can be done to overcome this situation; it will see how we could use the Council of Europe "Guidelines on child friendly justice" and existing monitoring mechanisms.

SESSION III:
16.50 - 17.35

ROOM: PLENARY

THE EEA GRANTS – SUPPORTING FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

HOSTS: Patrizia Brandellero, Civil Society Coordinator, EEA and Norway Grants, Dovilė Šakalienė, Interim Executive Director, Human Rights Monitoring Institute (HRMI), Lithuania

The EEA Grants and Norway Grants is the contribution of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway to reducing economic and social disparities, and to strengthening bilateral relations with 15 EU countries in Central and Southern Europe. Support to civil society is one of the key priorities of the Grants, with NGO programmes established in all beneficiary countries. The Financial Mechanism Office - Brussels-based secretariat for the Grants - serves as a contact point for the beneficiary countries. It is affiliated to the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), but reports to the Foreign Ministries of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

ABOUT: Support to civil society is one of the key priorities of the EEA and Norway Grants. FRP members operating in Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Spain, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, and Slovakia are encouraged to apply for support for activities on fundamental rights within the Programmes. At Programme level, thematic meetings and initiatives will also be organised on specific topics with the participation of key human rights NGOs. This workshop will provide a general overview of the areas of support of the Grants, including the recently-launched campaign against online hate speech by the Council of Europe, in which the EEA Grants are a strategic partner. Moreover, the Human Rights Monitoring Institute, one of the Grants Operators, will present specific activities supported in the EEA Programme in Lithuania.

ROOM: I

EQUALITY FOR OLDER LGBT PEOPLE IN EUROPE

HOSTS: Rachel Buchanan, Policy Officer, AGE Platform Europe, Evelyne Paradis, Executive Director, ILGA-Europe

AGE Platform Europe is a European network of around 165 organisations of and for people aged 50+. It directly represents over 30 million older people in Europe. AGE promotes the interests of the 150 million inhabitants aged 50+ in the EU and seeks to give a voice to older and retired people in the EU policy debates.

ILGA-Europe is a European NGO with 391 European, national and local lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) member organisations in 45 European countries, and works for human rights and equality for LGBTI people at European level.

ABOUT: AGE Platform Europe and ILGA-Europe will present their joint policy position on the various issues which confront older LGBTI people and will open a discussion on how the specific challenges confronting older LGBTI can be further and more effectively addressed. Issues which will be considered include: the lack of recognition of same-sex couples has an impact on their access to social protection and on their financial security (people get older and cannot ensure that their (dependent) partner will have access to their pensions and assets); older LGBTI people, and in particular, older trans and intersex persons, may have specific health needs and may face ongoing stigmatisation in the field of healthcare; and some older LGBTI people experience social exclusion and invisibility and cannot rely on the same family support as other older people which raises specific challenges related to whether long-term care is inclusive of older LGBTI people's needs.

ROOM: II

EXPLORING CIVIL SOCIETY INTERACTION WITH EUROPEAN NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS

HOST: Debbie Kohner, Director of Secretariat, European Group of NHRIs

The European Group coordinates 40 National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) from across wider Europe. It is one of the four regional groups comprising the global network of NHRIs, which is supported by the UN OHCHR through the International Coordinating Committee of NHRIs (ICC).

The European Group supports its members through information exchange, capacity building, coordination of interventions in strategic litigation and policy development, and engagement with regional human rights mechanisms, such as the EU, the Council of Europe and the OSCE. It also assists in the establishment and accreditation of NHRIs. It has recently set up a Permanent Secretariat in Brussels.

ABOUT: National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) are recognised by international and regional human rights mechanisms as key players in the promotion and protection of human rights. They hold a unique position between the state and civil society, and yet they must remain independent of both. However, non-governmental organisations are critical partners of all NHRIs, and of the European Group. They can participate in strategic planning and inform NHRIs of their own monitoring and advocating the respect of human rights in their jurisdiction. Civil society also has an important role in the accreditation process for NHRIs. Following the recent establishment of its Permanent Secretariat, the European Group will facilitate a discussion on the interaction between civil society and its future work and the accreditation of NHRIs.

