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Foreword

On 11 March this year, the Justice and Home Affairs Council of the European Union adopted the Agency's new Multiannual Framework (MAF). This Council decision lays down the thematic areas in which the FRA will carry out its tasks from 2013-2017. Compared to the previous MAF, the changes are not fundamental. The area "Roma integration" was added and the area "Participation of the citizens of the Union in the Union's democratic functioning" removed. "Compensations of victims" was changed into "victims of crime, including compensation to victims of crime".

Following the adoption of the new MAF, the Annual Work Programme (AWP) for 2014 was amended as regards its structure and content. With the newly included project EU MIDIS II the Agency will for the first time repeat a large-scale survey. The results of the survey will allow us to identify trends over time with respect to different groups' experiences of fundamental rights. It is intended to continue with this practice in the framework of the future work programmes of the Agency.

This AWP also includes enriched information on monitoring and evaluation activities, which will allow us to prepare the FRA for the upcoming systematic gathering of information and data related to its performance.

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Section 1 - Overview of the FRA

1.1 The mandate of the FRA

The **European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)** has been set up to provide independent evidence based advice relating to fundamental rights, in the domain of Union law. The FRA's activities serve to promote fundamental rights and to support the EU institutions and Member States in raising the level of protection for everyone in the European Union.

The objective, the scope and the tasks of the Fundamental Rights Agency are set out in Articles 2 to 4 of Council Regulation (EC) NO 168/2007 establishing the FRA. To achieve this objective, the Agency collects and analyses data in order to provide independent, evidence-based assistance and expertise to EU institutions and Member States, as well as other human rights stakeholders.



The objective of the Agency shall be to provide the relevant institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Community and its Member States when implementing Community law with assistance and expertise relating to fundamental rights in order to support them when they take measures or formulate.
(Council Regulation (EC) N° 168/2007 - Art.2)

The Agency situates its work in the wider context of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. The purpose of the Charter is to strengthen the protection of fundamental rights in the European Union in the light of changes in society, social progress and scientific and technological developments. The Agency fulfills its tasks, as defined by its Regulation, by implementing specific projects and horizontal activities within the thematic areas of its five-year *Multi-annual Framework 2013-2017*, which fall broadly under different chapters of the Charter of Fundamental Rights. The thematic areas of the Multi-annual Framework are of a cross-cutting nature, as they have implications on fundamental rights in different chapters of the Charter.

According to Article 5 of its Regulation, the Agency may respond to requests from the European Parliament, the Council or the Commission for scientific research and surveys, conclusions and opinions on specific thematic topics at the request of the European Parliament, the Council or the Commission outside the thematic areas of the Multi-annual Framework provided its financial and human resources so permit. Such requests may also deal with legislative proposals and their compatibility with fundamental rights. However, according to Article 4 (2) of its Regulation the Agency's conclusions, opinions and reports may not deal with the legality of acts within the

meaning of an action for annulment or with the question of whether a Member State has failed to fulfill an obligation under the Treaty within the meaning of an infringement procedure.

In accordance with Article 9 of its Regulation and with the Agreement of cooperation between the Agency and the Council of Europe, the Agency will coordinate its activities set out in this Annual Work Programme with those of the Council of Europe. In particular, the Agency bases its work on the standard-setting of the Council of Europe and the outcome of its monitoring, as well as its relevant research and communication work. Likewise, the Agency's work aims

- (a) collect, record, analyse and disseminate relevant, objective, reliable and comparable information and data ...
- (b) develop methods and standards to improve the comparability, objectivity and reliability of data
- (c) carry out, cooperate with or encourage scientific research
- (d) formulate and publish conclusions and opinions on specific thematic topics and surveys, preparatory studies and feasibility studies
- (e) publish an annual report on fundamental-rights issue...also highlighting examples of good practice;
- (f) publish thematic reports based on its analysis, research and surveys;
- (g) publish an annual report on its activities; and
- (h) develop a communication strategy and promote dialogue with civil society, in order to raise public awareness of fundamental rights and actively disseminate information about its work.
(Council Regulation (EC) N° 168/2007 - Art.4)

to feed into and support that of the Council of Europe.

The FRA cooperates with Union bodies, offices and agencies, Member States, governmental organisations and public bodies competent in the field of fundamental rights in the Member States, including National Human Rights Institutions, Equality Bodies, Ombuds institutions, and civil society organisations. The FRA takes in particular into account in its work reports and research initiated by the European Commission – for example, research under the EU Research Framework Programmes. This basis serves to avoid duplication and to enhance synergies between the work of the Agency and the Commission services. In addition, the Agency cooperates with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the United Nations and other international organisations. The Agency considers the output of the UN human rights system related to EU Member States, in particular resulting from the Universal Periodic Review, Special Procedures of the UN Human Rights Council and UN treaty bodies. In addition to the issues and activities related to the specific thematic areas outlined in the Multi-annual Framework, the Agency also carries out work on fundamental rights in general and undertakes activities which cut across the various thematic areas (transversal and horizontal tasks). These activities relate in particular to the Agency's activities on human rights awareness raising as well as its work with civil society in its Fundamental Rights Platform.



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1.2 Planning the work: integrated methodology and stakeholder engagement

In order to implement its long-term strategic approach the Agency has adopted a multi-annual planning method: its Annual Work Programmes are prepared three years in advance. Stakeholders start contributing to the Agency's Annual Work Programme at least two years in advance through systematic, continuous dialogue and consultation which continues throughout the planning process. Such a multi-annual planning approach allows the Agency to develop large scale multi-annual projects based mostly on fieldwork research. The consistency of the objectives and the mitigation of potential uncertainties related to long-term planning are regularly checked and revised. The Agency monitors and evaluates its activities on an ongoing basis providing its Management Board and main stakeholders with early and regular feedback on any essential changes in its projects. This long term planning approach allows the Agency to adhere to the limits set in its multi-annual staff policy plan and provides robust forecasts for procurement.

The Agency designs and implements its projects based on an integrated cross-departmental approach: cooperation and engagement with project stakeholders, research, analysis and the development of opinions and expert advice are undertaken in the departments Equality and Citizen's Rights (ECR) and Freedoms and Justice (FJ); communication and awareness raising activities, as well as cooperation and engagement with the Agency's key partners (such as National Liaison Officers, EU institutions, Fundamental Rights Platform, NHRIs, Equality Bodies and Ombuds institutions) are carried out by the Communication (CAR) department. Much of the Agency's work is carried out through multi-annual rolling projects to address more resource and time demanding issues. In addition, cross cutting activities allow the Agency to cover a broad spectrum of fundamental rights issues. In order to ensure a flexible implementation of the Work Programme, projects have been given priority according to the following model:

FIRST PRIORITY

Projects that follow-up on past work, correspond to key EU priorities and are considered essential to complete work in a specific area

SECOND PRIORITY

Projects which, although essential, could be postponed to next year owing to, for example, unforeseen requests by stakeholders

THIRD PRIORITY

Projects that can be done only if funds become available in the course of the financial year.

1.3 The core activities of the FRA

Providing evidence-based advice

The FRA provides evidence-based assistance and expertise to those who develop and implement policy and legislation at EU and national level supporting their work to fully respect fundamental rights. In this context, the FRA produces an annual report on fundamental rights in the EU and thematic reports on key fundamental rights issues, such as on discrimination, racism, access to justice, migration and asylum, homophobia, rights of the child, right to privacy, and data protection etc.

Collecting and analysing data

The FRA collects and analyses official and non-official data on fundamental rights issues in the EU. Given the differences in data availability across the EU Member States, the Agency also develops methods to improve data quality and comparability. To address the paucity of data, and, in particular of comparable data, the FRA also conducts its own primary fieldwork research and surveys. All FRA reports go through a scientific and language editing process. All reports are drafted in English by expert staff in-house and translated into French and German, while many reports are also translated into other EU languages depending on stakeholder demand and availability of financial resources.

Cooperating with key actors

The Agency engages systematically with a broad range of fundamental rights actors from international to local level. In this way, the FRA exchanges information and creates synergies with the work carried out by various human rights actors. Their feedback also allows the Agency to tailor its projects to policy needs and developments. The Agency also engages with civil society organisations from across the EU through its Fundamental Rights Platform.

Communication and awareness raising

The FRA develops communication, multimedia, information and dissemination resources for specific target groups in order to inform about the results of its work. It also raises awareness of fundamental rights among the general public.



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Section 2 - FRA ACTIVITIES IN 2014

2.1 Providing evidence-based advice

The Agency provides evidence based advice to EU institutions and Member States to support them in their efforts to fully respect, protect, promote and fulfill fundamental rights. This advice is provided in different ways, for example through conclusions and opinions based on its independent research, data collection and analysis; or by providing a specific opinion after request by the European Parliament, the Council or the Commission on a legislative proposal.

FRA conclusions and opinions, contained in its comparative reports, are addressed to the EU institutions and Member States. In addition, the work of the FRA supports the activities of other key actors, in particular the Council of Europe and international organisations, such as UNICEF, UNHCR, OHCHR, OSCE/ODIHR, etc., as well as regional and local authorities, National Human Rights Institutions, Equality Bodies and Ombuds institutions, as well as civil society organisations.

There is growing demand for more evidence based expertise from EU institutions both through informal consultations and formal requests requiring a Work Programme with the flexibility to respond to these, while continuing planned research projects.

2.2 Collecting and analysing data

Data collection and analysis on the situation of fundamental rights in the EU provides the basis for the Agency's assistance and expertise. In 2014 the FRA will carry out data collection activities on fundamental rights issues, as outlined below, which are often cutting across several areas included in the EU's Charter of Fundamental Rights.

Research activities are interdisciplinary articulating legal and social research. Comparative reports are mostly written in-house by expert staff. All publications follow a rigorous review process to ensure the highest possible quality involving the FRA's Scientific Committee, senior research staff, Heads of department and the Director and often external experts.

The Agency's departments work closely together so that results in one area, for example on asylum issues, inform the analysis in other areas, for example racism or child rights, and vice versa.

The Agency's research often spans into multi-annual rolling projects, when addressing more resource or time demanding issues or when substantial fieldwork research needs to be undertaken. In addition, horizontal activities allow the Agency to cover comprehensively a broad spectrum of fundamental rights issues and respond to needs that might arise during the year.

FRA research is policy driven and needs to be policy relevant. With this in mind, the Agency engages with key stakeholders both at the planning and at the implementation stages of projects to ensure that the work carried out actually corresponds to their needs.

Data are collected in two ways: as secondary source information or as primary data collection based on fieldwork. Data and information are collected across the EU through the FRA's own research network (FRANET), which is composed of contracted national focal points for each Member State (and Croatia), or through other contracted experts for particular projects.

Secondary sources include data and information from governmental sources, as well as from non-governmental sources such as academic research, civil society reports and studies, results of monitoring by international organisations, etc. The FRA's past work has established that secondary source data and information are often not available or not comparable on a range of issues; for example in the areas of recorded hate crime or discrimination complaints. Therefore, the FRA undertakes primary fieldwork research to fill this knowledge gap in key areas. Examples are the Agency's large-scale EU-MIDIS survey in 2009, its Roma survey in 2011 and its violence against women survey, which serve to fill a gap in current EU-wide data on particular fundamental rights issues.

For primary data collection, FRA experts utilise robust, scientific methods and in-house expertise, and work together with contractors in the development of research and the application of different methodologies when collecting data and information across the EU27 (plus Croatia).

FRA reports are drafted by expert staff in-house based on an analysis of primary and/or secondary data. In some cases, the analysis draws on background analysis and other deliverables developed by external contractors from various EU Member States. All reports go through a careful scientific and language editing process in-house to ensure the publication of readily understandable reports pitched towards diverse target audiences.

FRA reports are published in English, French and German as well as other EU languages, where applicable.

2.3 Cooperating with stakeholders and partners

FRA works closely with its partners at all levels of the European Union to ensure that its activities are relevant to current fundamental rights issues. FRA maintains close working relations with the European Union institutions - namely the European Parliament, the Council of the EU, the European Commission. It cooperates with its advisory bodies - the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, as well as with a number EU Agencies (in particular Eurofound, Frontex, EASO, Europol, EIGE and CEPOL).



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FRA cooperates with the Member States of the EU, in particular through its network of National Liaison Officers (NLOs). NLOs are the main contact points for the Agency in Member States. Continuous exchange and regular meetings help to create a strong working partnership, which guarantees that information is shared and national needs are known and addressed as far as possible. In close cooperation with NLOs, the FRA will also reach out and disseminate FRA reports and other deliverables to national parliaments. At the national level, also National Human Rights Institutions, Equality Bodies and Ombuds institutions, civil society organisations working in the area of fundamental rights, and other institutions working on fundamental rights issues are important partners.

Finally, the FRA has a close working relationship with the Council of Europe, employing its standards in its work. A Cooperation Agreement determines the scope and nature of the cooperation. The FRA also cooperates with the United Nations system and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE).

This cooperation with stakeholders and partners is essential in connecting the Agency's projects and activities to the thematic priorities and decision-making cycles of the EU institutions, allowing the Agency to feed into key legislative and policy developments on fundamental rights in the EU. It enables the Agency to undertake its advisory role by providing evidence-based information, results, conclusions and opinions.

The Agency also has to ensure that its work is well coordinated with the work of other Agencies or bodies working at the European and national level on fundamental rights. In order to ensure FRA's added value, its priorities and programmes aim at enhancing the consistency and coherence to fundamental rights work at both the European and national level.



In addition, the Agency needs to have 'its ears to the ground' being open to civil society. In this regard it has developed relations with civil society organisations such as social partners, professional groups, academics, practitioners, non-governmental organizations and experts. The FRA has established a specific cooperation network for its work with civil society, the Fundamental Rights Platform. Civil

society organisations also engage directly in the projects and activities of the Agency.

The Agency also undertakes human rights training with specific stakeholders helping them to develop their capacity to be more effective positive agents of change for fundamental rights.

2.4 Communicating and raising awareness

In 2014, the FRA will continue to raise public awareness on fundamental rights issues and disseminate information about its work, focusing particularly on communicating with its key stakeholders and partners.

All communication activities are based on the Agency's Communication Strategy and, more concretely, on its Annual Communication Plan.



In order to ensure that its work has a real impact on policy FRA develops communication products, tools and services for institutions, organisations and actors who are human rights stakeholders to ensure they receive FRA products and services at the right time and in the most appropriate format. In this way the Agency ensures that it provides evidence-based, objective, relevant and useful data and information and advice in a user friendly style and format in a targeted and timely way.

Key tools and channels for the FRA's communication and awareness raising include online, print and audio-visual tools and products, as well as events, personal meetings, information stands, and broadcast and print media.



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Section 3 – The FRA themes

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FRA's multi-annual framework for 2013-2017

- Immigration and integration of migrants, visa and border control and asylum
- Information society and, in particular, respect for private life and protection of personal data

3.1 Immigration and integration of migrants, visa and border control and asylum

Policy background

The Treaty of Lisbon calls on the European Union to offer its citizens “an area of freedom, security and justice without internal frontiers, in which the free movement of persons is ensured in conjunction with appropriate measures with respect to external border controls, asylum, immigration and the prevention and combating of crime” (Article 2, the Treaty of the European Union). In turn, the Union is developing a common policy on asylum, immigration and external border control, based on solidarity between Member States, which is fair towards third-country nationals (Article 67, Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union). In parallel, the Stockholm Programme announces a set of measures to facilitate legal access to the Union, and to counteract illegal immigration without preventing access to protection systems by those persons entitled to benefit from them. In March 2010 the Commission presented concrete plans on how to implement the policy commitments of the Stockholm Programme. These constitute the basis for the activities envisaged by the FRA in 2013.



Previous work

In 2010-2012 the FRA has focused on border control, irregular migration and asylum. It has not addressed legal migration or visas. In 2013 the FRA will release a handbook together with the European Court of Human Rights on European law in the field of asylum, migration and borders.

In May 2010 a cooperation arrangement was signed with Frontex in order to support the Agency to mainstream fundamental rights. By engaging European Union Member States from the outset in its project work dealing with borders, the Agency intends to create an

environment which will allow for the discussion of sensitive issues with them, as well as with Frontex, before the final research products are published. Linked to this, the Agency is engaging in the area of human rights training. It has, for example, supported the process of updating the common core curriculum for border guards, which contains a list of knowledge and skills that each border guard must have. Two reports are expected to be released in 2013, one on the situation in the Mediterranean sea and a second report on respect for fundamental rights during border checks at airports and land borders.

In the area of irregular migration, the focus of the Agency's work has been on migrants in an irregular situation. Four reports were released in 2010 – 2011: one on immigration detention (a comparative legal analysis of all 27 EU Member States) and three on the rights of migrants in an irregular situation. The latter include a comparative report covering policies in all 27 EU Member States and two reports (on healthcare and on migrants employed in the domestic work sectors) covering 10 EU Member States. Among the issues to be addressed, the reports highlight the situation of those who are in practice not removed and remain in a situation of legal limbo.

In the area of asylum, The FRA has published three reports in 2010, two on asylum procedures (on the duty to inform applicants and on effective remedies) and one on the situation of separated children seeking asylum. These reports allow for the experiences of asylum seekers to inform the work of policy makers entrusted with the creation of a Common European Asylum System. At the beginning of 2011 the Agency published a thematic situation report on ‘The situation of persons crossing the Greek land border in an irregular manner’. The report involved a field visit to Greece to document and better understand the nature of the fundamental rights problem concerning irregular migrants, and to explore potential responses to the problem.



Future challenges

The current issues related to migratory movements based on economic push and pull factors, and the integration of security considerations and the need to respect fundamental rights will continue to characterise policy making in the areas of immigration and asylum for the years to come. To this end, the Agency will endeavor to ensure that the results of its research can feed constructively into this process, with the aim of underlining that the fundamental rights language concerning immigration and asylum, which is now inserted in policy documents and legislation, is put into practice.

Planned activities in 2014

In 2014, the FRA will build on the work done in previous years and use the results of its research findings to inform policy making processes at the EU level as well as operational activities by sibling agencies, in particular FRONTEX and the European Asylum Support Office, with whom the conclusion of a cooperation arrangement is planned. The Agency's project on extreme forms of labour exploitation which will



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be launched in 2013 will encompass victims of exploitation who are both EU and non-EU citizens. The findings of the research will be presented and disseminated in 2014. In addition, in 2014, the FRA envisages to continue its work on borders by undertaking further research into the fundamental rights implications of large IT databases established or planned at EU level. This project will also relate to visa policies, as it intends to cover also the Visa Information System.

Expected impact

The overall goal of the FRA in the area of border control and immigration is for policy makers to consider respect for fundamental rights not as an obstacle to effective policies, but rather as a quality indicator. The FRA intends to achieve this by providing policy makers as well as practitioners with evidence on current practices and possible ways forward. Key stakeholders, including national authorities, as well as FRONTEX and EASO, are involved during the implementation of projects to ensure that the results are relevant and usable.

3.2 Information society and, in particular, respect for private life and protection of personal data

Policy background

The increased availability and use of new technologies is having significant repercussions on legal and practical measures to guarantee the fundamental right to data protection. In order to take into account rapid technological developments and reaffirm the importance of data protection in the EU, the European Commission has proposed a wide-ranging data protection reform package in January 2012. The objective of the reform are three-fold: 1) to enhance the internal market dimension of data protection, 2) to increase the effectiveness of the fundamental right to data protection and put individuals in control of their data and 3) to enhance the coherence of the EU data protection framework. Once the reform will be adopted, the EU will have a stronger legal framework to guarantee data protection in a technological environment where privacy concerns are put into question. In parallel, the Council of Europe started its process to modernise the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regards to Automatic Processing of Personal Data in close collaboration with the EU. In fact, given the global nature of challenges to privacy, the Stockholm Programme encourages the promotion of the Council of Europe Convention as a worldwide standard. In 2014 it is envisaged that overall data protection reform both at EU and Council of Europe level will be concluded.

Previous work

In May 2010, the Agency' published a report on 'Data protection in the European Union: the role of national data protection authorities' reflects the main focus of its work to date. This report looked at the challenges for the EU's data protection system with respect to current deficiencies relating to the independence, effectiveness and capabilities of data protection authorities in different Member States. The report addressed the current lack of enforcement of the data protection system in some Member States, and also made reference

to research from surveys that has identified the public's lack of awareness of their rights in the field of data protection. In addition to this report, in 2011 the Agency responded to a request from the European Parliament to produce an opinion on Passenger Name Record (PNR); which served to update the Agency's previous opinion. Building on from other Agency reports in 2010 that sought to highlight and address deficiencies and good practices in the EU's fundamental rights architecture, in 2011 the Agency embarked on new research on judicial redress mechanisms and their use in the area of data protection. The research for this project was conducted in 2012, and the research results will be published in 2013. Alongside this project, in 2013 the Agency will prepare, a Handbook on European data protection law, bringing together the jurisprudence available at EU level (comprising the one from the ECtHR and the CJEU) with the one existing at national level. The Agency will put this Handbook together upon specific request of the European Commission and in cooperation with the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights. Data protection was a theme of the three FRA Symposiums: in 2010, the independence of data protection authorities and their contribution to the European fundamental rights architecture was discussed; in May 2011, a dedicated workshop on data protection indicators was organised during the FRA Symposium on fundamental rights indicators. In May 2012, the FRA organised a Symposium on data protection focusing on the fundamental rights dimension of the data protection reform package proposed by the European Commission in January 2012. In October 2012, the FRA published its opinion on the data protection package in response of a European Parliament request for opinion on the fundamental rights compliance of the data protection package. In 2013, at the European Commission's request, the FRA analysed the current situation regarding funding and staffing of data protection authorities.



