

PROGRAMME

6th FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS PLATFORM MEETING

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EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS



ABOUT THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS PLATFORM

The Fundamental Rights Platform (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 Platform 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, explore synergies for their activities, but also provide valuable input for the FRA's projects, helping to better tailor the agency's work to 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 the FRA; and to engage a variety of interest groups, nationally and locally.

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS PLATFORM MEETINGS

The Fundamental Rights Platform meeting is a key annual event of the FRA. The meeting of the FRP, the FRA network for cooperation with civil society, brings together some 200 participants in Vienna each year.

The Fundamental Rights Platform meeting aims to:

- encourage a European debate on fundamental rights among different civil society organisations;
- facilitate knowledge and exchange of good practices among FRP participants;
- inform the work of the FRA about challenges and promising initiatives on the ground;
- create opportunities for networking and further cooperation between civil society, the FRA and other actors.



WEDNESDAY, 24 APRIL (OPTIONAL)

13.30 – 14.30 **REGISTRATION**

14.30 – 18.15 **OPEN DAY AT THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AGENCY**
(Schwarzenbergplatz 11)

This year for the first time the FRA would like to invite all FRP participants to visit its premises in Vienna, get an up-close look at its work and explore possibilities for cooperation. All FRA thematic area experts and project managers will be available the entire afternoon to inform you about the work of the agency and answer any questions you may have.

18.15 **INFORMAL GET-TOGETHER**
Drinks will be served in the atrium of the FRA premises

THURSDAY, 25 APRIL

09.00 – 09.30 **REGISTRATION** and welcome coffee

PLENARY SESSION I

Chair: **Friso Roscam Abbing**, Head of Communication Department, FRA

9.30 – 10.30 **WELCOME and INTRODUCTION**

Maija Sakslin, Chairperson of the Management Board, FRA

Fundamental Rights Agency: stock-tacking and looking ahead

Morten Kjaerum, Director, FRA

Questions and answers

10.30 – 11.00 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

European Rights and Citizenship Programme: opportunities for civil society

Kinga Göncz, Member of the European Parliament, Rapporteur on Rights and Citizenship Programme (2014-2020)

Questions and answers

11.00 – 11.30 **Coffee break**

11.30 – 13.00

PANEL DEBATE**Fostering anti-discrimination policies in the EU – tools and measures available to civil society**

This panel will explore how equality policies can be improved in the on-going absence of an anti-discrimination directive extending beyond the area of employment. Reflecting on the prospects for the Horizontal Directive (draft), the panel of policymakers and representatives of civil society will examine alternative ways to improve equality policies, focusing in particular on how civil society can contribute to fostering anti-discrimination policies at both the EU and the national levels.

Panellists:

Raül Romeva i Rueda, Member of the European Parliament, Rapporteur on the Horizontal Anti-Discrimination Directive

Deaglán O’Briain, Chair of the Social Questions Working Party for the Article 19 Directive, Council of the European Union

Juan Gonzalez-Mellizo, Team Leader Non discrimination policies, DG Justice, European Commission
Civil society organisations working on a variety of discrimination grounds will contribute to the debate from the floor.

13.00 – 14.30

LUNCH**PLENARY SESSION II**

14.30 – 15.00

SOCIAL RIGHTS – THE ROLE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Presentation on the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR) procedure of collective complaint
Luis Jimena Quesada, Chair of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe

Questions and answers

WORKSHOPS

15.00 – 18.30

THE FLOOR IS YOURS

The ‘Floor is yours’ invites participants to discuss ideas, projects or issues that are important to the fundamental rights debate in the EU.

18.30

EVENING RECEPTION**FRIDAY, 26 APRIL****PLENARY SESSION III**

Chair: **Massimo Toschi**, Head of Sector National Human Rights Bodies and FRP-Civil Society, FRA

09.00 – 11.00

PANEL DEBATE**Victims of hate crime: challenges and promising practices for victim support**

Evidence collected by the 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.

Civil society organisations are uniquely positioned to provide first-hand support for victims of bias motivated crimes and monitor the situation on the ground. They play a crucial role, helping to bridge victims of hate crime with relevant institutions, building their trust in the police as well as providing essential medical, psychological as well as legal counselling. This panel debate will highlight some of the promising practices in the field and invite participants to explore together, how institutions on the national as well as EU level can best support the efforts of civil society providing help to victims of hate crime.