ROOM: III

LINGUISTIC DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE LIGHT OF THE RACIAL EQUALITY DIRECTIVE



HOSTS: Vadim Poleshchuk, Legal Advisor-Analyst, Legal Information Centre for Human Rights (LICH), Estonia - and Aleksandrs Kuzmins, Secretary-Executive, Latvian Human Rights Committee (LHRC)

Founded in Estonia in 1994, Legal Information Centre for Human Rights provides legal aid to the victims of human rights violations. Since 2005, the Centre also assists victims of discrimination through a special hotline.

Latvian Human Rights Committee has worked on minority rights, including linguistic rights, legal status of people and the right to citizenship in Latvia since 1992. LHRC lawyers have also assisted plaintiffs in numerous civil, administrative and constitutional review cases in Latvia. They have won both Latvian cases before the UN Human Rights Committee and three cases before the European Court of Human Rights.

ABOUT: The workshop will be dedicated to the issue of official linguistic requirements in the labour market in the context of fight against racial discrimination and to the relevant discussion. Particular attention will be paid, procedurally, to critical assessment of case-law in Estonia and Latvia, the issue of discriminatory effect of official linguistic requirements, promotion of the principles of proportionality of restrictive measures as well as to national and regional (EU) instruments and mechanisms providing remedies.

ROOM: IV

TRADE UNION MOVEMENT AND THE FIGHT AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

HOST: Klaus Lörcher, Human Rights Adviser, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)

The European Trade Union Confederation was founded in 1973. It now represents 85 trade union organisations in 36 European countries, as well as 10 European Trade Union Federations.

ABOUT: As the workforce is becoming increasingly diverse, there is an urgent need to ensure recognition and non-discrimination in the workplace of all workers, regardless of their gender identity, sexual orientation, racial or ethnic origins, religion or disability. Labour market institutions and policies will have to adapt in order to guarantee a fair share in employment of all workers, as well as attention to workers' specific needs. Trade unions play an important role in fighting against discrimination through a variety of actions and tools: negotiating with employers to ensure that discrimination in the workplace is eliminated and that equal opportunities are promoted; supporting victims of discrimination; monitoring, documenting and denouncing discrimination at the workplace. At EU, national, sectorial or enterprise level they have been carrying out many initiatives to combat discrimination and/or promote diversity.

ROOM: V

ACCESS TO PROTECTION AND JUSTICE FOR UNDOCUMENTED WOMEN SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE

HOST: Rosa Logar, Co-ordinator, WAVE - and Kadri Soova, Advocacy Officer, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)

Founded as an initiative of grassroots organisations, PICUM now represents a network of more than 140 organisations and 160 individual advocates working with undocumented migrants in more than 38 countries, primarily in Europe. With over ten years of evidence, experience and expertise on undocumented migrants, PICUM promotes recognition of their fundamental rights, providing an essential link between local realities and the debates at policy level.

WAVE is an informal network of European women's NGOs working in the field of combating violence against women and children. Currently the network focuses specifically on violence in the family and in intimate relationships. The network sets out to promote and strengthen the human rights of women and children, in general, and to prevent violence against women and children in particular.

ABOUT: An undocumented woman and a survivor of violence explained to PICUM her struggle for safety and support in Sweden: "How many organizations I call? I find them on the internet, they say they work for 'women's rights' and I call them and they say 'Sorry, we can't help you because you have no paper'. Yes, I have no paper and that's why I need help! I get very stressed when I see these organisations on the computer, I feel very, very bad because I'm very angry...they're liars".

SESSION IV:
17.45 - 18.30

ROOM: PLENARY

'HUMAN RIGHTS HERE, ROMA RIGHTS NOW'

HOSTS: Natacha Kazatchkine, Senior Executive Officer; and Elena Crespi, Executive Officer ESCR, Amnesty International European Institutions Office

Amnesty International is a global movement of more than 3 million supporters, members and activists who campaign for internationally-recognised human rights to be respected and protected. Its vision is for every person to enjoy all the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other human rights standards. Its mission is to conduct research and take action to prevent and end grave abuses of all human rights. No funds are sought or accepted from governments for investigating and campaigning against human rights abuses.

ABOUT: The workshop will present Amnesty International's new campaign "Human Rights here. Roma Rights now" launched on 8 April (International Roma Day). The campaign exposes the discrimination and other human rights violations that Roma people suffer in EU member states, from discrimination in housing and education, to racially-motivated violence and forced evictions. It highlights the failures of the EU and its Member States to effectively combat discrimination and racism across Europe, and calls on the EC to step in more strongly to end discrimination against Roma in the EU, particularly by effectively enforcing EU anti-discrimination law. The workshop will provide an opportunity to raise awareness and mobilise support for the campaign. It is also an opportunity to share with participants experiences and practices, and discuss together advocacy and campaign strategies.