Future challenges

The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union has introduced data protection as a separate article (under article 8) to respect for private and family life (under article 7). This is a significant development in consideration of other key human rights documents, such as the European Convention on Human Rights, as it distinguishes data protection in its own right. This separate article reflects the fact that the Charter was drafted in 2000, and therefore has responded to developments and concerns resulting from a growth in use of new technologies and the implications of this concerning data protection and privacy. The challenge is how the EU's new legislative framework on data protection, including the Charter, can be assessed over the next few years with respect to people's enjoyment of their rights in the context of developing new technologies, and the extent to which the regulatory framework, including data protection authorities, is in a position to uphold these rights.



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Planned activities in 2014

The protection of privacy and personal data in the digital era raises fundamental challenges for the EU. With its unique working methods combining sociological and legal research, the FRA is in a position to provide evidence on current developments and targeted insights in specific areas. In 2014, the Agency will assess how data protection awareness and behaviour of internet users could be included in the scope of the Fundamental Rights Barometer – an EU-wide survey on trends in fundamental rights. More specifically, this module could explore how members of the public use information technology with respect to the frequency and type of personal information they divulge, their knowledge in consideration of data protection and privacy concerns, and whether they are aware of and have used data redress mechanisms. This project builds on the Agency's previous work, such as the 2010 report on the role of national data protection authorities in the context of the EU's broader fundamental rights architecture, and the results from the project on redress mechanisms in the field of data protection published in 2013.

Expected impact

The Agency's work will complement that of, amongst others, the European Data Protection Supervisor and the Council of Europe, which are variously engaged in initiatives to uphold and promote data protection and privacy in relation to ICT. A key expected impact of the Agency's work is to provide evidence of the situation on the ground concerning internet users and data protection issues, which can serve to inform legislative and practical initiatives to promote and protect fundamental rights. At the same time, the Agency's work should ensure that promotion and protection of fundamental rights relating to data protection and privacy are not seen as barriers to the use of and growth in new technologies, but only serve as barriers in the context of unlawful activities that can jeopardise fundamental rights.

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EQUALITY

FRA's multi-annual framework for 2013-2017

- Racism, xenophobia and related intolerance
- Discrimination based on sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age or sexual orientation
- Roma integration
- The rights of the child

3.3 Racism, non-discrimination and Roma integration

Policy background

Racism, xenophobia, antisemitism, Islamophobia, anti-gypsyism, homophobia/transphobia and related intolerances remain a concern across the European Union, as evidenced by the Agency's recent annual and thematic reports. In order to make up for the lack of official data on manifestations of racism and related intolerances the FRA launched in 2011 and 2013 several projects to document the situation, for example a survey of Jewish populations on antisemitism and its Roma survey.

In particular concerning the Roma, the FRA continues its work in response to the Commission Communication of April 2011, which was adopted by the Council in May 2011, tasking the FRA with providing data and background information that will feed into the Commission's annual report to the European Parliament and to the Council on progress on the integration of the Roma population in Member States and on the achievement of the goals. In addition, the Communication requests the Agency to work with Member States in order to assist them in developing monitoring methods which can provide a comparative analysis of the situation of Roma across Europe. In order to fulfil these tasks the FRA developed and implements a multi-annual programme of action that spans from 2012 to 2020, in the context of the EU's Europe 2020 goal of elimination of poverty and increasing social inclusion. This comprehensive multi-annual programme of action 2012 - 2020 addresses the key issues raised in the Commission Communication, the Council Conclusions and the targets set by Europe 2020, in particular regarding inclusive growth and its flagship initiative "European platform against poverty and social exclusion". The outputs of this programme (reports, data sets, country reports, and other deliverables) will feed into an annual factual FRA report, which will be timed to contribute to the Commission's annual assessment and policy report to the European Parliament and to the Council on progress made on the integration of the Roma population in Member States and on the achievement of the goals.



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Previous work

The Agency collects, and analyses data, and it publishes relevant comparative reports on issues of discrimination on all grounds, and on the situation regarding racism, xenophobia and related intolerance. For example, since 2004 it publishes an annual update on the situation of antisemitism in the EU; in 2005 a report on racist crime and violence; in 2006 a report on the situation of Roma children in education and a report on Islamophobia, in 2010 a report on racism in sport, a report of a pilot study on the representation of minorities in



the press, etc. These reports fulfilled the FRA's strategic objectives in this area, including the cross-cutting area of children's rights; for example, FRA's specific strategic objective to identify and analyse access to quality education and quality health care for children belonging to disadvantaged groups, in particular for Roma and Traveller children. All these reports highlighted the paucity of reliable data in most Member States. In response to this lack of data FRA carried out and published in 2009 EU-MIDIS, a unique survey of migrants and minorities' experiences of racist discrimination and racist crime.

In 2011-12 FRA carried out a second survey of this kind focusing on Jews. Building up on its research on holocaust education the Agency developed in 2008 in cooperation with Yad Vashem a five year programme of human rights education raising awareness of young people about the universal lessons of the Shoah and other genocides and link these universal lessons to fundamental rights and values of the EU.

In regard to the Roma and in the context of its multi-annual programming the FRA completed in 2011 and published in 2012 and in 2013 results of its major pilot household survey of Roma in 11 EU Member States working in parallel with a UNDP/World Bank survey commissioned by DG Regional Policy. In addition, the FRA conducted interviews with several local authorities in the Member States covered by the FRA's research. In 2012 the FRA expanded its research to cover the remaining EU Member States, as part of its multi-annual Roma Programme.

In regard to discrimination on other MAF grounds, FRA's strategic objective is to identify and analyse the situation of LGBT persons, as well as positive measures and practices to reduce discrimination on



grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity. FRA pioneered research work on other grounds of discrimination immediately after its establishment in 2007 leading in 2008 to a legal report and in 2009 a social report on homophobia and discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity. In 2010, in collaboration with the Council of Europe's Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, FRA updated its 2008 legal report. In 2012 FRA launched a survey on experiences of discrimination and victimisation of LGBT people in the EU and Croatia. The results of the survey were presented in May 2013. In addition, together with the European Court of Human Rights,

the FRA has prepared a Handbook on European Non-discrimination law, published in March 2011.

In view of the EU's and Member States' obligations regarding the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities one of FRA's objective is to identify and analyse the situation of people with disabilities and in particular the most vulnerable among them, such as people with mental or intellectual disabilities.

In this context, FRA initiated work on disability in 2009 which resulted in a series of reports on the situation of persons with intellectual disabilities and mental health problems in selected Member States. In 2013 a report on Legal Capacity was launched.

Planned activities in 2014

In 2014 FRA will continue to collect data on racism, update its annual overview report on antisemitism and disseminate the results of its work on racism and related intolerances examining the possibilities of covering other grounds of discrimination. The Agency will also continue engaging with EU and national actors in activities concerning Holocaust education, particularly in a broader context of human rights education and efforts to preserve the memory of crimes committed by totalitarian regimes. It will complete its analysis and publication of the results of its survey of Jews and the results of its LGBT survey, the latter resulting in a focus report on the situation of transgender persons. The results of the qualitative research on the views and perceptions of public authorities and other duty bearers vis-à-vis LGBT persons will also be analysed in 2014.

FRA will also start to implement the EU-MIDIS II survey, part of which will be to collect data on the Roma in selected EU Member States, along with covering other immigrant and ethnic minority groups. Based on its previous work on the situation of persons with disabilities during 2013, FRA will further develop rights based indicators in close cooperation with the European Commission and ANED to examine how the rights of persons with disabilities are respected, protected, promoted and fulfilled in the EU through analysis of secondary data and by identifying and testing methods for collecting comparative primary data on choice and control for persons with disabilities across the European Union through fieldwork research. The results of two research projects (Children with disabilities: targeted violence and hostility as well as Political Participation of Persons with Disabilities) will be published in 2014.

Expected impact

Each project aims at driving the relevant policy agenda forward by providing policy makers at EU and national level, and other stakeholders with evidence based advice. Work on racism, for example, aims mainly at the national and local level providing evidence as to the need, as a minimum, to implement EU law and develop effective measures to combat these phenomena, but, in addition, can also support civil society organisations in their advocacy work. The data collected in the context of discrimination against LGBT persons will also help member States in implementing Recommendation 2010 (5) of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on measures to combat discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity. Work on multiple



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discrimination aims to sensitize policy makers, and medical practitioners, about the vulnerabilities resulting from the intersection of ethnic origin, age and gender in health care. The work on disability discrimination aims at supporting the development of more effective EU policies, but can also support national and local authorities and other actors in improving the life of disabled persons. The Agency's Roma programme will support the European Commission in its annual reporting, as well as national and local authorities, in designing effective and inclusive Roma strategies. Regarding local authorities, cooperation will be sought with the Council of Europe in the framework of the European Alliance of Cities and Regions for Roma inclusion.

3.4 The rights of the child

Policy background

The respect, protection, promotion and fulfilment of the rights of the child are objectives of the EU on which the Treaty of Lisbon has put further emphasis. All Member States have signed and ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and Article 24 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights provides a clear political mandate for action on children's rights. The European Commission published in 2011 an ambitious EU Agenda on the rights of the child. Its purpose is to reaffirm the strong commitment of all EU institutions and of all Member States to promoting, protecting and fulfilling the rights of the child in all relevant EU policies and to turn it into concrete results. In the future, EU policies that directly or indirectly affect children should be designed, implemented, and monitored taking into account the principle of the best interests of the child enshrined in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The EU has implemented several initiatives, for example, child alert systems, funding instruments, etc, and tries to ensure the respect and promotion of children's rights in EU legislative and non-legislative actions (mainstreaming). The Commission's Communication notes a significant lack of reliable and comparable data, which hinders the development of evidence-based policies, and identifies as one key challenge the improvement of existing monitoring systems, establishing child rights-related policy targets, and monitoring their impact. It stresses that gaps in knowledge about the situation and needs of the most vulnerable groups of children should be addressed as a matter of priority. The Communication notes that this process will take stock of the child rights indicators developed by the FRA, which were developed on the request of the Commission to measure how the rights of the child are implemented, protected, respected and promoted across the EU. They are intended to guide the Agency's data collection and research, allowing it to develop evidence-based opinions and support the EU institutions and Member States when they take measures or formulate actions. The FRA in close cooperation with the Commission services will develop an ambitious programme on the rights of the child developing projects collecting data on the situation of children in the EU's justice



systems guided by the Council of Europe's Guidelines on child friendly justice. In addition, data on children in vulnerable situations will be collected through other projects, for instance the survey on women's experiences of violence, which also covers their experiences as children, the Roma survey that has a particular focus on education, etc.

Previous work

The Agency started to work in this area by building up on its past work on Roma children in education. In 2007 following a request by the European Commission the Agency developed indicators for measuring the respect and protection of child rights in the EU. The Agency carried out this task in close cooperation with key institutional stakeholders, namely the Commission, the Council of Europe, UNICEF and Child on Europe. In 2009 the Agency published a report on child rights indicators and continued in the following years to refine and operationalise them. The Agency's work in this area is cross-cutting with many other areas of its work drawing from them, as well as contributing to them. The FRA pays particular attention in engaging children in its relevant research work. Building on this need for child-centered research the Agency carried out in 2009 and published in 2010 research on the situation and experiences of separated asylum seeking children interviewing a large number of boys and girls aged 12-18. In 2011 the FRA developed further its child rights indicators focusing on the issue of child friendly justice in judicial procedures and in 2012 conducted in close cooperation with the European Commission fieldwork research aiming to examine the experiences and views of practitioners in this field in order to assess the effectiveness of the relevant EU legislation on the ground.

Planned activities in 2014

Following up to the operationalization of its indicators and the fieldwork research based on interviews with adults carried out in 2012 in the area of child friendly justice, the FRA will continue in close cooperation with the European Commission its fieldwork research based on interviews with children themselves to investigate how child friendly are currently justice procedures that concern children. In parallel, the FRA will support the Commission's efforts to work with Eurostat and national statistical offices in order to develop justice related data disaggregated by age. Building on this work the Agency will cooperate closely with the CoE in developing a Handbook of European Case-law on the Rights of the Child. In the context of its work on child friendly justice, the Agency will develop, in close cooperation with Commission services, analysis related to the participation of children in judicial proceedings, insofar as its resources allow.

In the context of its work more broadly on child rights, the Agency will work closely with Commission services to further develop child rights indicators, proposing a set of core indicators, that are firmly grounded in the international standards set out in the UN Convention on the rights of the child and aligned with the OHCHR model for structural, process and outcome human rights based indicators. This work will be aligned to the FRA's overall work on fundamental rights and child rights indicators (see below) and will be carried out in close



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cooperation with Eurofound based on the cooperation agreement between the two Agencies and in the light of the Commission's 20 February 2013 Recommendation on Investing in children: breaking the cycle of disadvantage. In addition, this work will take into account and foster synergies with other initiatives underway such as the child well-being indicators developed under EU-SILC and child rights indicator-related work in DGs EAC, SANCO and RTD. The overarching goal will be gradually, as resources permit, to populate these indicators with data contributing to coherence of all child rights-related work on indicators by the EU.

Expected impact

The findings of this research will inform developments in the EU as Member States take measures according to the CoE Guidelines on child friendly justice to improve the way children participate in judicial proceedings by providing evidence based advice and expertise, as well as contributing to the sharing of good practice.

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FRA's multi-annual framework for 2013-2017

- Access to justice
- Victims of crime, including compensation to victims
- Judicial cooperation, except in criminal matters

3.5 Justice, victims of crime and judicial cooperation

Policy background

Justice is a field of dynamic development in the EU with ambitions to establish an area of justice. While 'justice' is not only related to criminal justice, it is envisaged that developments at an EU-level in the area of criminal justice in particular will require a stronger role for FRA in the field of data collection and analysis.

The Maastricht Treaty of 1992 (entered into force 1993) saw the introduction of criminal law provisions into selected areas of EU legislation. However, in the period between Maastricht and the Lisbon Treaty (2007, into force 2009), policy and legislative developments in the field of policing and judicial cooperation in criminal matters were relatively slow and limited to certain areas only. This situation reflected Member States' concerns to retain their sovereignty in sensitive areas, and the need for consensus in decision making in the area of police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters. While some notable legislative progress was made, for example with respect to the European Arrest Warrant (2000), other developments were insufficiently taken up at a Member State level; for example, the Framework Decision on the Standing of Victims in Criminal Proceedings (2001) and the Directive on Compensation to Crime Victims (2004).

With the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, the former pillar structure of the Union, including the 'third pillar' area of police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters, was largely removed – a development that requires a significant review and revision of policy and law with respect to pre-Lisbon instruments. Crucially, the Lisbon Treaty's introduction of qualified majority voting to all but a limited number of areas under the former third pillar will serve to streamline decision making in these areas. Developments in policing and criminal justice will have major implications with respect to fundamental rights; notably in relation to the Court of Justice of the European Union that will have, in time (late 2014, 5 years after the Lisbon Treaty entered into force), full jurisdiction to enforce decisions in the

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area of justice and home affairs. The Action Plan implementing the Stockholm Programme envisages a number of developments that are either directly or indirectly of key relevance for fundamental rights in this area; for example: a Communication on the Fundamental Rights policy, and reference to the FRA's multi-annual framework "to cover the domain of judicial and police cooperation in criminal matters". To this end, the Agency may be expected to play a needed role in the provision of evidence-based advice in these fields – related to criminal justice but also justice more broadly.

Previous work

The FRA's Founding Regulation, being pre-Lisbon, excluded in part third pillar issues from the scope of the Agency's work by only allowing involvement upon request by the EU institutions. This necessarily restricted the Agency's activities in the fields of policing and judicial cooperation in criminal matters. As a reflection of these limitations, the Agency undertook projects focusing on access to justice in the area of civil justice — largely related to the area of non-discrimination. In 2011 the Agency published its first report on 'Access to justice in Europe: an overview of challenges and opportunities', which presented a broad overview of access to justice mechanisms and barriers at the international, European and national level with respect to the field of non-discrimination. As a reflection of the Agency's core thematic areas of work for the period 2007—2012, the report addressed the issue of effective access to redress for victims of discrimination, including the right to compensation and legal aid.



In 2012 the Agency published its second broad access to justice report. This was a study on the experience from complaints and support mechanisms in the area of non-discrimination, pointing out challenges and ways forward for EU equality law, including equality bodies.

Other projects by the Agency have looked at subjects that are directly relevant to policing and criminal justice matters as part of projects addressing the fundamental right of equality by means of exploring vulnerable groups' experiences of discrimination – including their experiences of policing; namely, the Agency's EU-MIDIS survey ('European Union Minorities and Discrimination Survey'), and, in particular, the specific results from the survey relating to minorities' experiences of criminal victimisation and policing. Notably, the survey collected the first EU-wide data on minorities' experiences of police stops. The results from this part of the survey were launched in the second half of 2010 as an EU-MIDIS Data in Focus report on 'Police Stops and Minorities', together with an FRA Guide entitled 'Towards More Effective Policing – Understanding and Preventing Discriminatory Ethnic Profiling: A Guide'. These reports have contributed towards the Agency's work in the field of human rights training and policing, and complement the Agency's on-going work with FRONTEX concerning incorporation of human rights training in

their common core curriculum as well as interaction with other JHA-agencies. In 2012 the FRA also launched two reports pertaining to hate crime: 'Making hate crime visible in the European Union: acknowledging victims' rights' and 'EU-MIDIS Data in Focus 6: Minorities as Victims of Crime'.

The FRA has also undertaken work related to human rights education more broadly, and has developed a manual on human rights training and policing. In addition, the Agency has embarked on a long-term project aimed at developing fundamental rights indicators, which includes indicators related to access to justice.

In 2012, the Agency also conducted an EU-wide survey on gender-based violence against women — including violence in childhood. This is the first EU-wide survey of its kind, having interviewed over 40,000 women across the EU. The first results from the survey will be launched in 2014, along with activities related to further analysis of the results as well as communication and use of the findings.

The data will document experiences of sexual, physical and psychological violence, including violence in childhood, in both the private and public domain (such as the workplace), as well as patterns of reporting and non-reporting by victims and their treatment by different victim support services. The data from the survey allows for analysis of results on multiple grounds as it collects – amongst other grounds – information concerning respondents' age, educational background and socio-economic position. In this regard, the Agency has been progressively moving into areas that directly relate to policing and criminal justice matters in relation to 'victims' rights', and, more generally, the scope of the Agency's work has been in a gradual process of transition to address different aspects of policing and criminal justice through the lens of non-discrimination.



As a reflection of this, the Commission's direct request to the FRA to undertake research on victim support services in the EU, specifically with respect to crime victims, is an indication of the role the Agency can play. With the Agency's revised thematic areas of work under its new multi-annual framework, from 2013, the fields of justice and victims of crime have also become increasingly central to the FRA's work.

Future challenges

The post-Lisbon era has triggered a series of developments where the Agency could play a major role in ensuring a solid fundamental rights basis in key areas related to justice; not least, criminal justice. Notably, the Council Resolution of 30 November 2009, which sets out a six-part 'Roadmap for strengthening procedural rights of suspected or accused persons in criminal proceedings', presents a number of areas where fundamental rights need to be ensured. This six-part (A–F) Roadmap is well underway with a directive on rights in criminal procedures related to interpretation and translation ('Measure A') and directive on right to information in criminal proceedings (letter of



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rights) ('Measure B') adopted. Subsequent Measures are planned in the Roadmap, and encompass several fields where fundamental rights compliance is essential and would warrant evidence from data collection and analysis to inform policy and legislative reform.

A parallel development is also the reform of victims' rights, for which work commenced by the Commission in relation to a 'Victims' Roadmap including the Victims Directive (adopted in 2012) that replaces the Framework Decision from 2001 on the standing of victims in criminal proceedings. This is complemented by other elements of the Roadmap, which was put forward by the Hungarian Presidency of the EU in March 2011 with the aim of providing concrete tools and practices for victims in addition to legislation. In this area, future developments concerning the Compensation Directive would also need to be taken into consideration in the FRA's work with respect to victims. The challenge for the Agency is to how to address areas in relation to fundamental rights and justice – with regard to both the Roadmap for suspects and defendants, and for victims of crime. These various aspects should not be seen as competing claims for justice – between suspects / the accused and victims – but should be addressed as part of a complementary fundamental rights 'package' forming the basis of the criminal justice system – which is an important message in itself.

Related challenges to access to justice include the issue of where to turn when rights are being violated and ensuring effective access to justice. A FRA project aimed at such problems was started in 2013 and will continue in 2014.

Planned activities in 2014

The Agency's work on support services for victims of crime, commenced in late 2011, is continued during 2014, with the intention that the results from this project can be complemented by the Agency's survey work that collects data on victims' experiences of reporting to various services.

For example; the fieldwork for the Agency's EU-wide violence against women survey was completed in 2012, and the results will provide a rich database for different users in consideration of women's experiences of violence, and with regard to policing and justice responses to violence against women in the context of core fundamental rights.

The outcomes feed into policy development aimed at effectively counter-acting violence against women. The results of other survey research by the Agency that variously addresses victims of hate crime will also provide input into the Agency's work on access to justice and victim support; namely, the survey on Jewish people's experiences and perceptions of antisemitism in selected Member States and the survey on Europe's LGBT communities. In addition, the Agency's work in the field of police training and fundamental rights will be able to utilise the results of the Agency's research-based work, in the above areas, in the development of core training material.

In 2014 the Agency will begin to work on the development of a EU wide survey on the majority population's experiences of fundamental

rights in the EU, including their access to justice, which will encompass different areas of the Agency's work under the MAF.

The CLARITY project started in 2013 will continue in 2014, aimed at bringing clarity on where to turn when rights are being violated. A possible project is also considered on promising practices on improved access to justice, though, for example, widened legal standing, pro bono support, and e-justice. A further project relates to research on the extent and practical implications of the Article 16 in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, right to conduct a business, commenced in 2012 and which will continue into 2014. See also the Equality section related to children and justice.