Panellists:

Joanna Perry, Hate Crime Officer, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), OSCE
Harald Kröger, Liaison Officer for LGBT-Issues – Central Office for Crime Prevention – Criminal Investigation Department, Berlin Police Department, Germany

Lisbeth Garly Andersen, Project leader, Danish Institute for Human Rights

Judith Sunderland, Senior Researcher, Human Rights Watch

Joanna Goodey, Head of Department Freedoms and Justice, FRA

Moderator: **Henri Nickels**, Programme Manager – Social Research, Equality and Citizens' Rights Department, FRA

11.00 – 11.30 **Coffee break**

WORKSHOPS

11.30 – 13.15 **THEMATIC WORKSHOPS WITH THE FRA**

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.

PLENARY SESSION IV

13.15 – 13.30 **FRP ADVISORY PANEL – what has been achieved so far and next steps**
Dominika Bychawska, Member of the FRP Advisory Panel

13.30 – 13.45 **CLOSING REMARKS**
Morten Kjaerum, Director, FRA

13.45 – 15.00 **LUNCH**

13.45 – 16.30 **ADVISORY PANEL MEETING**
(For Advisory Panel members only)

OPEN DAY AT THE FRA

13.30 - 14.30	REGISTRATION	
14.30 - 15.15	WELCOME & INTRODUCTION: FRA mandate, scope of activities and Fundamental Rights Platform <i>(Conference room)</i> Gabriel Toggenburg, Maria Amor Estebanez Martin and Massimo Toschi	
TIME	Conference room	Room 5109
15.30 - 16.15	Multiple discrimination Ludovica Banfi	FRA Roma programme: participatory action research with local authorities Eva Sobotka, Sheena Keller
16.30 - 17.15	Rights of irregular migrants Ann-Charlotte Nygard, Adriano Silvestri, Martina Huber	Collecting ethnic data - FRA Roma survey Sabine Springer
17.30 - 18.15	Third country nationals at the EU land and sea borders Ann-Charlotte Nygard, Adriano Silvestri, Martina Huber	Child participation in FRA research Astrid Podsiadlowski, Silvia Randazzo
18.15	INFORMAL GET TOGETHER (ATRIUM)	

A 15-minute break is foreseen between the timeslots!

Room 4122

Access to justice

Jonas Grimheden,
Jana Gajdosova

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FRA LGBT survey and other projects

Dennis Van Der Veur,
Miltos Pavlou

Room 3122

Severe forms of labour exploitation

Albin Dearing,
Alice Hamilton

Victims of hate crime

Albin Dearing,
Alice Hamilton

Rights of people with disability

Nevena Peneva,
Martha Stickings

Room 2117

FRA Gender-based violence against women survey

Sami Nevala

Data protection and privacy

Mario Oetheimer,
Krisztina Baranyos
Niraj Nathwani
Delfina Boni

'THE FLOOR IS YOURS'

Plenary (EN/FR)

Room I

Room II

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>
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>
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>
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>

A 10-minute break is foreseen between the timeslots!

Room III

European Expert Group on the Transition from Institutional to Community based care

**Locked up ... keys thrown away?!
Community-living -
a right for all!**

Room IV

Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians

Equality and Non-Discrimination as well as Hate Crime Documentation with regard to Christianity in Europe

Room V

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

Introduction to the Fundamental Rights Platform

15.00 - 15.45

Access Info Europe

No time for Questions?! The right to ask and the right to know about human rights

Movement for defence of pensioners, jobless and socially weak citizens

Problems of representation of masses of protestors in disputes with the systems of power

Defense for Children International

Applying human rights in the field of juvenile justice: challenges, difficulties and way forward

15.55 - 16.40

Legal Information Centre for Human Rights & Latvian Human Rights Committee

Linguistic discrimination in employment in the light of the Racial Equality Directive

European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)

Trade union movement and the fight against discrimination

Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM) & Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE)

Access to protection and justice for undocumented women survivors of violence

16.50 - 17.35

Bureau for the Implementation of Equal Treatment (BUG) & Klagsverband

Exchange of experiences concerning strategic litigation to secure fundamental rights

Advisory Panel of the Fundamental Rights Platform

The role of the Advisory Panel: an interactive first-hand testimony

Church and Society Commission of the Conference of European Churches (CEC)

Training on social, economic and cultural rights

17.45 - 18.30

THEMATIC WORKSHOPS WITH THE FRA

Plenary (EN/FR)

Room I

Room II

11.30 - 12.15

Victim support services for victims of hate crime

Hosts: Henri Nickels,
Albin Dearing

Communicating fundamental rights through social media

Hosts: Alison Taylder,
Tara Morris,
Massimo Toschi

Cutting across discrimination grounds: how to bring a horizontal approach?