ROOM: I

POPULIST PARTIES AND THE EFFECTS ON SOCIAL COHESION CONCERNING MINORITIES

HOST: Ralph du Long, trainer/consultant, UNITED for Intercultural Action

UNITED is a European network against nationalism, racism, fascism and in support of migrants and refugees. It coordinates, supports and strengthens a network of 560 organisations from 46 European countries. They all share values such as intercultural communication, diversity and human rights. We are concerned about the international situation, and about the direct and indirect forms of discrimination, hate crimes and intolerance and highlight intercultural understanding, equal rights for all and a Europe without racism.

ABOUT: On 21 March, the international day against racism, UNITED for Intercultural Action and ENAR released a press statement. We called upon political parties to re-affirm the 'Charter for political parties for a non-racist society'. Next year we will have elections for the European Parliament. In light of the economic crisis we are facing, populist remarks may seem insignificant. But racism and open hostility towards minorities (of any kind) are assured companions of social tensions. We are in a time of great social tensions. Already we are seeing the effects in some EU Member States, where there is open violence by some political parties against migrants. Only a few weeks ago, Mr Juncker, former chair of the Euro Group, warned against nationalistic tendencies, linking them to even greater dangers. He echoed the words of Mr Van Rompuy who issued the same message two years earlier. This workshop discusses our plans to launch a campaign against these tendencies.

ROOM: II

FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION FOR ALL?



HOST: Caroline Henrion, Project Officer, European Organisation of Military Associations (EUROMIL)

Founded in 1972, the European Organisation of Military Associations (EUROMIL) is an umbrella organisation composed of 40 military associations and trade unions from 27 countries. It is the main Europe-wide forum for cooperation among professional military associations on issues of common concern. The organisation strives to secure and advance the human rights, fundamental freedoms and socio-professional interests of military personnel of all ranks in Europe.

ABOUT: The freedom of association, enshrined in Article 12 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union as well as in other international human rights instruments, has been recognised as including the right to establish and join professional associations and trade unions. Some EU member states continue to place undue restrictions on the exercise of the freedom of association for military personnel. This session will present the current situation with regard to the freedom of association for armed forces personnel and the important role professional associations and unions can play in this sector. Participating organisations will be invited to share their experience with regard to the freedom of association in the subsequent discussion.

ROOM: III

EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES CONCERNING STRATEGIC LITIGATION TO SECURE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS



HOSTS: Vera Egenberger, Director, Bureau for the Implementation of Equal Treatment (BUG), Germany, Volker Frey, Litigation Association of NGOs against Discrimination – Klagsverband, Austria

The BUG is a strategic litigation NGO working at national level (Germany) to support people who have faced discrimination. Legal cases are accompanied with lobbying and advocacy work to ensure sustainable change towards equal rights. Networking with community organisations covered under equal treatment legislation ensures sound knowledge about issues and support from targeted community structures.

The Klagsverband is an umbrella organisation of currently 33 Austrian anti-discrimination organisations. Among the main activities are litigation, comments on legal drafts, lobbying and legal training.

ABOUT: The session aims to bring together NGOs working on discrimination that are making use of legal means to tackle fundamental rights problems. Those might be NGOs focusing on one ground of discrimination or groups working across the board. We will exchange experience on how strategic litigation is used at national level and which obstacles NGOs currently face. Trends regarding litigating equal treatment at EU level will be discussed.

ROOM: IV

**THE ROLE OF THE ADVISORY PANEL:
AN INTERACTIVE FIRST-HAND TESTIMONY**

HOSTS: Members of the Advisory Panel of the FRP

The Advisory Panel supports FRA's director in the organisation and coordination of the FRP. It helps prepare FRP meetings, consultations and other activities. The nature of the Advisory Panel is consultative. The Advisory Panel consists of nine members, six of whom are elected by participants of the FRP during the annual FRP meeting, and the other three appointed by the agency's director. Members of the panel are appointed in their own independent capacity and under no circumstances represent any specific organisation. Advisory Panel members serve a two-year term that can be renewed once.