Expected impact

Working closely with key stakeholders in the field of justice – and notably with other EU agencies such as CEPOL, Europol and Eurojust – the Agency intends to provide fundamental rights-centred evidence-based advice concerning the situation on the ground with respect to selected areas of EU policy, legislation and practice. In parallel, the Agency's work should feed into the policy and legislative processes of the European Parliament, Council and Commission – with the Agency becoming a key provider of robust, relevant and timely evidence-based advice on fundamental rights in the area of access to justice.

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Cross-cutting projects or activities covering all MAF areas

Section 3.6 - Networking and engagement with stakeholders

The Agency cooperates and has relations with a variety of stakeholders at the European, national and international level. The cooperation with stakeholders and partners ranges from formalised annual meetings and events such as the meetings with the National Liaison Officers, the NHRIs, Equality Bodies and Ombuds institutions to the hosting of the Fundamental Rights Platform. The Agency hosts a Fundamental Rights Conference, a Symposium and a Spring conference in collaboration with EU Presidency which bring together stakeholders from across the full spectrum of FRA's projects and activities.

The Agency has regular contact and consultations with the EU institutions and bodies, the Council of Europe, the United Nations and OSCE.

The work with the EU institutions will continue to be strengthened particularly the work with the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission. This relationship is vital to ensure that the Agency's outputs are policy relevant and linked to priority areas of the Union. In addition, the continuous feedback from the EU partners will support the tailoring of outputs. There is growing demand for more reactive services coming from the EU institutions, which request the Agency's fundamental rights expertise and assistance both through informal consultations and formal requests for opinions in the course of legislative and policy-making processes.

The Agency will also strengthen its cooperation with EU Member States through its network of National Liaison Officers to ensure that it effectively fulfils its function and role to provide assistance and expertise to Member States when they implement EU law. In this context, it will also strengthen the dissemination of its reports and findings to national parliaments.

The Agency will continue strengthening cooperation and look at further ways to engage National Human Rights Institutions, Equality Bodies, and Ombuds institutions closely in the projects of the Agency and to further enhance relevance of the FRA's work in relation to stakeholder needs, priorities and fundamental rights challenges on the ground.

The Agency will continue to consult and cooperate with civil society organisations including through the Fundamental Rights Platform.

The Agency will continue to broaden its cooperation with inter-governmental organisations, in particular with the Council of Europe,

to achieve synergies in addressing mutual areas of concern and ensure that the Agency's work is shared and communicated across the various bodies and mechanisms associated with the IGOs

An additional dimension to the Agency's work is the development of its relations with Union agencies and bodies such as Eurofound, Frontex, Eurojust, EIGE, EASO and CEPOL. For 2014 FRA offered the coordination of the different networks of all EU Agencies including the Heads of Agencies.

Finally, the Agency will develop networking communities with key stakeholders to provide inputs into the Agency's work and follow-up on its findings. This component is cross-cutting all of the Agency's projects and will entail the use, adaptation and presentation of research outputs, as relevant to various target audiences. This should continue to strengthen the relevance of the Agency's work to meet the needs of its key stakeholders.

In the area of communication and awareness raising, cross cutting activities complement those related to particular projects. This includes information and awareness raising about fundamental rights issues, including in particular on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights on the one hand, and information about the FRA and its work. Such cross cutting communication activities may address practical needs at events organised by FRA or others, such as information stands and presentations/speeches. Furthermore, FRA's communication work includes the production of factsheets and brochures, a visitor programme, working with Web and other online media and social media, media relations and media monitoring, and online documentation. For these activities FRA will further develop its stock management and will fine-tune its dissemination strategy. In the area of research, a number of activities are also cross-cutting, for example the work on fundamental rights indicators, the Annual Report, or ad hoc requests from the EU's institutions.

Objectives in 2014

- Develop and foster a close working relationship with European Union institutions and bodies, EU Member States, the Council of Europe, National Human Rights Institutions, National Equality Bodies, Ombuds institutions, other international organisations, civil society (Fundamental Rights Platform) and the research community;
- Cooperate closely with EU Agencies and coordinate their networks;
- Collect and disseminate relevant data and information;
- Contribute to ensuring fundamental rights in Union legislation and its implementation;
- Raise public awareness of fundamental rights and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights
- Provide and actively disseminate information about FRA work.
- Communicating the Agency's assistance and expertise relating to fundamental rights to key stakeholders.
- Identify strategic partnerships with stakeholders to advance fundamental rights
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Expected impact

- Better knowledge and understanding of fundamental rights issues among policy makers and other key stakeholders and partners
- The establishment of new partnerships, networks and communities working on fundamental rights
- The creation of new knowledge, know-how and practice related to fundamental rights
- The improved understanding of various issues related to fundamental rights
- Better informed policy on fundamental rights issues and where relevant changes to policy
- Timely response to ad hoc requests and needs by Commission, Council and Parliament (according to Art 4 of the FRA Founding Regulation) adding value to the EU's policy responses
- Improved quality and usefulness of FRA's Annual Report
- Increased profile of FRA to stakeholders and general public

Future challenges

- Developing concrete fundamental rights indicators through data collection and reporting on the situation in the EU
- Increasing the impact of FRA's input to policy making at EU and national level

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Severe forms of labour exploitation

Description

A June 2009 Europol report on trafficking highlighted that trafficking for labour exploitation has traditionally “not been a priority for law enforcement action, and in general terms has remained undetected” and that “there is a lack of definition at EU level of the degree of exploitation serious enough to constitute a crime”. In its conclusions the report notes that “this crime will continue to have a major impact upon the EU and, with the current financial climate, it is highly likely that labour exploitation in Europe will rise. The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU prohibits in Article 5 slavery and forced or compulsory labour. Also, under Article 31 every worker has the right to working conditions which respect his or her health, safety and dignity. In addition, severe forms of labour exploitation are often accompanied by other fundamental rights abuses. Different groups of EU and non-EU citizens are vulnerable to severe forms of labour exploitation, which include work in sectors such as agriculture, construction, domestic work, restaurants, cleaning, entertainment and food processing, and can encompass a range of abuses, such as having to work extremely long hours or confinement in sub-standard accommodation without the freedom to leave. The phenomenon is assisted by informal recruiters and temporary employment agencies, which can play a role in leading workers into a situation of extreme labour exploitation. The project will build on previous FRA research, in particular on the report on migrants in an irregular situation employed in domestic work, and will be linked to work relating to victims’ rights and support. The Employers’ Sanctions Directive (2009/52/EC) and the Trafficking Directive (2011/36/EU) will serve as benchmarks for the research. Where appropriate, also the draft Seasonal Workers Directive (COM(2010) 379 final) will be taken into account. Reports by the Council of Europe expert group on trafficking in human beings (GRETA) concerning EU Member States will be considered as a source of information. Because of the illegal nature of labour exploitation and the vulnerabilities of its victims – which include both EU and non-EU citizens – it largely remains undetected and unreported. If victims belong to ethnic minorities, such as the Roma, this factor will further impede their access to justice. At the same time, the absence of sufficient controls for investigation of severe forms of labour exploitation by authorities – such as labour inspectorates – means that these abuses remain hidden. Victims of severe labour exploitation have a right to assert claims for remuneration and compensation for violations of their rights as well as to instigate criminal proceedings. A lack of legal definitions or support can hinder victims’ access to justice. It is apparent that this is an area that warrants further research on the nature of and responses to the phenomenon in the EU, particularly in areas other than sex trafficking – which has been researched more widely to date. Furthermore the research will input partially to developing a “Tool assessing fundamental rights in anti-trafficking policy and related actions”, as per the “EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human beings 2012-2016”. For this tool a comparative analysis of existing tools will take place in order to ensure a multidimensional approach to trafficking in human beings, and

specifically reflecting different forms of exploitation and relevant gender aspects thereof.

Objectives

- To collect information in EU Member States on the situation of victims of severe forms of labour exploitation in all 27 EU MS and Croatia, focusing on what factors allow victims of severe labour exploitation to access justice and what factors impede such access. To identify existing good practices that can serve as possible models for the identification of fundamental rights abuses in the field of extreme labour exploitation.
- To map legal and policy response to extreme forms of labour exploitation in Member States.
- Input to developing a “Tool assessing fundamental rights in anti-trafficking policy and related actions”, as per the ‘EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings 2012-2016”.

Overall outputs

- A report will be produced in 2014.
- Engagement with stakeholder groups in the development of the project and targeted outputs.

Activities and results achieved so far

In 2011 the FRA collected data and published reports on the situation of irregular migrants in the EU, where some issues of extreme labour exploitation were identified, in particular in the context of domestic work. In 2013, the research phase of the project began.

Beneficiaries and target groups

- Labour inspectorates, health and safety officers, recruitment and employment agencies, representatives of areas of work such as agriculture.
- EU agencies, including those working in the area of employment and living and working conditions.
- Member States

Planned activities in 2014

Finalisation of research component followed by reporting and stakeholder meetings as a follow-up to the completed research.

Planned outputs in 2014

- A report and translations
- Stakeholder meeting(s)

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
	80.000 €	-	-
Prior years’ budget total	1.050.000 €	-	-
Multiannual	YES		
Year of origination	2013		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3

ON-GOING Project fiche 4.1.2

first priority

Inter-agency cooperation and other activities in the areas of borders, immigration and asylum

Description

The FRA has completed several research activities in these areas during 2009-2013. The activities described are based on projects on the situation of irregular immigrants in the EU (2009-2012 Work Programmes); protecting, respecting, and promoting the rights of irregular immigrants in voluntary and involuntary return procedures (2009 Work Programme); Treatment of third-country nationals at the EU's external borders (2010-2012 Work Programmes); Border control and fundamental rights (2010-2012 Work Programmes); Access to justice for asylum seekers (2009 Work Programme) and the Handbook on European law in the field of asylum, immigration and border control (2012 Work Programme). These projects are also directly or indirectly linked to the commitments by the Agency resulting from the cooperation arrangements with FRONTEX and from the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) Regulation. On-going activities with FRONTEX will be continued and further developed, cooperation with EASO will be consolidated and initiated with the eu-LISA (EU Agency for large-scale IT systems).

Objectives

- To publish the results of the research carried out in 2012 at land and air border crossing points
- To implement the tasks assigned to FRA by EU Anti-Trafficking Strategy
- Issue ad hoc reports based on existing materials, when required and update selected publications, including the handbook on European law in the field of asylum, immigration and border control
- To identify effective approaches and share promising practices and other findings resulting from FRA research at the right time to the right people
- Make findings of the FRA available to policy makers in a proactive manner
- To complement results from other FRA research projects and update selected publications in the fields of Asylum, immigration and integration of migrants
- Effective cooperation with FRONTEX, EASO and eu-LISA enabling them to benefit from the fundamental rights expertise that the FRA can offer

Beneficiaries and target groups

- European Union institutions
- Frontex, EASO, eu-LISA and other EU JHA agencies
- Member States
- Legal practitioners (handbook)
- Council of Europe

Activities and results achieved so far

- Eleven FRA reports published on these themes between 2009-2013
- A joint handbook with the European Court of Human Rights has been released in four languages in 2013

- 2011 Fundamental Rights Conference identified a number of areas for further work by the FRA in the field of asylum, immigration and borders
- FRA co-chairing of the Frontex Consultative Forum.

Planned activities in 2014

- Research and draft reports, including updating parts of past reports;
- Update the handbook on European law in the field of asylum, immigration and border control.
- Translate and re-print existing reports as required;
- Provide support to FRONTEX on fundamental rights training;
- Offer expert advice to FRONTEX on issues relating to fundamental rights and support the Agency in the implementation of its fundamental rights strategy, in line with the FRA-FRONTEX cooperation arrangement;
- Actively participate in the Consultative Forum of Frontex and EASO, as required by Regulations 439/2010 and 1168/2011
- Implement the working arrangement with EASO and support the Office with expert advice when required;
- Establish cooperation with eu-LISA;
- Communicate research findings to EU institutions and deliver tailor-made input upon request;
- Draft legal opinions if requested by EU institutions;
- Communicate research findings to key policy makers at national level and other relevant stakeholders, as appropriate Chair the EU JHA agencies' contact group.

Planned outputs in 2014

- Reports on the situation at airports and land borders published with respect to the treatment of TCNs (deliverables from the Third Country Nationals project);
- Good practices model for child victims of trafficking published together with the European Commission (at the request of the EU-Anti Trafficking Coordinator), complemented by a comparative overview of EU Member State practices in this regard;
- Second edition of the joint FRA-ECtHR Handbook relating to European law in the field of asylum, borders and immigration;
- Paper published on the costs of and for healthcare for un-insured persons – focusing on the impact on irregular migrants;
- Paper published on the criminalisation of migrants (building on findings from the irregular migrants project);
- Paper published on promising practices to address forced marriage;
- Fundamental rights expertise provided to FRONTEX, EASO and other JHA agencies; in addition to the co-Chairing role played by FRA for the Frontex consultative forum;
- Expert advice delivered to key stakeholders (such as the Commission) as and when requested in relation to the Agency's areas of expertise under the MAF framework;
- Selected publications (or parts thereof) updated.

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
	330.000 €	-	-
Prior years' budget total	330.000 €	-	-
Multiannual	YES		
Year of origination	2013		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3


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NEW Project fiche 4.1.3

first priority

Biometric data in large IT borders, immigration and asylum databases - fundamental rights concerns

Description

The project will analyse the fundamental rights implications in collecting, storing and using biometric data for immigration, asylum visa processing and border control purposes. Recent years have shown a trend towards an increased use of biometric data for identity management, which is expected to continue.

The EU has developed four large databases for the management of borders as well as immigration and asylum matters. Three of these databases (the Schengen Information System, the Visa Information System, Eurodac) contain (or will contain) biometric data, whereas this is not the case for the Customs Information System which mainly focuses on goods and means of transport. In addition, proposals for the "Smart Borders" package presented by the Commission on 28 February 2013, suggests the collection of biometric data and the use of new technologies to identify over-stayers and simplify the crossing of international borders of both EU citizens and third country nationals. The Visa Information System (VIS) contains data on admissible applications for short-stay visas. It became operational in North Africa on 11 October 2011 and is gradually deployed, region by region, until all consulates worldwide are connected. The "Smart Borders" package foresees the creation of a Registered Traveller Programme for "bona fide" travellers and the introduction of an Entry-Exit System to enhance security of the EU. The border guards will be able to check the biometric data held in the VIS database against fingerprints at points of entry and exit. These tools must be based on common values including the rule of law and respect for fundamental rights as laid down in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. The newly established European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (eu-LISA) will play an important role in managing these systems.

Objectives

The project will analyse the fundamental rights implications during the collection and storage of biometric data as well as their use by different authorities for verification purposes. Sharing of information with third parties and countries will as well be included in the analyses.

It will focus among others, on respect for human dignity, non-discrimination, the right of individuals to be adequately informed about the purpose and procedure of the data collection, the right to an effective remedy, implications for the right to asylum as well as privacy and data protection issues, to the extent they are not covered by EDPS. The project will look at a number of challenges which may impact on fundamental rights. These include the quality of the fingerprints collected, which impact on error rates and, for the smart border tools, on the ability of the person to cross the border. It will also look at possibilities to get wrong information stored in the databases corrected. Effects on persons seeking protection will also

be examined. Possible positive effect on fundamental rights, such as the reduced need for ethnic profiling will be explored. It will also look at the fundamental rights implications of outsourcing the collection of biometric data to private companies, and the fundamental rights safeguards that are in place.

Overall outputs

A report (2016) highlighting the fundamental rights risks and also the possible benefits connected with the collection and management of biometric data.

Activities and results achieved so far

No research has been carried out by the FRA on biometrics yet. The project will build on findings from the research carried out at the EU external borders in 2011 and 2012.

Beneficiaries and target groups

The findings will inform the debate on the smart borders proposal which targets EU citizens and third-country nationals. The project's results will benefit the EC, the Council and EP, as well as the Council of Europe.

Planned activities in 2014

The project should include a legal and policy analysis, reviewing the relevant EU legislation and decisions as regards the collection and storing of biometric data, and how such legislation and decisions are implemented at national level. It would also take into consideration the updated Council of Europe interim report on the use of biometric data. In addition, targeted interviews with relevant key actors in selected EU Member States on the possible benefits and negative consequences of biometric data use with respect to fundamental rights could be considered. Depending on the progress of the "smart border" proposals, an online survey tool could be developed for possible use in 2015. The project will be implemented in close co-operation with EU institutions and bodies.

Planned outputs in 2014

Publications planned for 2016

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
	50.000 €	-	600.000 €
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual	YES		
Year of origination	2014		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3



ON-GOING Project fiche 4.2.1

first priority

Handbook on European data protection law

Description

The protection of the right to data protection is guaranteed at several levels. At national level — national courts and data protection authorities are tasked to protect this fundamental right. At EU level, the Court of Justice of the European Union has developed an important body of case law based on Directive 95/46 and Article 8 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU. Likewise, the European Court of Human Rights has interpreted Article 8 of the ECHR as guaranteeing data protection.

The Council of Europe is modernising the Council of Europe Convention No. 108. At the EU level, in January 2012, the Commission has presented the EU data protection reform package, which reforms the current data protection rules. Both institutions are working in close collaboration in order to ensure that the reformed European data protection rules are compatible.

Against this background, through its research network and in collaboration with the Council of Europe/ECTHR, the European Commission, EDPS, Article 29 Working Party, the FRA has prepared a Handbook which synthesises the European and national law in this fast evolving area.

Once published the handbook could be kept up-to-date through the development of a dedicated web page.

Objectives

The overall (long-term) objective of the project is to improve the implementation of data protection guarantees in the EU and its Member States, from the project partners view point, in the Council of Europe Member States.

The specific objective (short-term) is to raise awareness and knowledge amongst non-specialised judges and legal practitioners at national and European level, including judges, lawyers, and national data protection authorities on fundamental rights guarantees in the area of data protection. By providing an easy-accessible tool to legal practitioners, the Handbook will serve as a main point of reference in the area of European data protection law.

Overall outputs

The result of the project will be the publication of a Handbook on European data protection law in selected EU official languages

Planned activities in 2014

- Launch of the Handbook on data protection day 28 January 2014.
- Additional translation of the Handbook in selected EU languages

Planned outputs in 2014

- Meeting(s) with relevant stakeholders
- Meeting(s) report
- Handbook

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
	10.000 €	-	-
Prior years' budget total	365.000 €	-	-
Multiannual	YES		
Year of origination	2012		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3.


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NEW Project fiche 4.2.3

first priority

Additional activities in the area of “Information society and, in particular, respect for private life and protection of personal data”

Description

The Agency follows up its relevant research work through targeted engagement with key stakeholders to ensure that its evidence reaches them and informs their deliberations and decisions.

Objectives

- To provide opinions and evidence based advice
- Issues analysis and papers based on existing materials, when required and update selected publications,
- Make findings of the FRA available to policy makers in a proactive manner
- Relevant communication & cooperation activities
- Develop EU rights based indicators on specific issues relevant to the area and specific projects

Overall outputs

- Participation in and organisation of meetings and events
- Preparation and presentation of relevant opinions papers, presentations and other input
- Analysis and briefing
- Participation to training events
- Development and update of indicators for “Information society and, in particular, respect for private life and protection of personal data”

Beneficiaries and target groups

- European Parliament
- Council of the EU
- European Commission
- Member States
- NHRIs/Equality Bodies
- Specialised Agencies
- Union Agencies and bodies
- Civil Society
- Professional organisations

Planned activities in 2014

- Communicate the research findings to key policy makers at EU as well as national level and other relevant stakeholders;
- Developing targeted analysis and briefs;
- Re-print existing reports as required;
- Participation in meetings and events

Planned outputs in 2014

- Expert advice to stakeholders
- Selected publications (or parts thereof) updated.
- Preparation and presentation of relevant opinions, papers, presentations and other input
- Indicators sets

Financial resources allocated to the project

	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
Total budget in 2014:	-	-	-
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual	N/A		
Year of origination	N/A		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3.



NEW Project fiche 4.3.1

first priority

Antisemitism: Data collection and analysis: holocaust and HR education and training

Description

The Agency collects regularly existing data and information on the situation regarding antisemitism in the EU and has carried out a specific multi-annual project on Holocaust education. In 2011-13 in an effort to make up for the lack of official – and comparable – data on antisemitism across the EU it conducted a survey on Jewish people's experiences and perceptions of antisemitism in selected EU Member States. The issues covered include experiences of discrimination (direct, indirect and harassment) in key areas of social life, as well as experiences of criminal victimisation and hate crime. In addition perceptions of the extent of discrimination and hate crime were also explored, as well as awareness of legal remedies and victim support.

FRA will also continue to collect data and publish its annual update report on antisemitism based on existing data and information. In addition, it will continue engaging with EU and national actors in activities concerning Holocaust education, particularly in a broader context of human rights education and training, including efforts to preserve the memory of crimes committed by totalitarian regimes in pre-war and post-war Europe.

Objectives

The overall objective is to provide evidence based advice to EU and national policy makers in regard to combating antisemitism effectively and raising awareness on preserving the memory of crimes committed by totalitarian regimes.

Overall outputs

- Annual update on the situation regarding antisemitism in the EU
- Communication of the antisemitism survey results to key stakeholders
- Networking with relevant actors to raise awareness
- Developing relevant training and training material

Beneficiaries and target groups

- EU institutions
- Member States
- Law enforcement officials and agencies
- Civil Society (incl. organisations representing the Jewish communities)

Activities and results achieved so far

The Agency collects data regularly publishing them in the form of an update on the situation in the EU; in 2012 it completed a multi-annual project on Holocaust and human rights education with multiple deliverables and in 2013 it published the results of the antisemitism survey. In 2013 the Agency has started work on developing training modules for officials regarding fundamental rights drawing on European memory from the Holocaust and experiences of totalitarian regimes.

Planned activities in 2014

Based on the data collected and analysed the Agency will publish its annual update on the situation concerning antisemitism in the EU. It will also communicate and discuss the results of its relevant survey work and the results of its past work on holocaust and human rights education and training, also by networking with key stakeholders.