Hosts: Dennis Van Der Veur,
Maria Amor Estebanez Martin

12.30 - 13.15

The role of civil society in monitoring and increasing reporting of incidents of hate crime

Hosts: Henri Nickels,
Albin Dearing
Presenter: Melissa Sonnino, CEJI

FRA CLARITY project - Complaints, Legal Assistance and Rights Information Tools for You

Hosts: Jana Gajdosova,
Pia Tirronen,
Alison Taylder

FRA LGBT survey - how can we make best use of the survey results?

Hosts: Dennis Van Der Veur,
Miltos Pavlou

A 15-minute break is foreseen between the timeslots!



Room III

Combatting violence against women

Host: Sami Nevala

Room IV

Cooperation with Roma civil society during the implementation of FRA's Roma Programme

Hosts: Eva Sobotka,
Michail Beis
Sheena Keller

Room V

FRA cooperation with JHA agencies: Frontex consultative forum

Host: Aydan Iyigüenoer, FRA; &
Stefan Kessler, Jesuit Refugee Service

11.30 - 12.15

Antisemitism today - ways forward

Hosts: Sami Nevala, Eva Sobotka

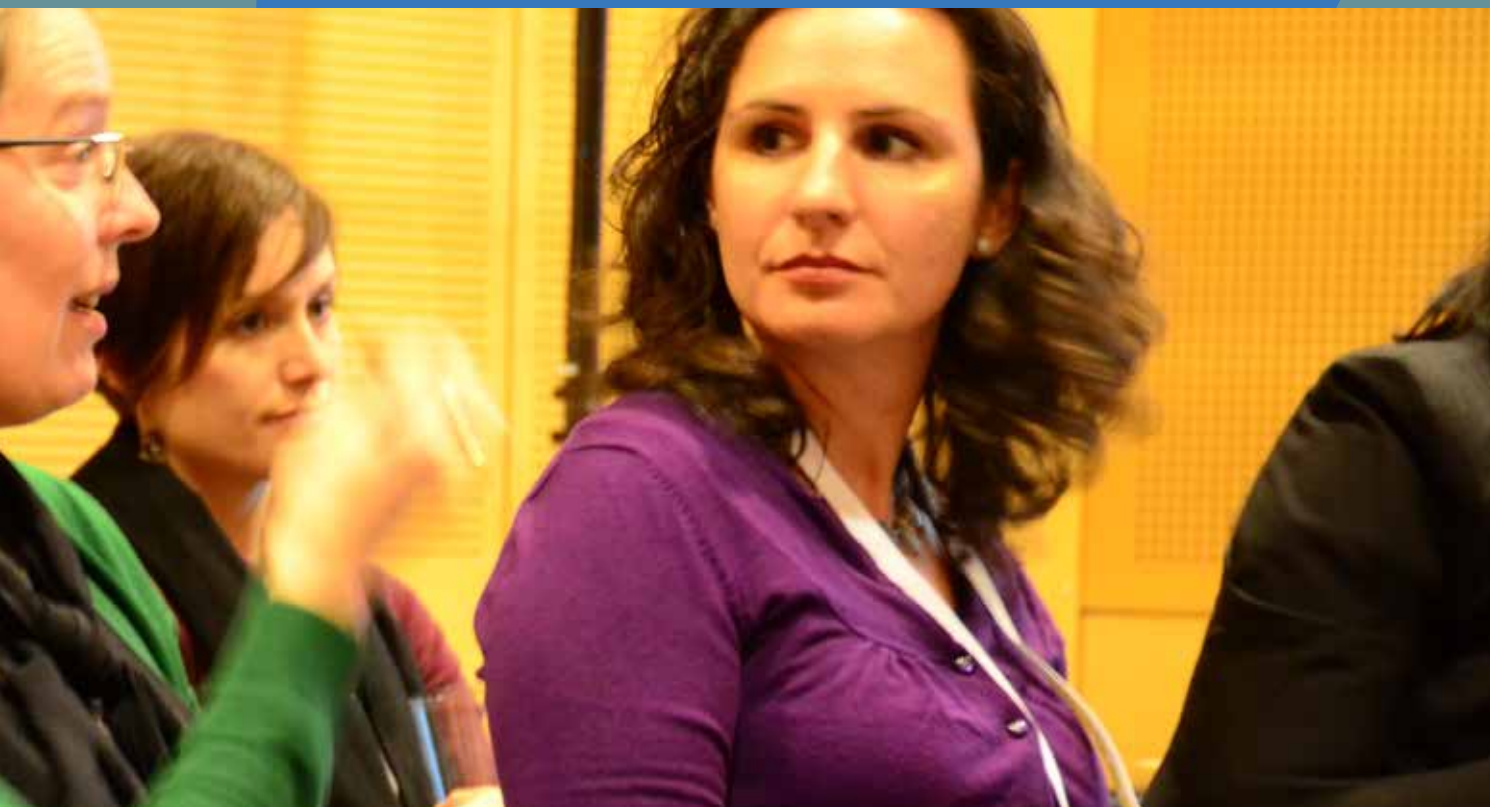
Fundamental rights at the local level: challenges and opportunities when working together with local authorities