ABOUT: Please join members of the Advisory Panel of the Fundamental Rights Agency to discuss the role of the Advisory Panel, the appointment process of non-elected members of the Panel and about FRA in general. The hope of the presentation is to promote among FRP participants a deeper understanding and appreciation of what FRA does and how the Advisory Panel assists them in this process. As the presentation will be interactive, we invite guests to bring their questions in what we hope will be a positive and enlightening meeting.

ROOM: V

TRAINING ON SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

HOST: Elizabeta Kitanović, Executive Secretary for Human Rights and Communication, Church and Society Commission of CEC

The Conference of European Churches (CEC) is a fellowship of some 120 Orthodox, Protestant, Anglican and Old Catholic Churches from all countries of Europe, and 40 associated organisations. The Church and Society Commission of CEC links member churches and associated organisations of CEC with the EU institutions, the Council of Europe, the OSCE, NATO and the UN. Its task is to help the churches study church and society questions from a theological and social-ethical perspective, especially those with a European dimension, and to represent common positions of the member churches in their relations with political institutions working in Europe.

ABOUT: Upon request of churches in the Euro Mediterranean region, the Conference of European Churches together with the Federation of the Protestant Churches in Italy is in the process of organising a training workshop on social, economic and cultural rights. The training will target at responsible in churches around the Mediterranean who are already engaged in human rights work and it will use material published in the manual *European Churches engaging in Human Rights. Present Challenges and Training Material* (2012). On the basis of this material and experiences from previous trainings, this workshop will want to explore with FRP participants the value of a rights-based approach to social, economic and cultural issues, models of best practices in the NGO field in addressing these issues and looking on elements for training sessions which could be of help in different contexts. Participants are invited to share their experiences and material.

THEMATIC WORKSHOPS WITH FRA

FRIDAY, 26 APRIL, 11.30 – 13.15



This session will focus on current FRA activities. In total, FRA will hold 12 workshops and invite FRP participants to provide feedback on its current work while exploring mutual synergies and finding new opportunities for cooperation.

THEMATIC WORKSHOPS WITH THE FRA

	Plenary (EN/FR)	Room I	Room II	Room III	Room IV	Room V
11.30 - 12.15	<p>Victim support services for victims of hate crime</p> <p>Hosts: Henri Nickels, Albin Dearing</p>	<p>Communicating fundamental rights through social media</p> <p>Hosts: Alison Taylder, Tara Morris, Massimo Toschi</p>	<p>Cutting across discrimination grounds: how to bring a horizontal approach?</p> <p>Hosts: Dennis Van Der Veur, Maria Amor Estebanez Martin</p>	<p>Combatting violence against women</p> <p>Host: Sami Nevala</p>	<p>Roma inclusion in the EU and the role of civil society organisations</p> <p>Hosts: Eva Sobotka, Michail Beis, Sheena Keller</p>	<p>FRA cooperation with JHA agencies: Frontex consultative forum</p> <p>Hosts: Aydan Iyiguengoer, FRA; & Stefan Kessler, Jesuit Refugee Service</p>
12.30 - 13.15	<p>The role of civil society in monitoring and increasing reporting of incidents of hate crime</p> <p>Hosts: Henri Nickels, Albin Dearing Presenter: Melissa Sonnino, CEJI</p>	<p>FRA CLARITY project - Complaints, Legal Assistance and Rights Information Tools for You</p> <p>Hosts: Jana Gajdosova, Pia Tirronen, Alison Taylder</p>	<p>FRA LGBT survey - how can we make best use of the survey results?</p> <p>Hosts: Dennis Van Der Veur, Miltos Pavlou</p>	<p>Antisemitism today - ways forward</p> <p>Hosts: Sami Nevala, Eva Sobotka</p>	<p>Fundamental rights at the local level: challenges and opportunities when working together with local authorities</p> <p>Host: Andreas Accardo</p>	<p>FRA - FRP cooperation</p> <p>Hosts: Joerg Gebhard, Ann-Charlotte Nygard</p>

A 15-minute break is foreseen between the timeslots!

SESSION I:
11.30 - 12.15

ROOM: **PLENARY****VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF HATE CRIME****HOSTS:**

Henri NICKELS
Albin DEARING

Evidence collected by FRA, and others, shows that hate crime is a daily reality throughout the EU. Such violence and crimes can be motivated by racism, xenophobia, religious intolerance or by a person's disability, sexual orientation, gender identity and other biases. Hate crime harms not only those targeted; it affects entire communities, and hence strikes at the heart of EU commitments to democracy and the fundamental rights of equality and non-discrimination.