Planned outputs in 2014

- Data collection and analysis
- Publication of results
- Meetings with stakeholders
- Training

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
	25.000 €	-	-
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual			
Year of origination			

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3.


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NEW Project fiche 4.3.2

first priority

Additional activities in the area of “Racism, xenophobia and related intolerance”

Description

The Agency follows up its relevant research work through targeted engagement with key stakeholders to ensure that its evidence reaches them and informs their deliberations and decisions.

Objectives

- To provide opinions and evidence based advice
- Issues analysis and papers based on existing materials, when required and update selected publications,
- Make findings of the FRA available to policy makers in a proactive manner
- Relevant communication & cooperation activities
- Develop EU rights based indicators on specific issues relevant to the area and specific projects

Overall outputs

- Participation in and organisation of meetings and events
- Preparation and presentation of relevant opinions papers, presentations and other input
- Analysis and briefing
- Participation to training events
- Development and update of indicators for “Racism, xenophobia and related intolerance”

Beneficiaries and target groups

- European Parliament
- Council of the EU
- European Commission
- Member States
- NHRIs/Equality Bodies
- Specialised Agencies
- Union Agencies and bodies
- Civil Society
- Professional organisations

Planned activities in 2014

- Communicate the research findings to key policy makers at EU as well as national level and other relevant stakeholders;
- Developing targeted analysis and briefs;
- Re-print existing reports as required;
- Participation in meetings and events

Planned outputs in 2014

- Expert advice to stakeholders
- Selected publications (or parts thereof) updated.
- Preparation and presentation of relevant opinions, papers, presentations and other input
- Indicators sets

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
	-	-	-
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual			
Year of origination			

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ON-GOING Project fiche 4.4.1

first priority

ROMA Multi-Annual Programme

Objectives

The FRA in response to the 5 April 2011 European Commission Communication on an EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020 developed a multi-annual programme of action comprised of several activities. The objective of these activities is on the one hand to support the European Commission in its relevant annual progress report to the Parliament and the Council and on the other hand to assist Member States in developing effective monitoring mechanisms to collect robust and comparable data.

The first key element of the multi-annual programme is the Roma survey. The first wave covering 11 EU MSs was conducted in 2011 in close cooperation with the European Commission, UNDP and the World Bank. Results were published in 2012/13 as key benchmarks for measuring progress made in Roma integration in reference to key indicators of Europe 2020. The second wave will be implemented in the context of EU-MIDIS II measuring progress made in regard to the national Roma integration strategies on Roma integration.

The second second key element of the multi-annual Roma programme concerns project LERI (Local Engagement in participatory action research on Roma Integration) which was initiated in 2013. This project concerns the development of monitoring and evaluation methods and tools that can be used to assess progress made on Roma integration at local level. This research will also contextualise the findings of the Roma survey. It is of particular importance to Member States and reflects the request to the FRA by the relevant European Commission Communications to assist Member States in developing methods and tools to monitor Roma integration effectively.

The third key element of the multi-annual Roma programme drawing from the previous activities concerns the coordination of the Working Party of government officials composed of a pilot group of EU Member States and European Commission officials, which functions as a subgroup of the Commission's network of National Contact Points on Roma Integration. The working party serves to exchange experience on ways to measure progress of Roma integration with a view to developing a common approach to monitoring and evaluation of Roma integration efforts.

Overall outputs

Surveys, analysis, reports, summaries, indicators, meetings, etc.

Beneficiaries and target groups

- European Commission
- Council of the EU
- Local authorities and communities
- European Parliament
- EU Member States
- Civil society organisations
- International organisations

Activities and results achieved so far

In 2010 the FRA launched a pilot household survey of Roma in 11 EU Member States in parallel with a survey commissioned by DG Regional Policy, and implemented by UNDP and the World Bank. The FRA also interviewed representatives of several local authorities. Results were published in 2012 - 2013 and research was expanded to additional MSs adopting the research methodology to the characteristics of their Roma populations.

In 2012 and in 2013, the FRA also worked with Member States to develop monitoring methods which can provide a comparative analysis of the situation of Roma across Europe. It set up and coordinates a Working Party of Member States' and European Commission officials, as a subgroup of the Commission's network of National Contact Points on Roma Integration. In 2013 the working party exchanged experience on methodologies and indicators monitoring Roma integration in the area of education.

In 2013 the Agency launched the LERI project conducting feasibility studies to identify the specific localities that will participate in the main phase 2014 – 2017.

In 2013 the Agency was invited to participate in the Coalition of International Organisations on Roma inclusion, and its subgroup ROMERO dealing specifically with international projects at local level. FRA participates in this coordination effort together with the Council of Europe (CoE), the CoE Development Bank, World Bank, UNDP, UNICEF

Planned activities in 2014

In 2014 the Agency will carry out the following research and stakeholder engagement activities:

- Collect data in the context of EU-MIDIS II covering Roma in selected Member States
- Continue its qualitative research under the LERI project;
- Continue working with Member States in developing appropriate indicators and data collection methods to monitor progress of Roma integration.

Planned outputs in 2014

- Progress reports on the qualitative research (internal)
- Progress report to the European Commission based on FRANET input
- Progress report on the cooperation with Member States (internal)

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
		229.000 €	-
Prior years' budget total	1.121.000 €	-	-
Multiannual	YES		
Year of origination	N/A		

* Budget is allocated within the project "EU-MIDIS II"

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3.


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NEW Project fiche 4.4.2

first priority

Additional activities in the area of “Roma integration”

Description

The Agency follows up its relevant research work through targeted engagement with key stakeholders to ensure that its evidence reaches them and informs their deliberations and decisions.

Objectives

- To provide opinions and evidence based advice
- Issues analysis and papers based on existing materials, when required and update selected publications,
- Make findings of the FRA available to policy makers in a proactive manner
- Relevant communication & cooperation activities
- Develop EU rights based indicators on specific issues relevant to the area and specific projects

Overall outputs

- Participation in and organisation of meetings and events
- Preparation and presentation of relevant opinions papers, presentations and other input
- Analysis and briefing
- Participation to training events
- Development and update of indicators for “Roma integration”

Beneficiaries and target groups

- European Parliament
- Council of the EU
- European Commission
- Member States
- NHRIs/Equality Bodies
- Specialised Agencies
- Union Agencies and bodies
- Civil Society
- Professional organisations

Planned activities in 2014

- Communicate the research findings to key policy makers at EU as well as national level and other relevant stakeholders;
- Developing targeted analysis and briefs;
- Re-print existing reports as required;
- Participation in meetings and events

Planned outputs in 2014

- Expert advice to stakeholders
- Selected publications (or parts thereof) updated.
- Preparation and presentation of relevant opinions, papers, presentations and other input
- Indicators sets

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
	-	-	-
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual	N/A		
Year of origination	N/A		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3



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NEW Project fiche 4.5.1

first priority

EU-MIDIS II

Project description

In 2007-2008 the FRA conducted the European Union Minorities and Discrimination Survey (EU-MIDIS) in response to a widespread lack of data on the experiences of immigrants and ethnic minorities in the European Union. This was the largest survey of its kind to date covering all 27 EU Member States and examining the experiences and attitudes of immigrants and other minorities, including Roma. In ten Member States EU-MIDIS also interviewed the majority population for the purpose of comparing key questions in the survey. The extensive face-to-face interviews in EU-MIDIS covered a number of topics, most importantly respondents' experiences of discrimination, victimisation and police stops. In addition to the main topics, the survey also collected a wide range of socio-demographic information on the respondents, allowing for a detailed analysis of the results.

As a follow-up to EU-MIDIS, which showed that Roma respondents were the most discriminated against group amongst ethnic minority and immigrant groups included in the survey, the Agency conducted a targeted survey on the Roma in 11 EU Member States in 2011 (together with UNDP). This survey asked a range of questions – some of which reflected areas covered by EU-MIDIS. The survey also interviewed majority population neighbours of the Roma (see fiche on Roma Multi-Annual Programme). In 2014-2015 the FRA will launch the second wave of EU-MIDIS to assess progress made over the past five years. The results will provide useful comparable data on the actual impact on the ground of EU and national anti-discrimination and equality legislation and policies. This can guide policy makers in developing more targeted legal and policy responses.

This second wave of EU-MIDIS will interview a range of ethnic minority and immigrant groups, including the Roma in selected Member States (where the first wave of the FRA's targeted Roma survey was carried out). EU-MIDIS II will cover core socio-economic indicators used in the first wave to assess changes over time, and it will focus on discrimination experiences and issues related to fundamental rights.

Objectives

- To collect robust comparable statistical data that can support the EU in protecting the rights of persons with a migrant or minority background, including Roma;
- To further refine survey methodologies engaging with hard to reach population groups;
- To deliver project outputs of use to key stakeholders.

Overall outputs

- Survey data collected – publication in 2015-2016

Beneficiaries and target groups

- European Parliament
- Council of the EU
- European Commission
- Member States
- Civil society
- Local authorities

- Council of Europe ECRI
- UN CERD
- NHRIs/Equality Bodies

Activities and results achieved so far

The project follows up on EU-MIDIS, which was carried out during 2007-2008, and which resulted in several publications that were targeted to key actors working in the field of anti-discrimination; such as Equality Bodies at Member State level.

The project also builds on the Agency's work with respect to the Roma – specifically providing data for the Agency's Roma multi-annual programme, which can be read alongside the findings for other minority groups that will be interviewed in EU-MIDIS II.

EU-MIDIS II will be the first time that the Agency has repeated a large-scale survey – which will allow for data on trends over time with respect to different groups' experiences of fundamental rights.

Planned activities in 2014

- Start of survey development activities – questionnaire development, sampling, training of interviewers, piloting
- Cooperation with stakeholders.

Planned outputs in 2014

- Meetings with stakeholders;
- Meetings with experts.

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
		2,000,000 €	581.000 €
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual	YES		
Year of origination	2014		

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NEW Project fiche 4.5.2

first priority

Rights of persons with disabilities

Project description

The EU is party to the UN CRPD and, to the extent of its competences, has an obligation to monitor the respect, protection, promotion and fulfilment of the rights of persons with disabilities. In this regard the EU has put in place a monitoring framework composed of several institutions, including the FRA. In this context the Agency after consultation with stakeholders and its partners in the framework will collect and analyse relevant data, and in close cooperation with the European Commission, further develop indicators and benchmarks, complementing the work carried out by the Academic Network of European Disability Experts since 2008 on behalf of the Commission.

The collection and analysis of data will focus on issues of choice and control persons with disabilities are able to exercise over their daily lives and will cover areas identified in the European Disability Strategy. Choice and control is a key cross-cutting theme in the CRPD and the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 for which the Agency has already carried out work in this respect through its project on the fundamental rights of persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with mental health problems.

The collection of data will take two complementary forms. One aspect of the identification and population of indicators relevant to the objectives of the European Disability Strategy and the periodic reporting by the EU on the Strategy and the UN CRPD. The indicators will be identified in close cooperation with the European Commission. The population of indicators will use data collected by FRA and where possible available comparative secondary data from a variety of sources, including EU-SILC and the LFS. The focus will be on barriers that persons with disabilities face when making choices about their lives. The second element would be to identify and test methods for collecting comparative primary data on choice and control for persons with disabilities across the European Union through fieldwork research. This could, for example, take the form of a panel survey enabling longitudinal research or a transnational survey. The methodologies and indicators developed could be used by Member States at the national level. An analysis of the data and indicators will be provided

Objectives

- To collect data that can support the EU in monitoring the fulfilment of the rights of persons with disabilities in accordance to the UN CRPD.;
- To identify and populate indicators
- To refine methodologies engaging with persons with disabilities and their representative organisations in transnational research;

Overall outputs

Reports and other deliverables also of AWP 2013 projects “Children with disabilities” and Political Participation of Persons with Disabilities.

Beneficiaries and target groups

- European Parliament
- Council of the EU
- European Commission
- EU monitoring framework under art.33 (UNCRPD)
- UN CRPD Committee
- Member States implementation and monitoring mechanisms set up under art 33 UNCRPD
- Professional organisations
- Civil society
- Local authorities
- Council of Europe
- NHRIs/Equality Bodies
- Service providers

Activities and results achieved so far

The project follows up on work on the fundamental rights of persons with disabilities undertaken by FRA in 2009-2014. Up to date, FRA’s research focused on persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with mental health problems, as well as children with disabilities.

Planned activities in 2014

- Data collection and analysis
- Cooperation with stakeholders, especially monitoring frameworks set up in the member states under art. 33.2 DRPD

Planned outputs in 2014

- Meetings with stakeholders;
- Meetings with experts
- Preliminary results

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
	100.000	-	550.000 €
Prior years’ budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual	YES		
Year of origination	2014		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3



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ON-GOING Project fiche 4.5.3

first priority

Surveying LGBT people and authorities

Project description

The Agency will continue to work on the data from the EU LGBT survey report which was published in 2013, notably in relation to the discrimination and victimisation of transgender persons. In 2013 the Agency also carried out qualitative research that examined the views and experiences of public authorities and other duty bearers on LGBT related issues ("public authorities project"). The data of this project will be analysed in 2014 and a report will be drawn up. Finally, the Agency initiated in 2013 an update of its 2010 legal comparative LGBT report.

The project continues to provide useful evidence to EU institutions and Member States in ensuring compliance with the relevant EU directives, the Charter of Fundamental Rights and the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers recommendation of 31 March 2010 on measures to combat discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity.

In 2014 further analysis, communication and dissemination activities will be carried out to this end.

Objectives

This project provides data to enhance understanding of LGBT persons' experiences of discrimination and victimisation. The results are useful to national and European policy makers, educational institutions, medical professionals, victim support organisations, law enforcement, including the judiciary, and LGBT organisations.

The objective of the project in 2014 is to build on the analysis of the results of the EU LGBT survey, and to communicate and disseminate findings to key stakeholders.

Overall outputs

- An in focus report on transgender persons' experiences of violence and discrimination
- Analysis and publication of results of the Public Authorities qualitative research work.
- An update of the 2010 LGBT legal comparative report

Beneficiaries and target groups

- European Parliament
- Council of the EU
- European Commission
- Member States professional organisations
- Civil society
- Local authorities
- Council of Europe
- NHRIs/Equality Bodies

Activities and results achieved so far

The 2008 and 2009 FRA reports on homo- and transphobia have shown that LGBT discrimination and hate-motivated incidents,

including expressions and violence based on prejudice and stigma, are a worrying phenomenon in the EU.

In 2012 the Agency carried out a major online survey documenting the extent and nature of discrimination and victimisation experienced by LGBT persons in the EU. In 2013 research on attitude and views of public authorities was completed.

Planned activities in 2014

- Analysis and drafting of report on transgender persons, public authorities as well as legal comparative update report.
- Translations and publication
- Cooperation with stakeholders.

Planned outputs in 2014

- Reports and other deliverables
- Meetings with stakeholders

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
	100.000 €	-	-
Prior years' budget total	110.000 €	-	-
Multiannual	YES		
Year of origination	2012		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3



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Discrimination based on sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age or sexual orientation;

NEW Project fiche 4.5.4

first priority

Additional activities in the area of “Non-Discrimination”

Description

The Agency follows up its relevant research work through targeted engagement with key stakeholders to ensure that its evidence reaches them and informs their deliberations and decisions.

Objectives

- To provide opinions and evidence based advice
- Issues analysis and papers based on existing materials, when required and update selected publications,
- Make findings of the FRA available to policy makers in a proactive manner
- Relevant communication & cooperation activities
- Develop EU rights based indicators on specific issues relevant to the area and specific projects

Overall outputs

- Production and dissemination of deliverables on political participation of persons with disabilities and children with disabilities projects
- Participation in and organisation of meetings and events
- Preparation and presentation of relevant opinions papers, presentations and other input
- Analysis and briefing
- Participation to training events and expert meetings
- Development and update of indicators for the area “Discrimination based on sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age or sexual orientation;”

Beneficiaries and target groups

- European Parliament
- Council of the EU
- European Commission
- Member States
- NHRIs/Equality Bodies
- Specialised Agencies
- Union Agencies and bodies
- Civil Society
- Professional organisations

Planned activities in 2014

- Preparation and production of deliverables from the projects on political participation of persons with disabilities and children with disabilities
- Communicate the research findings to key policy makers at EU as well as national level and other relevant stakeholders;
- Developing targeted analysis and briefs;
- Re-print existing reports as required;
- Participation in meetings and events

Planned outputs in 2014

- Reports and communication tools for political participation of persons with disabilities and children with disabilities projects
- Launch events for political participation of persons with disabilities and children with disabilities projects
- Expert advice to stakeholders
- Selected publications (or parts thereof) updated.
- Preparation and presentation of relevant opinions, papers, presentations and other input
- Indicators sets

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
	90.000 €	-	90.000 €
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual	N/A		
Year of origination	N/A		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3



Discrimination based on sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age or sexual orientation;

NEW Project fiche 4.5.5

third priority

Free Movement: an EU citizen's fundamental right

Description

In spite of the many efforts taken to facilitate freedom of movement for its citizens and their family members within the European Union, there are still many instances in which EU nationals and their non-EU family members who have settled in another country are not entitled to the same treatment as host country nationals. Citizens whose EU rights are not reflected appropriately in national law face serious difficulties in accessing such rights as they would have to claim them through the judiciary. The objective of this project is to identify the barriers that prevent EU citizens from enjoying free movement across the EU. The project will cover EU citizens and their dependents, including those who are third country nationals.

In its EU Citizenship Report 2010 – Dismantling the obstacles to EU citizens' rights, the Commission identified 25 obstacles EU citizens still encounter in their daily lives when exercising their rights under EU law across national borders. Among them, a number of areas can be identified where more research is needed to clarify what the exact problems are. For example, burdensome and unclear procedures for the recognition of professional qualifications; barriers in access to trans-border healthcare: EU citizens residing in another Member State who fall ill or suffer an injury have the right to receive the same access to healthcare as nationals of that Member State; lack of clarity for EU citizens residing in another EU Member State regarding social benefits that should be claimed in the country of origin and/or destination.

Objectives

To identify and analyse barriers that prevent EU citizens from enjoying free movement across the EU, focusing on issues, such as recognition of professional qualifications, trans-border healthcare, and recognition of social security. These obstacles were identified as particularly problematic by a recent Communication of the Commission on EU citizens' rights. The research will consist of preliminary fieldwork based on case studies involving local authorities and other key actors. The project will also seek to identify any promising practices in Member States that ensure enjoyment of fundamental rights for those residing in other EU Member States, including their access to social benefits to which they are entitled.

Overall outputs

Data collection and analysis to identify barriers that prevent EU citizens from enjoying free movement across the European Union in selected areas.

Activities and results achieved so far

This is a new area of research for the Agency.

Beneficiaries and target groups

Commission, the Member States, EU citizens

Planned activities in 2014

The project will start by selecting a number of localities in Member states for fieldwork research with public authorities and other key actors who are responsible for ensuring freedom of movement for EU citizens. In 2015 the research will consist of fieldwork interviewing EU citizens who have moved internally within the EU with respect to their experiences regarding freedom of movement.

Planned outputs in 2014

- Collection of relevant data and analysis.

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
	-	-	500.000 €
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual	YES		
Year of origination	--		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3



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ON-GOING Project fiche 4.6.1

first priority

Children and Justice

Description

In 2012 the FRA, in close cooperation with the European Commission engaged in qualitative fieldwork research through interviews with legal practitioners, including judges, lawyers and other officials involved in justice procedures to examine the extent to which justice processes are child-friendly and involve children in decisions concerning them. The work took into account the Council of Europe Guidelines on Child Friendly Justice and other relevant international standards.

In 2013 the Agency launched, in close cooperation with the European Commission, similar work regarding how the children themselves experience justice procedures.

Objectives

The objective of this project is to complement future data collection activities that will be undertaken by the Commission in order to support, by means of qualitative evidence, the future development of appropriate actions to fully respect, protect and fulfil children's rights.

Beneficiaries and target groups

- European Commission
- Member States
- CoE and other IGOs (e.g. UNICEF)
- Civil Society organizations, including professional association
- Specialised agencies
- Ombudspersons for children

Activities and results achieved so far

In 2009 FRA developed and published child rights indicators, which were refined and developed further in 2011 and 2012. The FRA published the relevant reports 'Child Trafficking in the EU' in July 2009 and 'Separated, Asylum-seeking Children in EU Member States' in November 2010. In 2011 the FRA mapped the availability of data regarding some aspects of the EU Agenda for the Rights of the Child. In 2012 the Agency carried out fieldwork research involving adults regarding the participation of children in justice systems and examined the requirements for conducting interviews with children in particular settings in EU Member States. In 2013 the FRA started research on children's experiences with court proceedings in EU Member States to explore their situation and status in relation to the various court proceedings and the physical environment in which their interaction with the court system is organised.

Planned activities in 2014

- Completing research activities;
- Analysis of results;
- Preparation, drafting and publication of reports;
- In 2014 EU comparative research on the subject of *Children with disabilities: experiences of discrimination, integration and hate speech* will be conducted";
- Cooperation with stakeholders.

Planned outputs in 2014

- Reports and other deliverables;
- Meetings with stakeholders;
- Meetings with experts.

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
	550.000 €	-	-
Prior years' budget total	515.000 €	-	-
Multiannual	YES		
Year of origination	2013		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3


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NEW Project fiche 4.6.2

first priority

Handbook of European Case-law on the Rights of the Child

Description

Issues concerning the rights of the child are increasingly under consideration in cases before the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR), the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) as well as the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR).

The project will consist in producing a Handbook, in consultation with the ECtHR, the CJEU, and the ECSR, on their case law - or quasi-judicial decisions, respectively - as they relate to the rights of the child. The aim will be to assist in their work those practitioners dealing with the legal protection of the rights of the child in the EU and Council of Europe Member States - and beyond - in order to facilitate their guaranteeing of these rights.