Host: Andreas Accardo

FRA - FRP cooperation

Hosts: Joerg Gebhard
Ann-Charlotte Nygard

12.30 - 13.15



SPEAKERS



Morten Kjaerum is the Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, a position he has held since June 2008. Before joining the FRA, Mr Kjaerum served as the founding Director of the Danish Institute for Human Rights. Over 17 years in top executive roles at Denmark's national human rights institution, Mr Kjaerum built the institute into an internationally recognised institution. An expert in human rights implementation, Mr Kjaerum has been a member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the President of the International Coordination Committee for National Human Rights Institutions, a network coordinating relations between the United Nations and national institutions. Mr Kjaerum has written extensively on issues relating to human rights, in particular on refugee law, the prohibition against racial discrimination and the role of national human rights institutions.



Maija Sakslin is the Chairperson of the FRA Management Board and Finland's Deputy Parliamentary Ombudsman. She is an expert in constitutional and EU law, especially social rights. Previously, Ms Sakslin was a researcher at the Social Insurance Institution in Finland and at the University of Helsinki's Institute of International Economic Law. She participated as an expert in a number of working groups on reforming the Finnish constitution. She also took part in various EU research projects, among them the Observatory for Migrant workers and training and reporting on social security coordination.



Kinga Göncz is a Hungarian Member of the European Parliament, member of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D). Ms Göncz is Vice-Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE), where she is serving as Rapporteur on the Rights and Citizenship Programme (2014–2020). Prior to this, Ms Göncz held a number of high-level positions in Hungary, including Minister of Foreign Affairs (2006–2009), Minister of Youth, Family and Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities (2004–2006), Minister for Equal Opportunities (June–October 2004) and Parliamentary under-secretary for the Ministry of Health, Social and Family Affairs (2002–2004).



Luis Jimena Quesada serves as President of the Council of Europe's European Committee of Social Rights. He is also a professor of constitutional law at the University of Valencia in Spain. He has taught at the International Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg since 1993 and, since 1997, served as a substitute judge at the High Court of Justice of the Administrative Chamber of the Valencia Autonomous Community. Mr Jimena Quesada holds degrees from the Collège Universitaire d'Études Fédéralistes (Aosta, 1990), Europäische Akademie Bayern (Gauting, Munich, 1992) and the International Academy of Constitutional Law (Tunis, 1996).

PANEL DEBATE: Fostering anti-discrimination policies in the EU – tools and measures available to civil society



Raül Romeva i Rueda is a Spanish Member of the European Parliament and Vice-President of the Greens/EFA Group. He is a member of the Committee of Women's Rights and Gender Equality and the Committee of Fisheries and also serves as a substitute Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs. Prior to his election to the European Parliament in 2004, Mr Rueda worked as a senior analyst and consultant on armed conflict and post-war contexts at the United Nations, lecturing widely on these topics as well as on peace building and post-war rehabilitation. He was also in charge of the UNESCO Education reconstruction programme in Bosnia-Herzegovina, co-ordinated programmes and campaigns for Oxfam Spain and participated in the Spanish Campaign for Arms Control.



Deaglán Ó Briain is Principal in the Irish Department, Ministry of Justice and Equality, where he has responsibility for human rights and equality legislation, including implementation in domestic legislation of EU antidiscrimination directives. Under the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Mr Ó Briain chairs the Social Questions Working Party for the Article 19 Directive. He is also the FRA National Liaison Officer, acting as a permanent point of contact between the FRA and the Government of Ireland. Mr Ó Briain has served in a number of government departments and previously had responsibility for issues including: Irish language policy, development of programmes for support for local community development, policy in relation to government funding and support for voluntary activity.



Juan Gonzalez-Mellizo joined the Non-discrimination policies and Roma coordination unit of the Equality Directorate in DG Justice, Freedom and Security in 2010 where he currently works as team leader of non-discrimination policies. He started working in 1998 on European affairs first in the private sector and then for the Spanish public administration. He joined the European Commission in 2004 to work in different areas related to social inclusion. He studied economics and has two Master's degrees in Political Science and Management.