This workshop will look at civil society organisations' crucial role in supporting victims of hate crime. It will highlight promising practices and explore how national and EU institutions can best support the efforts of civil society in providing help to victims of hate crime.

**BACKGROUND:**

The EU and its Member States have undertaken many legislative and non-legislative initiatives in recent years to improve the situation of victims of crime, while work to promote the rights of victims is still on going. Some of the key concerns in the field include the role of the victim in criminal proceedings and facilitating access to criminal justice systems: in other words, ensuring that victims are recognised as people with rights. These rights should be respected and safeguarded by the criminal justice system.

FRA PUBLICATIONS:

- FRA brief: Crimes motivated by hatred and prejudice in the EU, 2013
- Making hate crime visible in the European Union: acknowledging victims' rights, 2012
- EU-MIDIS Data in Focus Report 6: Minorities as Victims of Crime, 2012
- Victim support services in the EU: an overview and assessment of victims' rights in practice (due late 2013/early 2014)

ROOM: I

COMMUNICATING FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

HOSTS:

Alison TAYLDER
Tara MORRIS
Massimo TOSCHI

How do we engage with our target audience via social media channels?

This workshop will enable organisations to exchange knowledge about how they are using social media channels as a communications tool.

- What is working well, what not so well?
- Which social media sites do you follow regularly?
- How would you like to develop your social media channels?

FURTHER INFORMATION:

<http://fra.europa.eu>



ROOM: II

CUTTING ACROSS DISCRIMINATION GROUNDS: HOW TO BRING A HORIZONTAL APPROACH?**HOSTS:**

Dennis VAN DER VEUR
Maria Amor ESTEBANEZ MARTIN

In this workshop FRA will provide examples of a horizontal approach to non-discrimination and equality research in light of recent policy developments. Participants are invited to contribute to the discussions and provide examples from their organisations on how to bring a horizontal approach to discussions, research and concrete projects promoting non-discrimination and equality.

**BACKGROUND:**

Individuals share a number of characteristics that expose them to possible discrimination, including sex, ethnicity, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation and any combination of these grounds. Apart from specific research into single areas of discrimination, FRA has also explored the nature and effects of intersectional and multiple discrimination, including in the area of access to healthcare. In addition, FRA's annual reports highlight the most important developments across the EU in relation to the discrimination grounds protected by the Charter.

FRA PUBLICATIONS:

- EU LGBT survey results: at a glance, 17 May 2013
- Inequalities and multiple discrimination in access to and quality of healthcare, 2013
- The situation of Roma in 11 EU Member States. Survey results at a glance, 2012
- Fundamental rights: challenges and achievements in 2011, 2012
- Homophobia, transphobia and discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity in the EU Member States, 2011
- The legal protection of persons with mental health problems under non-discrimination law, 2011
- Handbook on European non-discrimination law, 2011
- European Union Minorities and Discrimination Survey, 2008

COMBATTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

HOST:

Sami NEVALA

FRA is in the process of analysing the results from its EU-wide survey on gender-based violence against women. While the survey results will be available in the beginning of 2014, it's time to identify which policy processes the survey results could feed into, and how cooperation with various organisations can ensure that the survey results can have an impact on policy making on national and European level.

In this session, participants are encouraged to share ideas on modes of cooperation, activities and events, where the survey results could be presented and discussed. The session will also seek to identify processes where the survey results could inform policy makers. These include the revision of national legislation, or efforts to draft action plans to combat violence against women and to implement and evaluate these action plans.



BACKGROUND:

Violence against women is a pressing problem throughout the EU, and little comparable data has been available to date. In order to address this gap, FRA carried out an EU-wide survey on violence against women. This is the first survey of its kind. It randomly sampled and interviewed more than 42,000 women across the 27 EU Member States and Croatia. It will thus provide policy makers with the comparable data they need to formulate informed, targeted policies to combat such violence.

The survey captured women's experiences of gender-based violence, including sexual, physical and psychological abuse - ranging from 'domestic violence' to sexual harassment at work, and violence perpetrated by strangers. The survey also covered women's experiences of stalking and cybercrime, and asked adult women about their childhood experiences of violence.

The survey results will be published in the beginning of 2014.