The project will aim to contribute to the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child 2012-2015.

Objectives

The main objective of the project is to raise awareness and knowledge of fundamental rights guarantees concerning the rights of the child amongst judges and other legal practitioners at national and European level, including those practitioners working for national child protection authorities/institutions. The project will result in the publication of a Handbook which will provide professionals dealing with the legal protection of the rights of the child with an accessible summary and analysis - in selected EU languages - of the relevant case law of the ECtHR, the CJEU and the ECSR. This will be analysed against the background of relevant legislation and of other relevant case law, including at the national level. The project will be done in co-operation with the Council of Europe and the Commission.

Overall outputs

Handbook on European case law.

Activities and results achieved so far

This project builds on the methodology followed in previous FRA-ECtHR projects which enabled the publication of Handbooks in the fields of non-discrimination, asylum, immigration and border control, and data protection. It will complement the FRA's sociological projects on child-friendly justice, and the FRA's work on the Rights of the Child and Access to Justice more generally. Finally it will also contribute towards the FRA's continued support for the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2012-2015).

Beneficiaries and target groups

- Legal professionals in the EU and Council of Europe Member States (judges, legal counsellors, public prosecutors, etc.)
- Public officials and members of national human rights bodies working for the EU, CoE and Member States.
- Practitioners, including those belonging to civil society organisations, dealing with the legal protection of the rights of the child.

Planned activities in 2014

- Analysis and selection of extracts from key judgements and decisions delivered by the ECtHR, the ECSR, and the CJEU highlighting the path of the case through the domestic courts and the manner in which EU law, the European Convention on Human Rights, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the European Social Charter and other instruments in the field of the rights of the child were applied at the national and European level.
- Preparation of the Handbook for publication in consultation with the ECtHR, the CJEU, the ECSR, the Commission and the Council of Europe Secretariat.
- Preparation for the translation of the Handbook into selected languages: the translation, publication and dissemination will be carried out during 2015.
- Specific stakeholder communication and awareness raising activities design, including in Member States and in the framework of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child.

Planned outputs in 2014

- Draft Handbook of European Case-Law on the Rights of the Child

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
	40.000 €	-	-
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual	YES		
Year of origination	2014		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3


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NEW Project fiche 4.6.3

first priority

Additional activities in the area of “Rights of the Child”

Description

The Agency follows up its relevant research work through targeted engagement with key stakeholders to ensure that its evidence reaches them and informs their deliberations and decisions.

Objectives

- To provide opinions and evidence based advice
- Issues analysis and papers based on existing materials, when required (such as on child protection and detention) and update selected publications
- Make findings of the FRA available to policy makers in a proactive manner
- Relevant communication & cooperation activities, also specifically targeted at children
- Develop EU rights based indicators on specific issues relevant to the area and specific projects, in particular on child poverty

Overall outputs

- Participation in and organisation of meetings and events
- Preparation and presentation of relevant opinions papers, presentations and other input
- Analysis and briefing
- Participation to training events

Beneficiaries and target groups

- European Commission
- Member States
- NHRIs/Equality Bodies
- Specialised Agencies
- Union Agencies and bodies
- Civil Society
- Professional organisations

Planned activities in 2014

- Communicate the research findings to key policy makers at EU as well as national level and other relevant stakeholders;
- Developing targeted analysis and briefs;
- Re-print existing reports as required;
- Participation in meetings and events

Planned outputs in 2014

- Expert advice to stakeholders
- Selected publications (or parts thereof) updated.
- Preparation and presentation of relevant opinions, papers, presentations and other input
- Indicators sets

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
	-	-	-
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual			
Year of origination			

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3


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ON-GOING Project fiche 4.7.1**first priority**

Existence and interpretation of the freedom to conduct a business

Description

The freedom to conduct a business is a fundamental right under Article 16 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights. Article 16 is closely related to the 'surrounding' articles in the Charter, such as Article 15 on the freedom to choose an occupation and the right to engage in work, and Article 17 on the right to property. It is a right which has been developed by the Court of Justice of the European Union in a number of cases with reference to constitutional traditions in the Member States. Already early on in the history of the Luxembourg court, it was subject to interpretation in cases dealing with freedom to exercise economic and commercial activities and freedom of contract; as well as Article 119 (1) TFEU recognizing free competition. Related more recent cases concern, for instance, obligations on the part of internet service providers and balancing the right to health with Article 16.

Yet, little research has been undertaken in relation to the scope of this right and on its application on the ground. In 2011, the Commission asked the FRA to collect data and provide analysis on this issue. Following preparation through in-house research in 2012, the Agency investigated during 2013 the issues a person in the EU might face in setting up and conducting a business, including in different Member States than that of their nationality.

Objectives

This project seeks to explore and map the extent and operation of one of the rights in the Charter that to date has received relatively little research attention. The scope of the right was identified through desk-research in 2012, and in 2013 the situation in practice in the EU Member States was assessed. Various elements of indirect discriminatory effects will be addressed through the research; for example, with respect to vulnerable groups such as immigrants and Roma, but also more 'main-stream' problems related to specific areas will be assessed.

Overall outputs

The project will deliver a theoretical overview of the scope and components of the right as well as a comparative report on the actual situation.

Beneficiaries and target groups

European Commission

Relevant regulatory agencies at national level

Activities and results achieved so far

This project is a new strand (from 2012) in the activities of the FRA with an expert consultation held in the second half of 2012. Tangential work also includes collaboration with the European Investment Bank on human rights and business – in particular related to awareness raising and advice on human rights impact assessment.

The EU's Services Directive (2006/123/EC) on collection of data in respect of opportunities and constraints to conduct a business must be considered.

Planned activities in 2014

- Completing research activities
- Analysis of results
- Preparation, drafting and publication of findings
- Cooperation with stakeholders

Planned outputs in 2014

- Reports and / or other deliverables
- Meetings, as necessary

Financial resources allocated to the project

	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
Total budget in 2014:	60.000 €	-	-
Prior years' budget total	250.000 €	-	-
Multiannual	YES		
Year of origination	2012		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3


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ON-GOING Project fiche 4.7.2**first priority****‘CLARITY’ (Complaints, Legal Assistance and Rights Information Tools for You)****Description**

This project will be undertaken in close consideration of the e-Justice Portal and seeks to complement the Portal with a simple, user-friendly tool guiding the user to the appropriate non-judicial mechanism with a human rights remit when rights are seen to have been violated.

With the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights becoming legally binding, expectations of people living in the EU have been raised. It has become common to turn to EU institutions and bodies for assistance and advice in resolving complaints of rights violations. However, it is often beyond the mandate of these bodies, beyond the scope of EU competence and/or beyond the scope of the Charter, to deal with these complaints (see European Commission’s Reports on the Application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights).

The CLARITY portal will provide online guidance to victims of fundamental rights violations and support organisations for such victims on where they can turn to at national level by mapping bodies providing victim advice and assistance – such as equality bodies, national human rights institutions, and ombudsperson institutions. This is important, not the least, in cross-border settings. As suggested above, the tool will be compatible with the e-Justice Portal so as to be able to share information automatically. Data collected specifically on where to turn for victim support through the Agency’s project on ‘Victim Support Services in the EU’, fiche 4.8.1, may also be presented using the tool developed for the CLARITY project. See also the technology section of fiche 4.7.6. – improving access to justice for people living in the EU.

Objectives

- Provide clarity to end-users, intermediaries, and professionals as to where to turn to with their fundamental rights problems
- Enable accurate information on the mandates and details of non-judicial bodies with a human rights bodies
- Encourage a more harmonised approach to information sharing on complaints that will improve comparability (cf. Commission Recommendation on the use of a harmonised methodology for classifying and reporting consumer complaints and enquiries - C(2010)3021 final)

Overall outputs

Creation of a pilot online tool that will allow for easy identification of the most appropriate (non-judicial) body for a particular type of fundamental right issue. The user will be provided with basic information on that body together with a link and the possibility to directly contact that institution. Another way of seeing and labelling this tool would be as an ‘admissibility check list’.

Beneficiaries and target groups

- Victims of fundamental rights violations
- Organisations representing such victims

- National (non-judicial) institution with a human rights remit, such as equality bodies or national human rights institutions
- EU institutions and Member States

Activities and results achieved so far

From FRA’s EU-MIDIS and onwards, the Agency’s research findings show that awareness of rights as well as where to turn is a crucial obstacle to effectively exercising rights. Measures to address these shortcomings are needed at several levels, and this project seeks to support the work of other actors, such as the Commission, in this regard.

Data from non-judicial bodies from 12 EU Member States has been collected and are further being revised. Technical work on the development of the online tool started with the aim to test it early 2014.

Planned activities in 2014

- Compilation of data, development of the tool and contribution to the European e-Justice Portal;
- Consultations and cooperation with bodies providing advice and assistance to victims as well as with networks of such bodies (e.g. Equinet, European Network of NHRIs, etc.).

Planned outputs in 2014

- Dedicated online tool

Financial resources allocated to the project

	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
Total budget in 2014:	100.000 €	-	-
Prior years’ budget total	50.000 €	-	-
Multiannual	YES		
Year of origination	2013		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3

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ON-GOING Project fiche 4.7.3

first priority

Gender-based violence against women: from childhood to adulthood

Description

After consultation with key experts, including the CoE, the Agency developed an EU-wide survey on gender-based violence against women that encompasses childhood and adulthood experiences. Violence against women and girls continues to be a pressing problem in many EU Member States, which serves to undermine core fundamental rights such as dignity, access to justice and gender equality (amongst others). The impact of gender-based violence reaches far beyond the immediate individuals involved as it affects families, communities and the wider society, and has significant implications regarding the State's resources and ability to effectively address this social ill.

Existing research and criminal justice data show that the majority of incidents of this nature go unreported, and therefore the State is typically ill-informed about the extent and nature of the problem; which has implications for the development of policies and action concerning violence. To this end, the research provides the first EU-wide comparable survey data on gender-based violence against women, from childhood to adulthood, which can be used to inform policy developments and action in this area. The survey results can also offer useful guidance to Member States in their ratification and implementation of the CoE Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention). Support for an EU-wide survey by the FRA on violence against women stems from the request of the Council under the Spanish presidency and a European Parliament Resolution of 26 November 2009, which was also referred to in Council conclusions of 8 March 2010. EIGE has become progressively operational since 2009 but was not able, at the outset of this study, to develop and launch such a project. To this end, FRA has drawn on its own expertise in the field of survey research, and has worked together with EIGE to ensure that they are incorporated in the project's development. The research carried out by EIGE in 2010-2013 on the sources of secondary data on domestic violence, the extent and nature of victim support services, and on good practices in addressing domestic violence, provides contextual information which can be taken into account when drawing conclusions from the results of the FRA survey.

Objectives

For the first time the project will provide comparable data on the nature and extent of violence against women in the EU-28. The survey aims to offer policy makers and other stakeholders in the EU, and at national level, with evidence necessary for developing legislation and policies to address violence against women through prevention of incidents, protection of victims and prosecution of offenders; including with a view to ensuring compliance with the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence. The data collected and analysed under this project will be of relevance to the future monitoring mechanism to be set up once this Convention enters into force as well as for EU Member States reporting on their progress to the CEDAW committee of the UN.

Overall outputs

The results will be communicated through a series of reports, following the approach developed for the EU-MIDIS survey.

Beneficiaries and target groups

- Member States
- European Commission, and other EU bodies and agencies
- IGOs (UN, CoE)
- Victim support organisations
- Civil Society

Planned activities in 2014

Based on the results from the survey, the Agency will publish the results and develop a handbook for practitioners working in the area of violence against women. The first project results will be published in 2014.

The Agency will undertake and contribute to a series of meetings with policy makers, frontline organisations and the Council of Europe to increase the impact of the survey results. These activities are a part of the project's communication strategy..

Planned outputs in 2014

- Data analysis
- Publication of results
- Meetings with stakeholders, as necessary

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
	160.000 €	-	-
Prior years' budget total	3,865,300 €	-	
Multiannual	YES		
Year of origination	2010		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3



NEW Project fiche 4.7.4

first priority

Fundamental rights survey - establishing a EU-wide survey on trends in fundamental rights

Description

The Agency will establish a rolling survey (repeated every five years) that will inform the policies and debate on fundamental rights in the EU by providing trends on fundamental rights outcomes on the ground - the FRA Fundamental Rights Barometer. It will be the first EU-wide survey to produce comparable trend data on people's experiences of fundamental rights over time (through each successive round of the survey). The survey programme will consist of a core module, which will measure key fundamental rights indicators on a repeated basis, setting up a benchmark measure for the fundamental rights situation in the EU. The core module, repeated every five years will collect data on a wide spectrum of fundamental rights issues, such as freedom of movement, data protection, discrimination on different grounds and rights awareness – where data is not available through Eurostat, Eurobarometer or other existing EU-wide surveys. The core module can be accompanied by additional modules, which will serve the data needs of other specific FRA projects, as relevant – for example, with respect to data on the rights of the child. The survey design could also explore how additional booster samples could be incorporated in different rounds of the survey, which would be undertaken in specific Member States to address their specific needs through targeted questions with certain groups (such as minorities) or the general population. The first stage of the project, to take place in 2014, will consist of survey development and pre-test activities, which will be necessary for the implementation of the first round of the full-scale survey data collection in the EU-28 at a later stage.

Objectives

The survey aims to make up for the current deficit in robust and comparable data on most fundamental rights areas in regard to the general population's experiences of a range of rights 'on the ground'. Subsequent waves of the survey (every few years) will allow for the first time the identification of specific trends over time, which will support EU and national policy makers in making evidence based decisions regarding future legislation and resource allocation. The results will also help to fill the FRA's data needs in regard to other specific projects.

Overall outputs

- Pre-testing and development of a pre-test technical report
- Identification of core areas for data collection that can serve to inform the FRA's Annual Report and key projects.
- Development of proposals to visualise the data results using interactive tools (maps, etc.) on the FRA's website.
- Approval of the survey instrument – depending on the outcome of the test phase and the expert and stakeholder consultations.

Activities and results achieved so far

The Agency has carried out survey research on discrimination and hate crime against immigrants and ethnic minorities, LGBT people and

Jews, as well as a survey on women's experiences of gender-based violence and the situation of the Roma. These surveys have been important contributions to address the data gap concerning various ways in which people's fundamental rights are realised, or not, on the ground. However, they have been limited to providing a snapshot concerning a small selection of rights and affected groups, and have not focused on the experiences of non-minority populations.

Beneficiaries and target groups

EU Institutions, Member States, Equality Bodies and NHRIs, Council of Europe, OHCHR and the Human Rights Council.

Planned activities in 2014

The project activities in 2014 will concentrate on developing a solid methodology and substantive content structure as a basis for the survey's implementation in the coming years. The content and scope of the survey will be established through consultations with survey experts and selected stakeholders - including (for example) Equality Bodies and National Human Rights Institutions, the European Commission (including Eurostat), Council of Europe, and the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. These consultations will assist in outlining a survey strategy, which will be the roadmap for the coming years in terms of guiding the development and execution of the survey – ensuring that the survey fills a gap in existing evidence, which can be used to inform policy, and does not duplicate data collection in other fields. The FRA Fundamental rights barometer will consist of a set of core questions (which would be repeated every five years for the purpose of a trend analysis) and additional modules that will support the data needs of specific FRA projects and stakeholders.

Planned outputs in 2014

Results of the stakeholder and expert consultation activities will inform the development of the survey strategy and the draft questionnaire for the survey (containing the core questionnaire and additional modules).

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
	20,000	-	-
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual	YES		
Year of origination	2014		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3


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NEW

Project fiche 4.7.5

first priority

Additional activities in the area of “Access to Justice”

Description

The Agency follows up its relevant research work through targeted engagement with key stakeholders to ensure that its evidence reaches them and informs their deliberations and decisions.

Objectives

- To provide opinions and evidence based advice
- Issues analysis and papers based on existing materials, when required and update selected publications,
- Make findings of the FRA available to policy makers in a proactive manner
- Relevant communication & cooperation activities
- Develop EU rights based indicators on specific issues relevant to the area and specific projects

Overall outputs

- Participation in and organisation of meetings and events
- Preparation and presentation of relevant opinions papers, presentations and other input
- Analysis and briefing
- Participation to training events
- Development and update of indicators for the area “Access to Justice”

Beneficiaries and target groups

- European Commission
- Member States
- National Human Rights Institutions/Equality Bodies
- Specialised Agencies
- Union Agencies and bodies
- Civil Society
- Professional organisations

Planned activities in 2014

- Communicate the research findings to key policy makers at EU as well as national level and other relevant stakeholders;
- Developing targeted analysis and briefs;
- Re-print existing reports as required;
- Participation in meetings and events

Planned outputs in 2014

- Expert advice to stakeholders
- Selected publications (or parts thereof) updated.
- Preparation and presentation of relevant opinions, papers, presentations and other input
- Indicators sets

Financial resources allocated to the project

	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
Total budget in 2014:	-	-	-
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual	N/A		
Year of origination	N/A		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3


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NEW Project fiche 4.7.6

third priority

Improving access to justice for people living in the EU

Description

The project focuses on identifying ways to improve access to justice, beyond existing traditional structures. At first glance, the following three areas could be central for analysis and exploration with a view to propose promising practices:

1. empowerment through broadened legal standing - for example public interest litigation, complaints filed by NGOs on behalf of one or several individuals, 'collective redress' etc. - that removes practical obstacles for the individual(s) and reduces the burden or stigma of complaining;
2. 'private' initiatives such as the involvement of legal clinics and amicus curiae ('friends of the court', i.e. third party intervention with research, legal advice, or the like) that could increase the quality of legal arguments through external contributions and/or reduce the costs for the parties concerned with contributions from civil society, academia, and pro-bono lawyers;
3. e-justice technology and other innovations that facilitate access to complaint / redress mechanisms, while also ensuring sufficient safeguards for 'non-e-users' and their access to justice – with careful consideration of and coordination with the European e-Justice Portal (see also fiche 4.7.2 - CLARITY)

Such examples have helped to improve access to justice in EU Member States and beyond, not least in times of economic austerity. Legal and social mapping of the application of such initiatives in various fields (not only fundamental rights) and in relation to various mechanisms - including assessments based on fieldwork (qualitative research) of how such examples have or have not contributed in practice to people's ability to effectively access justice - would be envisaged.

Objectives

Expanding on ideas raised in existing FRA research under various MAF areas and further explored during the 2012 FRA Fundamental Rights Conference, this project will focus on changes aimed at facilitating 'primary' (in the sense of initial, 'first port of call') access to different types of redress / complaint mechanisms in order to provide an effective access to justice.

Overall outputs

The project will deliver a comparative and analytical overview on promising practices with impact analysis.

Activities and results achieved so far

Under the general heading of improving access to justice, the suggested three focus areas (empowerment, 'private' initiatives and technology) of this project is based on FRA and other research, in line with areas that are of high policy and practical relevance in the EU. The project's selection for improved access to justice would strengthen ties with access to justice components of other FRA

projects, such as those related to disability, asylum, data protection, and children.

Beneficiaries and target groups

EU Member States seeking to improve access to justice and EU institutions trying to strengthen implementation of EU law.

Civil society organisations, including professional associations, applying or advocating change.

Planned activities in 2014

Collection of data and analysis of innovative practices across the EU that aim at improving access to justice.

Planned outputs in 2014

- Data collection and analysis
- Design and implementation of on-line survey
- Expert and stakeholder meetings

Financial resources allocated to the project

	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
Total budget in 2014:	-	-	500.000 €
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual			
Year of origination			

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3


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ON-GOING Project fiche 4.8.1

first priority

Victim support services in the EU: An overview and assessment of victims' rights in practice

Description

In 2011 the European Commission presented a victims' package aimed at ensuring equal rights to victims of crime across the EU – a communication on strengthening rights of victims along with a series of legislative measures. Parallel to this the Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union during the first half of 2011 proposed a Roadmap with five measures, ranging from revision of existing legislation, adoption of new legal instruments, and recommendations on practical measures and best practices related to rights of victims.

A core component in meeting the rights, and needs, of victims is the provision of adequate victim support services in the EU; services that can provide victims with information and support at different stages, which can range from practical advice about how to claim compensation through to support when going to court.

Through a combination of primary research and secondary data analysis, this project looks at victim support services across the EU.

Objectives

First independent overview of targeted victim support services in the EU Member States, with a review of current practices and gaps aimed at providing constructive data and analysis to the legislative process and advisory services of the EU institutions.

Overall outputs

- Comparative report with promising practices
- Development of interactive web-based map of victim support services at Member State level (see fiche 4.7.2 – CLARITY)
- Meetings with stakeholders

Beneficiaries and target groups

- The EU institutions
- Victim support services
- National authorities with a responsibility concerning victims
- Civil society organisations engaged in victim support

Activities and results achieved so far

The project builds on data collected and analysed during 2012 and 2013 in the course of the project, and draws extensively on the Agency's large-scale survey research; including surveys conducted by the Agency in the area of violence against women, LGBT persons, and antisemitism.

Planned activities in 2014

Additional analysis and reporting of research results.

Planned outputs in 2014

- A comparative report
- Possible targeted reports
- Expert meetings

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
	60.000 €	-	-
Prior years' budget total	1.231.000 €	-	-
Multiannual	YES		
Year of origination	2012		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3


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NEW Project fiche 4.8.2

third priority

Rights of crime victims to have access to justice – a comparative analysis

Description

What are the rights of victims of crime in practice in relation to access to justice? An in-depth comparison of the situation of victims in a selected number of EU Member States, which represent different legal systems and traditions, will be undertaken. The research will be done at three levels and will present results that can feed into the EU's Victims' Roadmap with respect to:

1. Legal level: What are the rights of victims to engage with the criminal justice system?
2. Practical level: How are victims supported in practice? The research will examine the existence of services such as separate waiting rooms in courts, direct support from victims/witness support services, interpretation, etc.
3. What are the views of actors in the criminal justice system (the police, lawyers, prosecutors, judges) on the appropriate role of victims in the criminal justice system? Where feasible, in 2015 the research will also examine the experiences of victims with respect to specific offences.