PANEL DEBATE: Victims of hate crime: challenges and promising practices for victim support

Joanna Perry is a Hate Crime Officer with the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). Before this she worked as an equality and diversity policy advisor at the Crown Prosecution Service in the United Kingdom, heading the coordination of hate crime policy and performance. She was particularly focused on developing the Service's policy and performance management structures on disability hate crime. She has published several articles on the topic of hate crime and teaches a regular Masters module on the subject. She has also worked in the voluntary sector as criminal justice police lead at Victim Support in the UK and with the human rights learning difficulties charity, Values Into Action.



Harald Kröger is a Detective Chief Inspector at the Berlin Police Department. Since April 2012 he has served as one of the two Liaison Officers for LGBT issues at the Central Office for Crime Prevention. As Liaison Officer, Mr Kröger is responsible for: providing on-going police training on LGBTI persons' rights and on crime based on homophobic prejudice; evaluating criminal offences against LGBTI; offering guidance on prevention of crime against LGBTI and related police work; assisting with related complaints; and networking with other authorities and NGOs. Mr Kröger began work with the Berlin Police Department in 1998. He is experienced in a variety of criminal investigation fields, especially violent adolescent crime and fraud.



Lisbeth Garly Andersen is a project manager at the Danish Institute for Human Rights. During her 11 years at the Institute, she has spearheaded a number of human rights projects in Denmark and internationally. Ms Andersen is a social anthropologist specialised in rights-based research, with particular expertise in hate crime and non-discrimination. Her main methodology is social fieldwork. Ms Andersen conducted a study on how Danish police handles hate crime and subsequently took charge of police training on hate crime. She has also been involved, in cooperation with the police, in several campaigns to combat hate crime.



Judith Sunderland is a senior Western Europe researcher with the Europe and Central Asia division of Human Rights Watch, focusing on issues related to discrimination and intolerance, migration and asylum policy and counterterrorism. Her recent work has included research and advocacy on: summary returns of asylum seekers and unaccompanied children from Italy to Greece; racist violence in Italy and Greece; police abuse affecting minority youth in France; deaths of migrants and asylum seekers in the Mediterranean; and counterterrorism cooperation with countries that torture. Ms Sunderland previously worked in Human Rights Watch's women's rights division, covering Latin America.



Joanna Goodey is Head of the Freedoms and Justice Department at the FRA. Ms Goodey, who holds a PhD in criminology, held lectureships from the mid-1990s in criminology and criminal justice – first at the Law Faculty of the University of Sheffield, and then at the University of Leeds. Subsequently, she worked for two years as a research fellow at the UN Office on Drugs and Crime. Ms Goodey is the author of an academic textbook 'Victims and Victimology: Research, Policy and Practice' (2005), and co-editor, together with A. Crawford, of 'Integrating a Victim Perspective within Criminal Justice: International Perspectives' (2000). She has also published over 30 academic journal articles and book chapters on issues including the criminalisation of migrants, human trafficking and survey research.

MODERATOR



Henri Nickels is Programme Manager responsible for social research at the FRA. His areas of expertise include hate crime, media and social representation of minorities, as well as issues around refugees and asylum; Islamophobia; counter-terrorism; research methodologies. He was previously a Research Fellow at the Institute for the Study of European Transformations at London Metropolitan University. Prior to that he worked as a Research Officer at the Department of Politics in the University of Surrey.

CHAIRS OF THE MEETINGS



Friso Roscam Abbing is the Head of the Communication Department at the FRA, a position he has held since 2009. Prior to this, Mr Roscam Abbing was a Member of the Cabinet of the European Commission Vice-President Jacques Barrot, the Commissioner for Freedom, Security and Justice, after having served from 2004 to 2008 as the spokesman of European Commission Vice President Franco Frattini, the prior Commissioner for Freedom, Security and Justice issues. Between 2000 and 2004, he headed the EU Asylum Policies sector at the European Commission's DG Justice, Freedom and Security. Before this, he led the EU Office of the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE, 1994-2000) after starting his career as Head of the Legal Department at the Dutch Refugee Council (1986-1994).



Massimo Toschi is a Programme Manager at the FRA in charge of cooperation with national human rights institutions, equality bodies and civil society (Fundamental Rights Platform). He is also involved in FRA's work on violence against women. Previously, Mr Toschi was the Chief of the Child Protection Unit at the United Nations (UN) Peace-Keeping Mission in Haiti (2006-2009) and worked at the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (2002-2005). Before joining the UN, Mr Toschi worked at the European Commission and was responsible for the European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights in Moldova, Belarus, Ukraine and Mongolia. His professional career began with European NGOs in Brussels – he worked at the European Human Rights Foundation, the European Liaison Office Telefono Azzurro 'Help Line for Children', and the European Forum for Child Welfare.

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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