FRA PUBLICATIONS:

- Factsheet: Gender-based violence against women – an EU-wide survey, 2011

ROOM IV

ROMA INCLUSION IN THE EU AND THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS

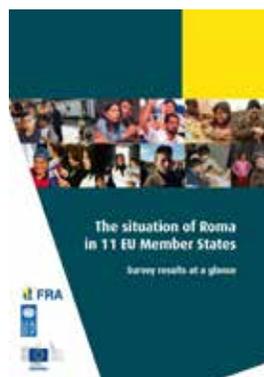
HOSTS:

Eva SOBOTKA
 Michail BEIS
 Sheena KELLER

What are the next steps for civil society organisations in accelerating the process of Roma inclusion in the EU? Is there new potential that civil society organisations could explore?

The workshop will provide space for civil society organisations to debate:

- What potential do civil society organizations have to accelerate Roma inclusion in the EU?
- How civil society organizations set their priorities and whom they represent?
- What outcomes would be desirable and how to get there?
- How to involve Roma in processes and policies towards Roma integration?



BACKGROUND:

Despite efforts at the national, European and international level to improve the social and economic integration of Roma, many still face deep poverty, profound social exclusion, and discrimination. This often means limited access to quality education, jobs and services, low income levels, sub-standard housing conditions, poor health and lower life expectancy.

In April 2011, the European Commission published the EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020. It set goals at the EU level that require Member States to improve the integration of Roma in four areas: employment, education, healthcare and housing. The EU Framework called on Member States to design, implement and monitor their national Roma integration strategies in close cooperation and in continuous dialogue with Roma civil society.

FRA PUBLICATIONS:

- The situation of Roma in 11 EU Member States - Survey results at a glance, 2012
- EU-MIDIS Data in Focus Report 6: Minorities as Victims of Crime
- Making hate crime visible in the European Union: acknowledging victims' rights
- EU MIDIS: Data in focus Report 1: The Roma, 2009
- The situation of Roma EU citizens moving to and settling in other EU Member States, 2009
- Housing conditions of Roma and Travellers in the European Union - Comparative report

ROOM: V

FRA COOPERATION WITH JHA AGENCIES: FRONTEX CONSULTATIVE FORUM

HOSTS:

Aydan IYIGUENGOER, FRA
Stefan KESSLER, Jesuit Refugee Service

How does the newly-established Frontex Consultative Forum function?
What is its potential and what are its limitations?

In this workshop the purpose and objectives of the newly-established Frontex Consultative Forum will be presented.

Discussion will focus around the following questions:

- What other NGOs are active in any comparable body at either national or European level? And what lessons learned and good practices can they share?
- How can the Consultative Forum inform the NGOs' work or vice versa?

BACKGROUND:

The establishment of the Consultative Forum is stipulated in the amended Frontex regulation that entered into force in December 2011. The Consultative Forum has the task of assisting Frontex's Executive Director and Management Board in fundamental rights matters. The Forum has to be consulted on the further development and implementation of the Frontex Fundamental Rights Strategy, its Code of Conduct and Common Core Curriculum.

Organisations represented on the Consultative Forum are:

- Amnesty International European Institutions Office;
- Caritas Europa;
- Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe;
- Council of Europe;
- European Asylum Support Office;
- European Council for Refugees and Exiles;
- European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights;
- International Catholic Migration Commission;
- International Commission of Jurists;
- International Organization for Migration;
- Jesuit Refugee Service;
- Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights;
- Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants;
- Red Cross EU Office;
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

SESSION II:
12.30 - 13.15

ROOM: PLENARY

THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN MONITORING AND INCREASING REPORTING OF INCIDENTS OF HATE CRIME

HOSTS:

Henri NICKELS
Albin DEARING

PRESENTER:

Melissa SONNINO, Community Affairs Coordinator, A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe (CEJI)

Civil society organisations can play an important role in monitoring and recording incidents of hate crime, in close cooperation with law enforcement agencies and the criminal justice system. Victims or witnesses can also report hate crimes by using third-party reporting, or systems whereby incidents can be reported through web applications, smartphones and other technological means. The aim of this workshop is to explore how to reinforce the role of civil society in monitoring and increasing reporting of incidents of hate crime to ensure better and more accurate reporting of hate crime incidents.