Objectives

The objective is to investigate and analyse – from a rights-based perspective – how victims of crime are included in the criminal justice process and in this regard the type and forms of support provided to them by Member States' justice systems. The results will support the implementation of the EU's Victims' Roadmap.

Overall outputs

A comparative report to be published in 2015.

Activities and results achieved so far

The project will build on FRA's research on victim support services, which was undertaken from 2011–2013, by expanding into a more general overview of the rights of victims of crime – including trafficking – with respect to access to justice. The project will in part be designed to follow up on other FRA projects dealing with victims of crime, such as the FRA survey on violence against women and also with respect to the area of hate crime, or bias-motivated crime, against different vulnerable groups.

Beneficiaries and target groups

Victims of crime; EU Member States, European Commission.

Planned activities in 2014

Comparative desk and fieldwork research in selected EU Member States.

Planned outputs in 2014

Data collection and analysis.

Financial resources allocated to the project

	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
Total budget in 2014:	-	-	550.000 €
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual	YES		
Year of origination	2014		

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NEW Project fiche 4.8.3

first priority

Additional activities in the area of “Victims of crime”

Description

The Agency follows up its relevant research work through targeted engagement with key stakeholders to ensure that its evidence reaches them and informs their deliberations and decisions.

Objectives

- To provide opinions and evidence based advice
- Issues analysis and papers based on existing materials, when required and update selected publications,
- Make findings of the FRA available to policy makers in a proactive manner
- Relevant communication & cooperation activities
- Develop EU rights based indicators on specific issues relevant to the area and specific projects

Overall outputs

- Participation in and organisation of meetings and events
- Preparation and presentation of relevant opinions papers, presentations and other input
- Analysis and briefing
- Participation to training events
- Development and update of indicators for the area “Victims of Crime”

Beneficiaries and target groups

- European Commission
- Member States
- National Human Rights Institutions and Equality Bodies
- Specialised Agencies
- Union Agencies and bodies
- Civil Society
- Professional organisations

Activities and results achieved so far

The objective of the Agency, according to its founding regulation is to provide the relevant institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the EU and its Member States when implementing EU law with assistance and expertise relating to fundamental rights in order to support them when they take measures or formulate courses of action within their respective spheres of competence to fully respect fundamental rights. In this regard the Agency has produced in past years a number of opinions following requests of the European Parliament and Presidencies of the EU Council.

Planned activities in 2014

- Communicate the research findings to key policy makers at EU as well as national level and other relevant stakeholders;
- Developing targeted analysis and briefs;
- Re-print existing reports as required;
- Participation in meetings and events

Planned outputs in 2014

- Expert advice to stakeholders
- Selected publications (or parts thereof) updated.
- Preparation and presentation of relevant opinions, papers, presentations and other input
- Indicators sets

Financial resources allocated to the project

	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
Total budget in 2014:	-	-	-
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual	N/A		
Year of origination	N/A		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3


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Project fiche 4.9.1

Annual Reports

Description

The Agency has a legal obligation to present on 15 June each year two Annual Reports: One on the situation concerning fundamental rights in the EU and one on its own activities. The first presents the situation regarding the respect, protection, promotion and fulfilment of fundamental rights in the EU based on its own analysis of data and information collected in the course of its research activities and additional material collected specifically for this purpose through its research networks and other means. The second report describes in more detail the specific activities of the Agency to achieve its key objective.

Objectives

- The Annual Reports contribute to the following FRA long-term objectives:
- Identify and analyse major trends in the field of fundamental rights;
- Assist the EU and its Member States in decision making by providing evidence based opinions;
- Inform target audiences through awareness raising activities;
- Identify and disseminate examples of good practice

Beneficiaries and target groups

- European Parliament
- Council of the EU
- European Commission
- Committee of the Regions
- European Economic and Social Committee

Planned activities in 2014

The Annual Report is drafted by research staff in house based on data and information collected through all research activities and additional material collected specifically for this purpose through its research networks and other means incl. purchase of books and subscription of journals. This material may also be presented as online documentation.

FRA Annual Report (supplemented by a Summary report as well as a short report for broader audiences) will be produced, translated, published, disseminated and presented to the European Parliament; an accompanying media launch will be carried out.

The Agency will disseminate the results of its work and the various materials to the relevant stakeholders.

Planned outputs in 2014

- Data collection and analysis
- Annual Report on the situation concerning fundamental rights in the EU
- Annual Activity Report

Financial resources allocated to the project

	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
Total budget in 2014:	600.000 €	-	-
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual	N/A		
Year of origination	N/A		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3



Project fiche 4.9.2

FRA conferences

The Fundamental Rights Conference and the FRA Europe-Day symposium are the Agency's main fundamental rights events, and create space for decision-makers, experts and human rights defenders to examine key fundamental rights challenges in the EU and develop courses of action that better guarantee their protection. Both gather senior officials and experts from national governments, EU bodies, intergovernmental organisations, local authorities, civil society and specialised human rights bodies. They promote the sharing of information on innovative policies, promising practices and projects through practice-oriented workshops and interactive plenary discussions.

The themes for both conferences are set in the context of current EU policy and legislative developments, the Stockholm Programme in particular, and are informed by FRA work. They are used as an opportunity to raise awareness of the work of FRA among key stakeholders and partners, and are therefore often combined with the launch of major FRA reports. The FRA Europe Day Symposium in 2014 is planned as a conference in cooperation with the Greek Presidency of the Council of the European Union. As a substantial support of events in 2014, FRA will contribute to a possible conference in spring of the Greek Presidency on the implementation of the FR Charter by assisting the development of the content. Based on the experiences with a similar seminar with Danish Presidency in March 2012, the conference will seek to explore the challenges and opportunities of applying the Charter in practice.

Objectives

- Inform debate among policy makers, specialists and practitioners at EU and national level
- Provide a forum for networking and sharing promising practices to support access to fundamental rights
- Facilitate FRA interaction with key stakeholders and continue to explore innovative ways to engage with them

Beneficiaries and target groups

- Policy-makers (EU, national, regional/local level)
- Law-makers (EU and national)
- Human rights bodies (NHRIs, equality bodies)
- Human rights non-governmental organisations
- Human rights intergovernmental organisations
- Human rights experts and think tanks
- Service sector and victim support organisations and networks

Planned activities in 2014

Fundamental Rights Conference

The FRC is the major annual conference of the Agency where it presents key results of its work. It is organised annually together with the EU Presidency and gathers around 300 fundamental rights actors. The specific topic will be decided at a later stage in consultation with key stakeholders and in accordance with FRA priorities.

FRA Symposium

This is a symposium organised in-house in spring annually, which gathers around 60-80 FRA stakeholders for a discussion based on relevant work carried out by the FRA. The specific topic and participants will be decided at the end of 2013 in collaboration with the Greek Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Planned outputs in 2014

- Fundamental Rights Conference (incl. report)
- FRA Europe Day - symposium (incl. report and information material)

Financial resources allocated to the project

	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
Total budget in 2014:	330.000 €	-	-
Prior years' budget total		-	-
Multiannual	N/A		
Year of origination	N/A		

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Project fiche 4.9.3

Cooperating with FRA stakeholders

The Agency cooperates and has relations with different key stakeholders mainly at EU and Member State level. These relations and cooperation assist the Agency in defining, developing and coordinating its work effectively, which will lead to better impact for FRA's work and hence to improved fundamental rights protection. The relations with these bodies ensure that the Agency's work is complementary with that of others, and brings added value to fundamental rights work at the EU level.

The cooperation and consultation with relevant partners is an essential element in any of the Agency's projects throughout a project's lifecycle. In addition, the Agency undertakes a number of cooperation activities that cut across all of the Agency's thematic work, taking the form of coordination meetings, ad-hoc working parties, or EU expert seminars in various fields of the Agency's work, as appropriate and needed.

Objectives

- Ensure that the Agency's stakeholders and partners and their needs are incorporated into the Agency's work and thinking.
- Receive stakeholder's feedback on the utility of the Agency's work and the impact of its work.
- Provide opportunities for networking and sharing promising practices to support access to fundamental rights
- Ensure regular and timely information sharing and exchange
- Facilitate its interaction with key stakeholders and continue to explore innovative ways to engage with them.

Beneficiaries and target groups

- European Parliament
- Council of the EU
- European Commission
- EU Agencies, in particular Justice and Home Affairs Agencies
- Committee of the Regions, European Economic and Social Committee
- National Human Rights Institutes and its European Group
- National Equality Bodies and Equinet
- Ombuds institutions (European and National levels)
- Council of Europe

Planned activities in 2014

Cooperating with EU Institutions, Bodies and Agencies

- Cooperation with the European Parliament, Council and Commission in all of the Agency's projects
- Cooperation with EU Agencies with FRA lead in coordinating the different networks of all EU Agencies.
- Cooperation with Committee of the Regions and with the European Economic and Social Committee
- Expert seminars and ad-hoc working parties (based on need)
- Cooperating with National Human Rights Institutes, Equality Bodies and Ombudsperson institutions – see project fiche 4.9.4

Planned outputs in 2014

- Improved cooperation, coordination and communication between FRA and key stakeholders
- Meetings and meeting reports (including thematic and cross-cutting stakeholder meetings)
- Stakeholder consultations
- Communication products for specific stakeholder groups
- Annual Dialogue on multi-level protection of fundamental rights with Committee of the Regions
- Timely feedback with regard to FRA's annual work programme and other products and activities

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
		105.000 €	-
Prior years' budget total	150.000 €	-	-
Multiannual	N/A		
Year of origination	N/A		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3



Project fiche 4.9.4

Cooperating with stakeholders in EU Member States

The Agency cooperates and has relations with different key stakeholders mainly at Member State level. These relations and cooperation assist the Agency in defining, developing and coordinating its work effectively with national stakeholders, which will lead to better impact for FRA's work and hence to improved fundamental rights protection. The relations with national institutions, bodies and agencies ensure that the Agency's work brings added value to fundamental rights work not only at the EU level, but also at national level.

The cooperation and consultation at national level is an essential new strategic priority (2013 – 2017) of the Agency as a result of the findings of the FRA's external evaluation. The FRA has already set up mechanisms for cooperating with National Human Rights Institutions and Equality Bodies as well as with its network of National Liaison Officers (see project fiche 4.10.2). In 2014 it extended cooperation with national parliaments. Intensifying such cooperation will allow the Agency to be more in touch with the needs of national policy makers.

Objectives

- Ensure that the Agency's stakeholders and partners at national level and their needs are incorporated into the Agency's work
- Provide opportunities for networking and promoting promising practices between and with national stakeholders
- Ensure regular and timely information sharing and exchange
- Ensure that FRA products are also useful for national policy and opinion makers

Beneficiaries and target groups

- National Parliaments of EU Member States
- National Human Rights Institutions and its European Group
- National Equality Bodies and their European network Equinet
- Ombuds institutions (European and national levels)

Planned activities in 2015

Cooperating with National Human Rights Institutions, Equality Bodies and Ombudsperson institutions

- Further enhancing FRA cooperation and communication with NHRIs, EBs, and Ombuds institutions which include:
- Joint development and definition of objectives, substance and envisaged outputs with Equinet, European Chair of NHRIs and the European Network of Ombuds Institutions.
- Conceptualisation and organisation of regular stakeholder meetings, in partnership also with the Council of Europe.

Cooperating with national parliaments

- Updating of the mapping of relevant parliamentary committees and processes
- Test opportunities for outreach and dissemination of relevant FRA findings to parliamentary committees
- Continue regularly visiting Member States and national parliaments
- Host visits by Member State officials and parliamentarians

Planned outputs in 2015

- Meetings and meeting reports
- Stakeholder consultations
- NHRIs interactive database
- Communication products for specific stakeholder groups
- Timely feedback with regard to FRA's annual work programme and other products and activities

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
	100.000 €	-	-
Prior years' budget total	150.000 €	-	-
Multiannual	N/A		
Year of origination	N/A		

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Project fiche 4.9.5

Online communication and documentation

The online communication and documentation team has recently totally redeveloped the FRA's online communications, including the relaunch of the FRA website in 2012 to conform to modern web standards, with new technology enabling the introduction of additional features such as multilingual capability, data visualisation and making it more user-friendly, accessible to people with disabilities and interactive. YouTube. These channels, in combination with other new tools such as an e-newsletter, enabled the FRA to address its stakeholders in an interactive manner, allowing online collaboration and exchange of information on and offline.

The Online Communication Strategy developed by the team targeted key audiences as identified in the Agency's Communication Strategy, supporting further the aim of making the FRA online activities an innovative 'information hub' promoting the FRA's excellence and expertise on Fundamental Rights issues.

Objectives

- The project contributes to the following FRA objectives:
- Informing target audiences through awareness raising activities
- Cooperating with civil society and international organisations.

Planned outputs

- Ongoing development of new FRA website;
- Further development of social media profiles on main social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube etc)
- Other online tools (e.g. e-mail newsletter, apps etc.)

Beneficiaries and target groups

- All interested parties (including the general public, media etc) with targeted information for main stakeholder groups

Activities and results achieved

- New website in EN, FR and DE; social media channels; Online Communication Strategy

Planned activities and output in 2014

Communication

Continuous website development

The relaunched FRA website will continue to be further developed, with the introduction of more interactive features (e.g. additional data visualization). The FRA website and online documentation tools will be more closely integrated to provide a unified user experience examined. Web based information will be made further accessible. User and stakeholder needs will continue to be addressed via features and technical improvements

Ongoing website updating and maintenance

The website will be updated and maintained constantly with fresh content adapted to the Agency's priorities and stakeholder needs. The statistics tools have been upgraded and statistics are examined regularly so as to provide inputs for the Online Communications Strategy.

Social media

Support for projects will be provided via social media campaigns and posts. The existing social media tools will be studied and ways of enhancing their effectiveness further will be looked at. Other online tools will be examined and their effectiveness assessed in order to decide whether to add them to the FRA's range of online tools.

Charterpedia and Charter app

The FRA Charterpedia and Charter app - online information tools on the state of protection of fundamental rights and recent developments in the area of fundamental rights in the European Union and its Member States - will be updated and maintained constantly on the basis of FRA studies and findings.

Case Law Database

The FRA Case Law Database will continue to collect and classify decisions of the European Court of Justice, the European Court of Human Rights and National Supreme and Constitutional Courts, with specific reference to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU.

Coordination of Human Rights Documentation

The Agency will continue consulting with other European documentation centres and database providers, and support the standard setting initiatives in Human Rights Documentation by organising and participating in meetings and conferences in this area.

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
	170.000 €	-	-
Prior years' budget total	210.000 €	-	-
Multiannual	N/A		
Year of origination	N/A		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3


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Project fiche 4.9.6

Production and dissemination of communication products

In addition to numerous deliverables related to research outputs – as listed under the different chapter headings above - the Agency will produce a number of additional FRA information products, including promotional materials to be disseminated to the main stakeholder groups, to key actors and other target audiences.

Objectives

The project seeks to contribute to the following FRA long-term objectives:

- Inform target audiences through print material;
- Identify and disseminate examples of promising practices.

Planned outputs

FRA information and promotional material supplementing the publication of project-specific deliverables and their language versions.

Beneficiaries and target groups

Interested public as well as tailored products for specific stakeholder groups.

Planned activities and output in 2014

In 2011 and 2012, the Agency produced updates of FRA information material and developed new ones. Based on the experiences with these different types of awareness-raising materials for dissemination at FRA events, including conferences and info stands, the Agency will publish, in line with its communication strategy, products and information aimed at various target groups containing information on general fundamental rights issues. The Agency will further adapt and update FRA information material on fundamental rights already available.

Dissemination policy and stock management

In 2013, FRA seeks to improve further its stakeholder-oriented dissemination strategy, by ensuring, for instance, regular mailings of newly issued FRA publications to its key stakeholders. The Agency will focus therefore on fine tuning its dissemination policy by responding to new and changing needs (broader dissemination of FRA reports in the context of extended FRA contributions at international days and events) and requests received through its website.

The stock management system will be further improved, ensuring sufficient availability of stock in Vienna to satisfy dissemination requests at short notice. In addition, direct access to the Publications Office stock management system, GESCOM, will further the timely delivery of material and reports in printed form to conferences and events or to main stakeholder group. The FRA will look into new channels for dissemination for its research findings and outcome, with the aim of covering the needs of its main stakeholder groups.

Financial resources allocated to the project

	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
Total budget in 2014:	105.000 €	-	50.000 €
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual	N/A		
Year of origination	N/A		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3


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Project fiche 4.9.7

Information about FRA work and awareness raising

The founding regulation asks the FRA to disseminate the results of its work, and to raise public awareness. (Art. 4, a and h).

Objectives

The project seeks to contribute to the following FRA long-term objectives

- Inform target audiences about FRA work
- Awareness raising of fundamental rights amongst specific target audiences
- Assist the EU and its Member States in decision making by providing evidence based opinions;
- Identify and analyse major trends in the field of fundamental rights (via media monitoring)

Planned outputs

- FRA information and awareness raising material in various languages (newsletters, statements, speeches, factsheets, brochures, audio-visual material, general information and awareness raising material)
- Other communication activities (information inbox, visitor groups programme, information stands, branding of FRA events, corporate visual identity and design)
- Media monitoring

Beneficiaries and target groups

Main stakeholder groups as well as key audiences as described in FRA Communication and Cooperation Framework

Planned activities and output in 2014

Information and awareness raising material in various languages

This includes a monthly newsletter in EN, FR and DE; a weekly newsletter for key stakeholders, statements for website and send out to stakeholders in EN, FR and DE; speeches and presentations; non project related (“horizontal”) factsheets in up to 22 languages; brochures and other information and awareness raising material; audio-visual material.

For FRA conferences, stakeholder meetings and other events in 2014, and for the FRA Info Point as well as for other occasions the Agency will ensure availability of such awareness raising material for different target groups.

FRA media work

FRA media work is usually project-related and on the “push” side. Media monitoring and press clipping service: In addition to in-house media monitoring, the Agency uses a regular media monitoring service to follow closely the impact of FRA activities as presented in different types of media. These services will be continued in 2014.

Other communication activities

- Visitor Groups Programme
- Public Information Inbox
- Media and diversity work
- Corporate identity / branding of FRA events.

Financial resources allocated to the project

	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
Total budget in 2014:	225.000 €	-	-
Prior years' budget total	265.000 €	-	-
Multiannual	N/A		
Year of origination	N/A		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3


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Project fiche 4.9.8

Monitoring and Evaluation

The Agency has set up Performance Measurement Framework (see Annex II) to monitor, report and evaluating on its performance as this will help FRA to manage and evaluate its usefulness, effectiveness and relevance, as well as strengthen the alignment of the organisation's projects with its strategic objective, main tasks and thematic priorities.

The performance framework sets out the practical steps needed to assess the FRA performance elaborating some important aspects (such as defining more precise quantitative and qualitative information to be collected, selecting methods and tools of collecting monitoring data) as well as providing a clear and accurate overview of the extent to which the activities contribute to the realization of FRA's outcomes.

One of the major challenges of FRA performance monitoring and evaluation is to create links between the different levels of its intervention and to collect data regarding both the Agency's (1) outputs and (2) outcomes. Monitoring the performance of FRA will be carried out in accordance with a logic model (composed by outputs, immediate, intermediate and ultimate outcomes) which includes the list of the performance measures.

Planned activities in 2014

Regarding outputs the monitoring information will be based on the collection, analysis and interpretation of reliable and robust quantitative and qualitative data, e.g. on the projects implemented by the FRA.

At the level of outputs the main sources of information to be used include standard reporting templates, surveys of participants and checklists for quality assessments.

Regarding outcomes the monitoring information will be based on the collection, analysis and interpretation of reliable and robust quantitative and qualitative data regarding the adoption of or follow-up to key FRA conclusions and opinions by "relevant institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Community and its Member States".

At the level of outcomes, key information sources will include surveys and desk research data supported by expert panels and focus group meetings organised for each of the thematic areas

Planned outputs in 2014

Annual Monitoring and Evaluation Report

Financial resources allocated to the project

	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
Total budget in 2014:	-	-	90.000 €
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual	N/A		
Year of origination	N/A		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3



Bodies of the Agency and consultation mechanisms

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first priority

Bodies of the Agency

This activity concerns the organisation of Management Board (MB) meetings and meetings of MB members in working groups, Executive Board (EB) Meetings, Scientific Committee (SC) meetings and the coordination of indemnities for SC opinions. It includes the translation and interpretation costs associated with the MB and EB.

- Organisation of MB Meetings (2)
- Organisation of Executive Board Meetings (4)
- Organisation of Scientific Committee Meetings (4)

Planned activities in 2014

- Management Board meetings
- Executive Board meetings
- Scientific Committee meetings
- Translations

Financial resources allocated to the project

	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
Total budget in 2014:	255.000 €	-	-
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual	N/A		
Year of origination	N/A		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3

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Bodies of the Agency and consultation mechanisms

Project fiche 4.10.2

first priority

Consultation and cooperation mechanism - National Liaison Officers

The EU Member States are key stakeholders in the work of the Agency. The Agency has a role to provide assistance and expertise to Member States on fundamental rights issues when they implement EU law. It therefore works together with Member States to improve the promotion and protection of fundamental rights both at the national and local level. In addition, much of the Agency's products and activities have a potential impact on the work of national administrations. It is therefore of great importance to the Agency to engage with representatives of Member States to ensure that their needs are taken into account, where relevant and appropriate, and to build relations with Member States to provide evidence-based advice on fundamental rights to the Member States. To achieve this, the Agency works closely with the representatives of national administrations who act as National Liaison Officers (NLO). They also have the role to deliver opinions and feedback on the Agency's work.

The Agency meets with its National Liaison Officers twice a year.

The National Liaison Officers undertake their role within three broadly based areas – coordination and communication, information exchange and providing feedback on FRA products and activities.

The National Liaison Officers also form a key group to communicate, disseminate and use the Agency's products. They provide feedback on the utility and relevance of the Agency's products for policy and action purposes. The Agency therefore relies on them to provide feedback on the ways to make its products more relevant for national policy makers.

Objectives

- Ensure timely and adequate coordination and communication with regard to the Agency's products and activities

- Ensure regular and timely information sharing and exchange
- Ensure timely feedback on the Agency's Annual Work Programme and other products and activities
- Raise awareness of the Agency's work across national administrations

Planned activities in 2014

Enhancing FRA cooperation with Member States to provide pertinent, updated data and evidence based advice to national governments, in particular by responding to requests for assistance and expertise by Member States within the scope of FRA's activities

Bi-annual meetings will be held and complemented with other forms of cooperation, using online communication means, to support an open and continuous dialogue between FRA and Member States representatives according to real-time needs.

Planned outputs in 2014

- Bi-annual meetings and related meeting reports
- Regular information exchange, coordination and communication between FRA and the national administrations
- Timely feedback with regard to FRA's work programme and other products and activities

Financial resources allocated to the project

	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
Total budget in 2014:	80.000 €	-	-
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual	N/A		
Year of origination	N/A		

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Bodies of the Agency and consultation mechanisms

Project fiche 4.10.3

first priority

Consultation and cooperation mechanism - Fundamental Rights Platform

The Agency closely cooperates with non-governmental organisations and with institutions of civil society, active in the field of fundamental rights at national, European or international level. In order to facilitate this cooperation the Agency established a cooperation network (Fundamental Rights Platform), composed of non-governmental organisations dealing with human rights, trade unions and employer's organisations, relevant social and professional organisations, churches, religious, philosophical and non-confessional organisations, universities and other qualified experts of European and international bodies and organisations. The Fundamental Rights Platform acts a mechanism for the exchange of information and pooling of knowledge.

With regard to the Agency's work, the Fundamental Rights Platform undertakes some key tasks:

- it make suggestions to the Management Board on the Annual Work Programme
- it gives feedback and suggests follow-up to the Management Board on the annual report
- it communicates outcomes and recommendations of conferences, seminars and meetings relevant to the work of the Agency to the Director and the Scientific Committee.

The FRP therefore acts as a network for cooperation and information exchange, set to act as the main channel for the FRA to engage civil society and to ensure a close cooperation between the Agency and relevant civil society stakeholders.

The Agency's will again host a meeting of the Fundamental Rights Platform (FRP) as part of its engagement with civil society. The FRP will be consulted to provide suggestions for the FRA work programme. This will be complemented by the feedback on the Agency's Annual Report and looking at ways to better integrate the results of civil society's general activities into the work of the Agency. The e-FRP will be fully operational and should facilitate further interaction with the FRP.

Objectives

- Ensures feedback to the Agency's work programme and annual report
- Raise awareness of FRA's work with civil society
- Mobilising support of civil society to FRA's work
- Ensure close cooperation with civil society, the social partners and others active in the area of fundamental rights;
- Communicates relevant outcomes and recommendations from civil society activities and products

Planned activities in 2014

- FRP consultations on FRA AWP and FRA Annual Report
- Regular cooperation and communication exchange with FRP organisations
- Raising awareness on FRA's work and collect feed-back
- Meeting of the FRP
- Meeting of the FRP Advisory Panel
- FRP expansion

Planned outputs in 2014

- FRP Report on suggestions for the Agency's Work programme
- FRP feedback on the Agency's Annual Report
- Advisory Panel Meeting Report
- Enhanced cooperation FRP –FRA in at least five FRA projects
- FRP interactive data base
- FRP Meeting Reports
- Variety of civil society information, reports and products to inform the Agency's work

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
	140.000 €	-	-
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual	N/A		
Year of origination	N/A		

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Operational reserves

Project fiche 4.11.1

first priority

Complementary data collection and analysis to support evidence based advice for stakeholders

The research work of FRA as well as cooperation activities with stakeholders are carried out under specific project headings. The appropriations here are intended to cover deliverables and measures on issues and events, which arise during the current financial year, for example responses to requests for the Agency's assistance and expertise by stakeholders, responses to requests for joint events (e.g. by Presidencies of the Council of the EU), additional data or information required by research projects that could not have been foreseen, additional data and information for the annual report, ad hoc expert meetings. Recent examples for such additional ad hoc requests are:

- The report "Respect for and protection of persons belonging to minorities 2008-2010" prepared on request of European Parliament and published September 2011
- The Joint expert seminar with the Hungarian Presidency on "Protecting victims in the EU: The Road Ahead" (March 2011)
- FRA Opinion on the draft Directive regarding the European Investigation Order (EIO) in criminal matters upon request of European Parliament published in February 2012
- Conference "Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union" in cooperation with Danish Presidency planned for March 2012
- Responses to stakeholder consultations launched by the European Commission on fundamental rights related issues
- Expert inputs into EU conferences and events on fundamental rights related topics

Objectives

All FRA objectives may be addressed through this activity

Beneficiaries and target groups

Different FRA stakeholders depending on the issue

Planned activities in 2014

- Data collection and analysis activities will be carried out, as needs may develop
- Communication & awareness raising activities
- Project-specific stakeholder communication and awareness raising strategy will be developed

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
	105.000 €	-	150.000 €
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual	N/A		
Year of origination	N/A		

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ANNEX I: FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES BY AREA OF ACTIVITY

AREA	PROJECT	ALLOCATED HUMAN RESOURCES				BUDGET RESOURCES ALLOCATED (EUR)			
		TA	CA	SNE	TOTAL	FIRST PRIORITY	SECOND PRIORITY	THIRD PRIORITY	
FREEDOMS									
Immigration and integration of migrants, visa and border control and asylum									
4.1.1	Severe forms of labour exploitation	Research and stakeholder cooperation				0.0	80,000		
		Communication and awareness-raising				0.0			
		TOTAL	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.9	80,000	0	0
4.1.2	Inter-agency cooperation and other activities in the areas of borders, immigration and asylum	Research and stakeholder cooperation				0.0	230,000		
		Communication and awareness-raising				0.0	100,000		
		TOTAL	3,8	0,7	1,0	5,5	330,000	0	0
4.1.3	Biometric data in large IT borders, immigration and asylum databases - fundamental rights concerns	Research and stakeholder cooperation				0.0	50,000		600,000
		Communication and awareness-raising				0.0			
		TOTAL	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.5	50,000	0	600,000
AREA GRAND TOTAL		5,1	0,8	1,0	6,9	460,000	0	600,000	
Information society and, in particular, respect for private life and protection of personal data									
4.2.1	Handbook on European data protection law	Research and stakeholder cooperation				0.0	10,000		
		Communication and awareness-raising				0.0			
		TOTAL	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.5	10,000	0	0
4.2.2	Additional activities in the area of "Information society and, in particular, respect for private life and protection of personal data"	Research and stakeholder cooperation				0.0			
		Communication and awareness-raising				0.0			
		TOTAL	1,4	0,2	1,8	3,4	0	0	0
AREA GRAND TOTAL		1,7	0,3	2,0	3,9	10,000	0	0	
EQUALITY									
Racism, xenophobia and related intolerance									
4.3.1	Anti-Semitism: data collection and analysis: holocaust and HR education and training	Research and stakeholder cooperation				0.0			
		Communication and awareness-raising				0.0	25,000		
		TOTAL	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	25,000	0	0
4.3.2	Additional activities in the area of "Racism, xenophobia and related intolerance"	Research and stakeholder cooperation				0.0			
		Communication and awareness-raising				0.0			
		TOTAL	1.3	0.1	0.0	1.4	0	0	0
AREA GRAND TOTAL		1.6	0.2	0.0	1.8	25,000	0	0	
Roma integration									
4.4.1	Roma multi annual programme	Research and stakeholder cooperation				0.0	229,000		
		Communication and awareness-raising				0.0			



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		TA	CA	SNE	TOTAL	FIRST PRIORITY	SECOND PRIORITY	THIRD PRIORITY				
					TOTAL	1.9	1.5	0.2	3.6	229,000	0	0
4.4.2	Additional activities in the area of "Roma integration"	Research and stakeholder cooperation						0.0				
		Communication and awareness-raising							0.0			
					TOTAL	1,9	0,4	0,0	2,3	0	0	0
					AREA GRAND TOTAL	3,8	1,9	0,2	5,9	229,000	0	0
Discrimination based on sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age or sexual orientation												
4.5.1	EU-MIDIS II	Research and stakeholder cooperation						0.0	2,000,000	581,000	550,000	
		Communication and awareness-raising							0.0			
					TOTAL	2.4	0.5	0.0	2.9	2,000,000	581,000	550,000
4.5.2	Rights of persons with disabilities	Research and stakeholder cooperation						0.0	70,000			550,000
		Communication and awareness-raising						0.0	30,000			
					TOTAL	0.0	1.3	0.7	2.0	100,000	0	550,000
4.5.3	Surveying LGBT people and authorities	Research and stakeholder cooperation						0.0	50,000			
		Communication and awareness-raising						0.0	50,000			
					TOTAL	0.9	0.0	0.0	1	100,000	0	0
4.5.4	Additional activities in the area of "Non-discrimination"	Research and stakeholder cooperation						0.0				
		Communication and awareness-raising						0.0	90,000			90,000
					TOTAL	4.1	0.3	0.3	4.7	90,000	0	90,000
4.5.5	Free Movement: an EU citizen's fundamental right	Research and stakeholder cooperation						0.0				500,000
		Communication and awareness-raising						0.0				
					TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	500,000
					AREA GRAND TOTAL	7,4	2,1	1,0	10.6	2,290,000	581,000	1,690,000
The rights of the child												
4.6.1	Children and Justice	Research and stakeholder cooperation						0.0	450,000			
		Communication and awareness-raising						0.0	100,000			
					TOTAL	0.9	0.0	0.5	1.4	550,000	0	0
4.6.2	Handbook of European Case-law on the Rights of the Child	Research and stakeholder cooperation						0.0	40,000			
		Communication and awareness-raising						0.0				
					TOTAL	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.7	40,000	0	0
4.6.3	Additional activities in the area of "The rights of the child"	Research and stakeholder cooperation						0.0				
		Communication and awareness-raising						0.0				



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		TA	CA	SNE	TOTAL	FIRST PRIORITY	SECOND PRIORITY	THIRD PRIORITY				
					TOTAL	1,9	0,5	1,3	3,7	0	0	0
AREA GRAND TOTAL		3,4	0,6	1,8	5,8	590,000	0	0	0			
JUSTICE												
Access to Justice												
4.7.1	Existence and interpretation of the freedom to conduct a business	Research and stakeholder cooperation						0.0				
		Communication and awareness-raising						0.0	60,000			
		TOTAL		0.1	0.2	0.0	0.4	60,000	0	0	0	
4.7.2	CLARITY	Research and stakeholder cooperation						0.0				
		Communication and awareness-raising						0.0	100,000			
		TOTAL		0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	100,000	0	0	0	
4.7.3	Gender-based violence against women: from childhood to adulthood	Research and stakeholder cooperation						0.0				
		Communication and awareness-raising						0.0	160,000			
		TOTAL		1.9	0.3	0.0	2.2	160,000	0	0	0	
4.7.4	Fundamental Rights survey - establishing a EU-wide survey on trends in fundamental rights	Research and stakeholder cooperation						0.0	20,000			
		Communication and awareness-raising						0.0				
		TOTAL		1.3	0.5	0.0	1.8	20,000	0	0	0	
4.7.5	Additional activities in the area of "Access to Justice"	Research and stakeholder cooperation						0.0				
		Communication and awareness-raising						0.0				
		TOTAL		2.4	0.9	0.0	3.3	0	0	0	0	
4.7.6	Improving access to justice for people living in the EU	Research and stakeholder cooperation						0.0				500,000
		Communication and awareness-raising						0.0				
		TOTAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	500,000	
AREA GRAND TOTAL		5.8	2.0	0.1	7.9	340,000	0	0	500,000			
Victims of crime												
4.8.1	Victim support services in the EU: An overview and assessment of victims' rights in practice	Research and stakeholder cooperation						0.0				
		Communication and awareness-raising						0.0	60,000			
		TOTAL		0.5	0.8	0.0	1.3	60,000	0	0	0	
4.8.2	Rights of crime victims to have access to justice - a comparative analysis	Research and stakeholder cooperation						0.0				550,000
		Communication and awareness-raising						0.0				
		TOTAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	550,000	
4.8.3	Activities in the area of "Victims of crime"	Research and stakeholder cooperation						0.0				



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		TA	CA	SNE	TOTAL	FIRST PRIORITY	SECOND PRIORITY	THIRD PRIORITY
	Communication and awareness-raising				0.0			
	TOTAL	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.9	0	0	0
AREA GRAND TOTAL		1.2	1.0	0.0	2.2	60,000	0	550,000
CROSS-CUTTING PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES COVERING ALL MAF AREAS								
4.9.1	Annual Report	Research and stakeholder cooperation				0.0	475,000	
		Communication and awareness-raising				0.0	125,000	
		TOTAL	2.3	0.2	0.0	2.6	600,000	0
4.9.2	FRA Conferences	Research and stakeholder cooperation				0.0		
		Communication and awareness-raising				0.0	330,000	
		TOTAL	2	1.2	0.4	3.7	330,000	0
4.9.3	Cooperating with FRA stakeholders	Research and stakeholder cooperation				0.0		
		Communication and awareness-raising				0.0	105,000	
		TOTAL	1.2	0.7	0.4	2.3	105,000	0
4.9.4	Cooperating with stakeholders in EU Member States	Research and stakeholder cooperation				0.0		
		Communication and awareness-raising				0.0	100,000	
		TOTAL	1.7	0.4	0.8	2.9	100,000	0
4.9.5	Online communication and documentation	Research and stakeholder cooperation				0.0		
		Communication and awareness-raising				0.0	170,000	
		TOTAL	0.6	0.3	0.0	1.0	170,000	0
4.9.6	Production and dissemination of communication products	Research and stakeholder cooperation				0.0		
		Communication and awareness-raising				0.0	105,000	50,000
		TOTAL	3.7	2.3	0.0	6	105,000	0
4.9.7	Information about FRA work and awareness raising	Research and stakeholder cooperation				0.0		
		Communication and awareness-raising				0.0	225,000	
		TOTAL	2.8	0.8	0.0	3.6	225,000	0
4.9.8	Monitoring and Evaluation	Research and stakeholder cooperation				0.0		63,000
		Communication and awareness-raising				0.0		27,000
		TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0
AREA GRAND TOTAL		14.3	5.9	1.7	22	1,635,000	0	140,000
Bodies of the Agency								
4.10.1	Bodies of the Agency	Research and stakeholder cooperation				0.0		



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		TA	CA	SNE	TOTAL	FIRST PRIORITY	SECOND PRIORITY	THIRD PRIORITY	
	Communication and awareness-raising				0.0	255,000			
	TOTAL	1.3	1.0	0.0	2.3	255,000	0	0	
4.10.2	Consultation and cooperation mechanism - National Liaison Officers	Research and stakeholder cooperation				0.0			
		Communication and awareness-raising				0.0	80,000		
		TOTAL	0.9	0.1	0.0	1.0	80,000	0	0
4.10.3	Consultation and cooperation mechanism - Fundamental Rights Platform	Research and stakeholder cooperation				0.0			
		Communication and awareness-raising				0.0	140,000		
		TOTAL	1.4	1.2	0.1	2.8	140,000	0	0
AREA GRAND TOTAL		3.6	2.3	0.1	6.1	475,000	0	0	
Operational reserves									
4.11.1	Complementary data collection and analysis to support evidence based advice for stakeholders	Research and stakeholder cooperation				0.0	91,000		100,000
		Communication and awareness-raising				0.0	14,000		50,000
		TOTAL	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	105,000	0	150,000



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Area of Activity	TA	CA	SNEs	Total Human resources (Note 1)	Operational expenditure (Note 2)	Overheads (Note 3)	Total Cost Operational expenditure plus Overheads
Immigration and integration of migrants, visa and border control and asylum	5.1	0.8	1.0	6.9	460,000	878,746	1,338,746
Information society and, in particular, respect for private life and protection of personal data	1.7	0.3	2.0	3.9	10,000	503,872	513,872
Racism, xenophobia and related intolerance	1.6	0.2	0.0	1.8	25,000	224,736	249,736
Roma integration	3.8	1.9	0.2	5.9	229,000	751,282	980,282
Discrimination based on sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age or sexual orientation	7.4	2.1	1.0	10.6	2,871,000	1,349,306	4,120,306
The rights of the child	3.4	0.6	1.8	5.8	590,000	742,116	1,332,116
Access to justice	5.8	2.0	0.1	7.9	340,000	1,004,808	1,344,808
Victims of crime, including compensation to victims	1.2	1.0	0.0	2.2	60,000	277,859	337,859
Cross-cutting projects or activities covering all MAF areas	14.3	5.9	1.7	22.0	1,635,000	2,804,731	4,489,731
Bodies of the Agency and consultation mechanisms	3.6	2.3	0.1	6.1	475,000	777,522	1,252,522
Operational reserves	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	105,000	134,075	289,075
Total Operational activities	49.0	17.0	8.0	74.0	6,800,000	9,449,054	16,249,054
Total Support activities	26.0	12.0	1.0	39.0	0	4,979,946	4,979,946
TOTAL	75.0	29.0	9.0	113.0	6,800,000	14,429,000	21,229,000



ANNEX II: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Human Resources and Planning

An efficient and effective Human Resources and Planning makes a direct contribution to achieving FRA objectives. It develops implements and monitors policies, procedures and services, based on the Staff Regulations and in conformity with the Financial Regulation and the Data Protection rules.

Human Resources service provides a full range of centralised, comprehensive human resource management services for FRA staff and assists management in attracting, motivating and retaining qualified employees. It enables and

further enhances a sustainable, high performing work environment that facilitates a culture of teamwork, integration and adaptability of people. Planning services include the coordination of the Annual Work Programme definition and implementation (ensuring the transparency, communication and openness in the formalised stakeholder involvement at all levels in this process) as well as the management and implementation of the monitoring and evaluation activities.

Principal activities in 2014

In 2014, HR will continue to deliver effective HR services and focus on the implementation of the new appraisal and career advancement processes, the further improvement of effectiveness by documentation and automation of procedures in collaboration with IT, and the advancement of the evaluation of its services. Furthermore, HR will give importance to the continuous development of the knowledge and skills set of the FRA staff in order to guarantee that the Agency and its workforce are modern and fit for purpose. HR will ensure this by providing effective learning/training activities as to the needs of both the Agency and the individual. The staffing resources for the EU institutions and agencies including FRA are, at this stage, subject to a reduction of 5% during the years 2013-2017, as part of the next Multi Financial Framework (MFF). FRA may thus be faced with a reduction of its staff. Planning will focus on the consolidation of the planning procedures as well as the implementation of the several Monitoring and Evaluation activities.

Principal outputs in 2014

- Basic HR services (selection and recruitment, rights and obligations, appraisal and career advancement, wellbeing, staff learning and development, leaves and absences, staff missions, statistics, commitments and payments under Title I).
- Implementation of the Wellbeing action programme 2013-2014
- Management of title I of the Agency's budget together with Administration
- Management of staff reduction following the Communication "A Budget for Europe 2020"
- Implementation of the Equal Opportunity and Diversity Action Programme 2012-2014
- Management of social dialogue and health and safety at work
- On - going processes (templates, guides, wellbeing, training)
- Consolidated Planning procedures and elaboration of AWP
- Consolidated Monitoring and Evaluation framework
- Enhanced framework of key performance indicators
- Elaboration of Project and Annual Work Programmes and Annual Performance reports
- Implementation of surveys, desk research, focus group meetings for monitoring and evaluation purposes
- Training initiatives on Planning Monitoring and Evaluation

FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO THE ACTIVITIES				
	Temporary Agents	Contract Agents	Seconded National Experts	Total
Human Resources	4	4	--	8
Planning	2.8	--	--	2.8
Total	6.8	4	--	10.8

Directorate

Management Board.

The Directorate guides the implementation of the tasks of the Agency in accordance with the direction given by the

Principal activities in 2014

In 2014 Directorate will coordinate the implementation of the Annual Work Programme and Budget 2014 and prepare the ground for the Multi-Annual Framework 2014-2017 and implementation of the 2014 Annual Work Programme. It will provide guidance to the external and internal evaluation process and continue cooperation with National Liaison Officers and civil society.

Principal outputs in 2014

- Results of external evaluation of FRA achievements during the first five years of operations

FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO THE ACTIVITIES				
	Temporary Agents	Contract Agents	Seconded National Experts	Total
Directorate	5.1*	0.2*	1	8
Total	6	1	1	8

* Staff partially allocated under Project Fiche 4.10.1 "Bodies of the Agency"



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ANNEX II: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Administration

INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY & FACILITIES (ICTF)

Description

The ICTF team is within the Administration department and it is responsible for the provision of ICT infrastructure, systems and Facilities services including building maintenance, security and reception services.

Objectives

The ICTF team aims to provide effective ICT and Facilities support services in a paperless and environmentally friendly way. It is responsible for the underline ICTF infrastructure that offers uninterrupted access to the Agency's information systems and facilities; develops and manages the Agency's information systems that address stakeholders' and user needs; provides support services related to information systems as well as in-house facilities to ensure appropriate working conditions.