The workshop will start with a presentation of the project 'Facing Facts' by the Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe. The workshop aims to engage participants in a discussion on strategies on how to increase reporting and monitor hate crime in the EU.

BACKGROUND:

FRA research shows that victims and witnesses of hate crimes often do not report incidents to law enforcement agencies, the criminal justice system, non-governmental organisations or victim support groups. The result is that many hate crimes remain unreported, unprosecuted and therefore invisible. The main reasons for non-reporting cited among victims or witnesses include that "nothing would change" as a result of reporting incidents, that "such incidents happen all the time" or that they "did not trust the police".

Facing Facts! is an innovative project initiated by four European NGOs to strategically address bias-motivated crime in Europe. It helps to build the capacities of civil society organisations to monitor and report hate crime in order to advocate for prevention and intervention measures.

FRA PUBLICATIONS:

- FRA brief: Crimes motivated by hatred and prejudice in the EU, 2013
- Making hate crime visible in the European Union: acknowledging victims' rights, 2012
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- Victim support services in the EU: an overview and assessment of victims' rights in practice (due late 2013/early 2014)



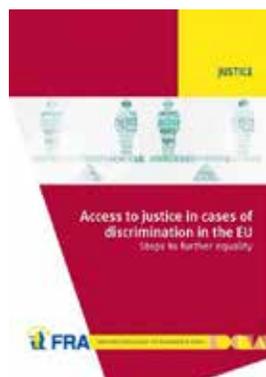
ROOM: I

FRA CLARITY PROJECT - COMPLAINTS, LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND RIGHTS INFORMATION TOOLS FOR YOU

HOSTS:

Jana GAJDOSOVA
Alison TAYLDER
Pia TIRRONEN

This workshop will present the objectives of the CLARITY pilot project and discuss the needs from the civil society perspective with regard to the functionalities of this online tool. The feedback of FRP participants will be highly valued as they are one of the target groups and possible users of the tool. If your organisation represents, and/or provides advice and information to potential victims of fundamental rights violations, we very much welcome you to attend this session, and to share your ideas and suggestions for the design of this pilot online tool!



BACKGROUND:

Insufficient awareness of rights and available redress mechanisms, as well as low levels of trust in justice institutions are frequent obstacles when accessing justice in practice. FRA's research findings show that lack of awareness on where to turn for information or for lodging a complaint is a crucial obstacle to effectively exercising rights.

In response to this, in 2013 FRA is launching its pilot project CLARITY. This pilot project will involve the creation of an online tool that will enable easy identification of the most appropriate non-judicial body with a human rights remit for a particular fundamental rights issue. The pilot tool will principally target intermediaries, such as NGOs, or national level bodies with a human rights remit, to guide victims of fundamental rights violations to a relevant body.

FRA PUBLICATIONS:

- Access to justice in cases of discrimination on EU – Steps to further equality, 2012
- EU Minorities and Discrimination Survey, EU-MIDIS, 2008

ROOM: II

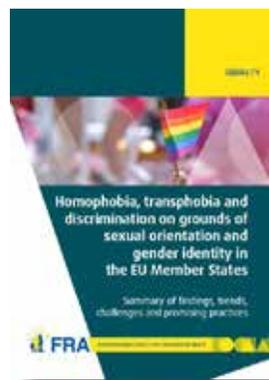
FRA LGBT SURVEY - HOW CAN WE MAKE BEST USE OF THE SURVEY RESULTS?

HOSTS:

Dennis VAN DER VEUR
Miltos PAVLOU

In this workshop we will present some first observations based on the results of the survey. The workshop will also focus on the way the survey was set up and then discuss ways forward with the participants. In other words, how to use the results on a national level?

Participants are encouraged to share with FRA how the results should be communicated and used by civil society in EU Member States.



BACKGROUND:

Besides occasional news reports about discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT) people, there is very little comparable data collected across the EU about the everyday experiences of LGBT people. In response to this situation, on 17 May FRA will launch the report “EU LGBT survey results: at a glance”. The report is the result of the analysis of the answers of 93.000 respondents who participated in FRA’s online survey which asked LGBT people whether they had experienced discrimination, violence, verbal abuse or hate speech on the grounds of their sexual orientation or gender identity. This survey aims to generate comparable data about the extent and nature of discrimination, violence and hate speech experienced by LGBT people across the EU.

As the first EU-wide survey of its kind, the results will support the development of equal treatment policies for LGBT people in the European Union and should set the agenda for years to come. Based on the survey results, national and European policy makers, as well as non-governmental organizations, will be able to better target their advocacy strategies and activities to support LGBT communities to live and express themselves freely in a non-discriminatory environment.

FRA PUBLICATIONS:

- EU LGBT survey results: at a glance, 17 May 2013
- Homophobia, transphobia and discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity, 2011
- Key legal trends in the protection of LGBT rights in the European Union 2008-2010, 2010

HOSTS:

Sami NEVALA
Eva SOBOTKA

In 2011-2012, FRA communicated the results on various activities related to antisemitism. This session will discuss the possibilities for follow-up action – based on the evidence of FRA research in the area. The participants are invited to discuss various modes of cooperation and joint action and important policy processes at the national, as well as the European level, which should be addressed to improve the situation concerning antisemitism.



BACKGROUND:

Jewish communities in the EU continue to be affected by antisemitism. Individuals may find themselves subject to discrimination in their daily lives. Hate crime against Jewish people affects not only the victims, but also their families and communities in the form of worry, insecurity and fear. Despite persisting concerns, existing data on the nature, extent and effects of discrimination and hate crime against Jews in EU Member States are patchy and not comparable, which hinders the development of effective policy measures to combat it.

In response to this, in 2013 FRA will be presenting the results of its survey of Jewish people's experiences and perceptions of antisemitism. The survey will provide EU institutions and Member States comparable data, for the first time, on experiences and perceptions of antisemitism, hate-motivated crime and discrimination among Jewish populations in nine EU Member States.

FRA PUBLICATIONS:

- Factsheet: FRA survey of Jewish people's experiences and perceptions of antisemitism, 2012
- Antisemitism: Summary overview of the situation in the European Union 2001-2011, 2012
- Human rights education at Holocaust memorial sites across the European Union: An overview of practices, 2011

ROOM: IV

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL - CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES WHEN WORKING TOGETHER WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES

HOST:

Andreas ACCARDO

Fulfilling fundamental rights is a shared responsibility across government levels. Local and regional authorities are responsible for many policy areas which have an impact on people's fundamental rights.

This workshop seeks to explore challenges and opportunities for non-governmental human rights organisations when working together with local authorities.

What are the experiences of civil society with local authorities? Which challenges arise? Are there good examples of effective partnerships to promote and protect fundamental rights at the local level?

BACKGROUND:

FRA is implementing a project on 'Joined-up governance: Connecting fundamental rights'. The project seeks to address the need to support multi-level cooperation on fundamental rights. In June 2013, FRA will publish an online toolkit with practical recommendations and hands-on advice, drawn from field research. It is aimed at public officials at all levels, from local to international, and provides advice on how to integrate fundamental rights-thinking into day-to-day work in developing policy, in delivering services and in relation to administrative practices.

FRA PUBLICATIONS:

- Working together on fundamental rights: A practical toolkit for public officials at all levels (due June 2013)

ROOM: V

FRA – FRP COOPERATION

HOSTS:

Joerg GEBRHARD
Ann-Charlotte NYGARD

This workshop will invite participants to explore together how civil society organisations can use the Fundamental Rights Platform to better achieve their goals; and how we can all together improve dialogue and cooperation between FRA and FRP participants.

BACKGROUND:

The FRP is the agency's channel for cooperation, with over 350 civil society organisations working on a variety of fundamental rights issues across the EU. Over the past years, the FRP has become a unique forum for knowledge and information exchange among civil society organisations active on fundamental rights.

Through the FRP, civil society organisations are directly informed about the agency's research findings, can explore synergies and also provide valuable input to FRA projects, helping to better tailor the agency's work to the real needs of European citizens. The FRP has been drawing on the expertise of civil society organisations to contribute to the data and information collection activities of the FRA; to support the dissemination of FRA products and findings; to raise awareness on fundamental rights jointly with FRA; and to engage with a variety of interest groups, nationally and locally.

Annual Fundamental Rights Platform meetings provide a space for forward-looking conversations, knowledge exchange and networking.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

- Factsheet: About Fundamental Rights Platform
- Code of Conduct for the participants of FRP
- Terms of Reference of the Advisory Panel



FRA aims to ensure that all its meetings are fully accessible for persons with disabilities. A number of measures have already been implemented, and we will do our utmost to accommodate specific needs of individual participants.

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