Activities and results achieved so far

- Set up and development of the ICT infrastructure including network, telecommunication and ICT security services
- Development of the Business Continuity Plan
- Development of office automation and collaboration intranet applications
- Introduction of ICT solutions replacing existing paper based solutions contributing to a paperless administration.
- Development of innovative information systems for planning, management and procurement.
- Enhancement of building facilities providing furnishing and state of the art solutions for the conference, meeting and training rooms
- Introducing a "green office" approach to enhance the environmental footprint of the Agency.

Planned activities in 2014

- Manage and further develop the core administrative, financial, human resources and planning information systems.
- Manage and maintain the ICT underline infrastructure and policies ensuring high availability and BCP.
- Develop internal workflow applications that will minimise paper-based processes and enhance the existing reporting mechanisms.
- Enhance extranet applications offering quality services to external stakeholders.
- Provide internal facilities and audio-visual related infrastructure, services and ensuring appropriate working conditions.
- Develop further the environmentally friendly culture and take actions towards an EMAS certification.

Planned outputs in 2014

- Maintenance of ICT infrastructure and applications
- Implement business continuity actions
- Proactive management and maintenance of Facilities and building equipment

- Reduce the ecological footprint of the Agency.

Indicators

- 99,98% uptime of ICT systems (excluding defined maintenance windows)
- 100% remote data back recovery
- 99% adherence to Facilities Work plan activities
- 5-10% reduction of energy, water and paper usage

FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO THE ACTIVITIES

	Temporary Agents	Contract Agents	Seconded National Experts	Total	Budget 2014
ICT & Facilities	6	3	--	9	2,466 million
Total	6	3	--	9	



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ANNEX II: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

ACCOUNTING

The mission of the Accounting function, which is functionally independent, is to implement payments and recover funds in accordance with the instructions of the responsible authorising officer and to provide quality annual accounts, in compliance with the applicable financial and implementing rules. The Accounting function also ensures that all budgetary and financial information can be input, filed and registered in order to prepare the annual accounts on a true and fair basis.

Principal activities in 2014

- Maintain treasury so as to ensure all payments are implemented without undue delay
- Lay down and validate the accounting systems
- Maintain and prepare the annual accounts in accordance with the financial rules
- implement all payments and collect revenue

Principal outputs in 2014

- Production of the Agency's 2014 annual accounts

FINANCE & PROCUREMENT

The Finance and Procurement team provides service-oriented financial services, ensures sound financial management of the Agency's financial resources (effectiveness, efficiency and economy of operations) as well as compliance with the applicable financial and implementing rules (legality and regularity). The team produces reliable financial reporting to the Agency's management in order to facilitate the decision-making process. The Agency manages its budget following the ABB (Activity Based Budgeting) approach. The presentation of the budget per activity takes into account all operational components (research and communication) under the same budget line. This allows having a clear picture on the use of financial resources per project. The Agency has also in place an electronic application where staff registers the number of hours invested per project, reflecting the real use of human resources. This resource allocation is consistent with the Agency's priorities and pre-defined objectives, and ensures a common framework for planning, budgeting, monitoring and reporting.

Principal activities in 2014

- Providing planning, carrying out and monitoring procurement and contracting for operational and administrative needs.
- Providing forecasting, implementation and monitoring on budget execution.
- Financial Initiation and Verification of all financial transactions.
- Updating finance and procurement procedures, when necessary
- Regular presentations on finance and procurement issues to staff (including newcomers and trainees).
- Enhancing current IT applications (TCM, ABB, etc.)
- Providing reporting according to the Financial Rules requirements as well as upon ad hoc requests.
- Liaising with the Court for external audits.
- Liaising with the Quality Manager for internal audits.

Principal outputs in 2014

- Ensure excellence, quality, efficiency and legality and regularity of all transaction and procedures monitored; targeting no final remarks from auditing entities.
- Budget execution target above 95%.
- Delayed payments target less than 10%
- Failed procurement procedures target less than 5%.
- Number of complaints received from unsuccessful bidders, target less than 2%
- Numbers of complaints after the General Court, presented by (possible) bidders and/or contractors, target none.
- Number of exceptions registered, target equal or less than the previous year.

QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Quality management provides support to the management and staff in setting the FRA Quality Management System and ensuring its continual improvement with a view to deliver to internal and external stakeholders the highest process outcome.

Principal activities in 2014

In 2014, the quality team will consolidate the implementation of the Quality management system through the following:

- Full coverage and consolidation of the Quality documentation (policies, procedures) and the appropriate description of lean administrative and operational processes.
- Assessment of full compliance with ISO 9001 Standards
- Annual risk management
- Communication and training on Quality assurance issues
- Liaise with external auditing bodies for the follow up of corrective and preventive actions
- Implementation of improvement initiatives

Principal outputs in 2014

- 100% process description in the appropriate procedures
- Risk register
- Communication and training initiatives on Quality assurance
- Management review meetings and improvement initiatives
- Follow up of corrective/preventive actions
- Liaise with external auditing bodies for the closure of 100% recommendations

FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO THE ACTIVITIES				
	Temporary Agents	Contract Agents	Seconded National Experts	Total
Finance & Procurement	6	3.9	--	9.9
Accounting	1	--	--	1
Quality Management	1	1	--	2
Total	8	4.9	--	12.9

ANNEX III: FINANCING DECISION

Immigration and integration of migrants, visa and border control and asylum

Legal basis: Council Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 / Council Decision of 28 February 2008 implementing Regulation 168/2007

Budget line: B0-3230

Project 4.1.1: SEVERE FORMS OF LABOUR EXPLOITATION

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 18

Budget: € 80.000

Human resources allocated: AD 0.7 AST 0.1 CA 0 SNE 0

Description of the action: Research and stakeholder cooperation

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Evaluation, consultancy, stakeholder meetings

Type of contracts: Direct contract and specific contract based on an existing FWC

Type of procurement (if applicable):

Number of contracts envisaged: 3

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 1st quarter

Indicative budget for procurement: € 80.000

Project 4.1.2: INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE AREAS OF BORDERS, IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 19

Budget: € 330.000

Human resources allocated: AD 3.4 AST 0 CA 0.6 SNE 0.8

Description of the action: Research and stakeholder cooperation

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Survey

Type of contracts: Framework contract, service contract

Type of procurement (if applicable):

Number of contracts envisaged: 2

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 1st and 3rd quarter

Indicative budget for procurement: € 330.000

Project 4.1.3: BIOMETRIC DATA IN LARGE IT BORDERS, IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM DATABASES - FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS CONCERNS

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 20

Budget: € 50.000

Human resources allocated: AD 0.4 AST 0 CA 0 SNE 0

Description of the action: Research activities

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Survey

Type of contracts: Framework contract - FRANET

Type of procurement (if applicable):

Number of contracts envisaged: 1

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 3rd quarter

Indicative budget for procurement: € 50.000

Information society and, in particular, respect for private life and protection of personal data

Legal basis: Council Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 / Council Decision of 28 February 2008 implementing Regulation 168/2007

Budget line: B0-3211

Project fiche 4.2.1: HANDBOOK ON EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION LAW

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 21

Budget: € 10.000

Human resources allocated: AD 0.2 AST 0 CA 0.1 SNE 0.2

Description of the action: Communication and awareness-raising activities, editing, translation, lay-out and production and organisation of stakeholder meeting with Handbook-users

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Communication services

Type of contracts: Framework contract "conferences & events"

Type of procurement (if applicable):

Number of contracts envisaged: 1 Reopening of competition for service contract stakeholder meeting

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 1st quarter

Indicative budget for procurement: € 10.000

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Racism, xenophobia and related intolerance

Legal basis: Council Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 / Council Decision of 28 February 2008 implementing Regulation 168/2007

Budget line: B0-3311

Project fiche 4.3.1: ANTI-SEMITISM: DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS: HOLOCAUST AND HR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 23

Budget: € 25.000

Human resources allocated: AD 0.3 AST 0 CA 0 SNE 0

Description of the action: Meetings with Stakeholders

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Communication services

Type of contracts: Framework contract "conferences & events"

Type of procurement (if applicable):

Number of contracts envisaged: 1 Reopening of competition for service contract for stakeholder meeting

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 2nd quarter 2014

Indicative budget for procurement:

Roma integration

Legal basis: Council Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 / Council Decision of 28 February 2008 implementing Regulation 168/2007

Budget line: B0-3340

Project fiche 4.4.1: ROMA MULTI-ANNUAL PROGRAMME

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 25

Budget: € 229.000

Human resources allocated: AD 1.1 AST 0.1 CA 1.3 SNE 0.2

Description of the action: Local Engagement in participatory action research on Roma Integration (LERI)

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Survey

Type of contracts: Framework contract

Type of procurement (if applicable):

Number of contracts envisaged: 1-2 indicative

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 3rd quarter

Indicative budget for procurement: € 120.000

Description of the action: Cooperation with Member State authorities – Working Party on Roma Inclusion

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged:

Type of contracts: Framework contract for FRA organisation of meetings

Type of procurement (if applicable):

Number of contracts envisaged: 1

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 3rd quarter

Indicative budget for procurement: € 29.000

Description of the action: Data collection on Roma inclusion

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Survey

Type of contracts: FRANET Framework contracts

Type of procurement (if applicable):

Number of contracts envisaged: 28

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 3rd quarter

Indicative budget for procurement: € 80.000

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Discrimination based on sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age or sexual orientation

Legal basis: Council Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 / Council Decision of 28 February 2008 implementing Regulation 168/2007

Budget line: B0-3321

Project fiche 4.5.1: EU-MIDIS II

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 27

Budget: € 2.581.000

Human resources allocated: AD 2.3 AST 0 CA 0.4 SNE 0

Description of the action: Stakeholder co-operation and research activities

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Communication services and survey

Type of contracts: Specific contract based on an existing FWC and direct contract

Type of procurement (if applicable): Service

Number of contracts envisaged: 2

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 1st quarter (stakeholder co-operation) 3rd quarter (research activities)

Indicative budget for procurement: € 2.581.000

Project fiche 4.5.2: RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 28

Budget: € 100.000

Human resources allocated: AD 0 AST 0 CA 1.3 SNE 0.7

Description of the action: Stakeholder co-operation and research activities

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Survey and communication services

Type of contracts: FRANET Framework contracts

Type of procurement (if applicable):

Number of contracts envisaged: 2

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 3rd quarter

Indicative budget for procurement: € 100.000

Project fiche 4.5.3: SURVEYING LGBT PEOPLE AND AUTHORITIES

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 29

Budget: € 100.000

Human resources allocated: AD 0.6 AST 0.3 CA 0 SNE 0

Description of the action: Editing, translation, lay-out and production and organisation of stakeholder meeting.

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Communication services

Type of contracts: Publication Office

Type of procurement (if applicable): Service

Number of contracts envisaged: 6

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 3rd & 4th quarter

Indicative budget for procurement: € 100,000

Project fiche 4.5.4: ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA OF "NON-DISCRIMINATION"

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 30

Budget: € 90.000

Human resources allocated: AD 2.9 AST 1.3 CA 0.3 SNE 0.2

Description of the action: production and dissemination of research and communication deliverables for the project 'Indicators on political participation of persons with disabilities'

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: study, communication services

Type of contracts: direct contract, specific contract based on an existing FWC

Type of procurement (if applicable): service

Number of contracts envisaged: 3

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 1st quarter

Indicative budget for procurement: €90,000

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The rights of the child

Legal basis: Council Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 / Council Decision of 28 February 2008 implementing Regulation 168/2007

Budget line: B0-3350

Project fiche 4.6.1: CHILDREN AND JUSTICE

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 32

Budget: € 550.000

Human resources allocated: AD 0.8 AST 0.1 CA 0 SNE 0.5

Description of the action: Data collection, data analysis, editing, translation, layout and production, communication

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Survey

Type of contracts: Framework contract, service contract

Type of procurement (if applicable): Service

Number of contracts envisaged: 6

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 1st quarter (data collection), 2nd quarter (editing and production), 3rd quarter (communication)

Indicative budget for procurement: € 550.000

Project fiche 4.6.2: HANDBOOK OF EUROPEAN CASE-LAW ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 33

Budget: € 40.000

Human resources allocated: AD 0.6 AST 0 CA 0 SNE 0

Description of the action: Research and stakeholders cooperation

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Survey, communication

Type of contracts: Service contract

Type of procurement (if applicable):

Number of contracts envisaged: 1

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 1st quarter

Indicative budget for procurement: € 40.000

Access to justice

Legal basis: Council Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 / Council Decision of 28 February 2008 implementing Regulation 168/2007

Budget line: B0-3620

Project fiche 4.7.1: EXISTENCE AND INTERPRETATION OF THE FREEDOM TO CONDUCT A BUSINESS

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 35

Budget: € 60.000

Human resources allocated: AD 0.1 AST 0 CA 0.2 SNE 0

Description of the action: Publication of results

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Technical assistance communication services

Type of contracts: Specific contract based on an existing FWC

Type of procurement (if applicable): Service

Number of contracts envisaged: 2-3

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 2nd and 3rd quarter

Indicative budget for procurement: € 60,000

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Project fiche 4.7.2: 'CLARITY' (COMPLAINTS, LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND RIGHTS INFORMATION TOOLS FOR YOU)

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 36

Budget: € 100.000

Human resources allocated: AD 0 AST 0.1 CA 0.1 SNE 0

Description of the action: Further development of the pilot online tool, including the extension of the steering group membership to include additional Member States and stakeholder consultation

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Communication services and ICT

Type of contracts:

Type of procurement (if applicable): Direct contract and specific contract based on an existing FWC

Number of contracts envisaged: 3

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: First half of 2014 and possibly 3rd quarter as well

Indicative budget for procurement: € 100.000

Project fiche 4.7.3: GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: FROM CHILDHOOD TO ADULTHOOD

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 37

Budget: € 160.000

Human resources allocated: AD 1.1 AST 0.8 CA 0.3 SNE 0

Description of the action: Communication and awareness-raising, editing, translation, layout and production

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Communication services

Type of contracts: Existing framework contracts "Conferences & events" and "Editing". Use of existing procedures for translation (Translation Centre), and layout and production (Publication Office)

Type of procurement (if applicable): Reopening of competition for service contracts

Number of contracts envisaged: To be determined

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: Conferences & events: One stakeholder meeting to be organised in the 1st quarter of 2014, second stakeholder meeting to be organised in the 2nd quarter of 2014. Translation, layout and production – a number of contracts throughout the year.

Indicative budget for procurement: € 160,000

Project fiche 4.7.4: FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS SURVEY - ESTABLISHING A EU-WIDE SURVEY ON TRENDS IN FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 38

Budget: € 20.000

Human resources allocated: AD 1 AST 0.3 CA 0.4 SNE 0

Description of the action: Meetings with stakeholders

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Communication services

Type of contracts: Existing framework contract 'Conferences & events'

Type of procurement (if applicable): Reopening of competition for service contract

Number of contracts envisaged: 1

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 3rd quarter

Indicative budget for procurement: € 20.000

Victims of crime, including compensation to victims

Legal basis: Council Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 / Council Decision of 28 February 2008 implementing Regulation 168/2007

Budget line: B0-3630

Project fiche 4.8.1: VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES IN THE EU: AN OVERVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF VICTIMS' RIGHTS IN PRACTICE

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 41

Budget: € 60.000

Human resources allocated: AD 0.5 AST 0 CA 0.8 SNE 0

Description of the action: Publication of results

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Technical assistance / communication services / ICT

Type of contracts: Specific contract based on an existing FWC

Type of procurement (if applicable): Service

Number of contracts envisaged: 3

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 2nd and 3rd quarter

Indicative budget for procurement: € 60,000

Cross-cutting projects or activities covering all MAF areas

Legal basis: Council Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 / Council Decision of 28 February 2008 implementing Regulation 168/2007

Budget line: B0-3701-3711

Project fiche 4.9.1: ANNUAL REPORTS

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 44

Budget: € 600.000

Human resources allocated: AD 2.2 AST 0.1 CA 0.2 SNE 0

Description of the action: Data collection and analysis

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged:

Type of contracts: FRANET framework contracts

Type of procurement (if applicable): (service/supply)

Number of contracts envisaged: 28 FRANET specific contracts

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 2nd quarter 2014

Indicative budget for procurement: € 350,000

Legal basis: Council Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 / Council Decision of 28 February 2008 implementing Regulation 168/2007

Budget line: B0-3711

Project fiche 4.9.2: FRA CONFERENCES

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 45

Budget: € 330.000

Human resources allocated: AD 1.1 AST 1 CA 1.2 SNE 0.4

Description of the action: Communication and cooperation activity

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Framework contract "conferences & events"

Type of contracts: Specific contract based on an existing FWC

Type of procurement (if applicable): Reopening of competition for a service contract

Number of contracts envisaged: 3

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarter of 2014

Indicative budget for procurement: €330.000

Project fiche 4.9.3: COOPERATING WITH FRA STAKEHOLDERS

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 46

Budget: € 105.000

Human resources allocated: AD 0.9 AST 0.6 CA 0.7 SNE 0.4

Description of the action: Communication and cooperation activity

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Framework contract "conferences & events"; Framework contract "catering"

Type of contracts: specific contract based on an existing FWC

Type of procurement (if applicable):

Number of contracts envisaged: 6

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: Throughout the year

Indicative budget for procurement: €105.000

Project fiche 4.9.4: COOPERATING WITH STAKEHOLDERS IN EU MEMBER STATES

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 47

Budget: € 100.000

Human resources allocated: AD 0.6 AST 1.1 CA 0.3 SNE 0.8

Description of the action: Communication and cooperation activity

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Framework contract "conferences & events"

Type of contracts: Specific contract based on an existing FWC

Type of procurement (if applicable): Reopening of competition for a service contract

Number of contracts envisaged: 1

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure:

Indicative budget for procurement: €60.000

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Project fiche 4.9.5: ONLINE COMMUNICATION AND DOCUMENTATION

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 48

Budget: € 170.000

Human resources allocated: AD 0.3 AST 0.3 CA 0.3 SNE 0

Description of the action: Communication and cooperation activity

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: ICT, FWC Web Development

Type of contracts: Specific contract based on an existing FWC

Type of procurement (if applicable): Service contract

Number of contracts envisaged: 2-4

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: Throughout the year

Indicative budget for procurement: €170.000

Project fiche 4.9.6: PRODUCTION AND DISSEMINATION OF COMMUNICATION PRODUCTS

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 49

Budget: € 105.000

Human resources allocated: AD 1.3 AST 1.8 CA 2.3 SNE 0

Description of the action: Pre-press and print production contract for FRA information material

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Communication services

Type of contracts: Service level agreement with the PO (Publication office)

Type of procurement (if applicable):

Number of contracts envisaged: 150-200

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarter

Indicative budget for procurement: € 105.000

Project fiche 4.9.7: INFORMATION ABOUT FRA WORK AND AWARENESS RAISING

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 50

Budget: € 225.000

Human resources allocated: AD 1.1 AST 1.7 CA 0.8 SNE 0

Description of the action: Communication and cooperation activity

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Communication services

Type of contracts: New FWC "media monitoring"

Type of procurement (if applicable): service contract

Number of contracts envisaged: Not yet known

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 1st quarter

Indicative budget for procurement: €60.000

Bodies of the Agency and consultation mechanism

Legal basis: Council Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 / Council Decision of 28 February 2008 implementing Regulation 168/2007

Budget line: B0-3801

Project fiche 4.10.1: BODIES OF THE AGENCY

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 52

Budget: € 255.000

Human resources allocated: AD 0.3 AST 0.9 CA 0.8 SNE 0

Description of the action: Organisation of Management Board Meetings

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged:

Type of contracts: Purchase order, Framework contract (catering)

Type of procurement (if applicable):

Number of contracts envisaged: 2 order forms under the Framework contract, 4 purchase orders

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 2nd and 4th quarter

Indicative budget for procurement: € 26.000

Description of the action: Organisation of Executive Board Meetings

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged:

Type of contracts: Purchase order, Framework contract (catering)

Type of procurement (if applicable):

Number of contracts envisaged: 2 order forms under the Framework contract

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 1st and 3rd quarter

Indicative budget for procurement: € 3.000

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Description of the action: Organisation of Scientific Committee Meetings
 Subject matter of the contracts envisaged:
 Type of contracts: Framework contract (catering)
 Type of procurement (if applicable):
 Number of contracts envisaged: 4 order forms under the Framework Contract
 Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarter
 Indicative budget for procurement: € 8.000

Description of the action: Translations for the Management Board
 Subject matter of the contracts envisaged:
 Type of contracts: Service Agreement with the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union
 Type of procurement (if applicable):
 Number of contracts envisaged: N/A
 Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 1st to 4th quarter
 Indicative budget for procurement: € 90.000

Legal basis: Council Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 / Council Decision of 28 February 2008 implementing Regulation 168/2007
Budget line: B0-3802

Project fiche 4.10.2: CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION MECHANISM - NATIONAL LIAISON OFFICERS

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 53
 Budget: € 80.000
 Human resources allocated: AD 0.4 AST 0.7 CA 0.1 SNE 0

Description of the action: Communication and cooperation activity
 Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Framework contract "conferences & events"
 Type of contracts: Specific contract based on an existing
 Type of procurement (if applicable): Reopening of competition for a service contract
 Number of contracts envisaged: 2
 Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 1st and 3rd quarter
 Indicative budget for procurement: €

Project fiche 4.10.3: CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION MECHANISM - FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS PLATFORM

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 54
 Budget: € 140.000
 Human resources allocated: AD 1.3 AST 0.2 CA 0.7 SNE 0.1

Description of the action: Communication and cooperation activity
 Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Framework contract "conferences & events"
 Type of contracts: Specific contract based on an existing FWC
 Type of procurement (if applicable): Reopening of competition for a service contract
 Number of contracts envisaged: 1
 Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 1st quarter
 Indicative budget for procurement: €140.000

Operational reserves

Legal basis: Council Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 / Council Decision of 28 February 2008 implementing Regulation 168/2007
Budget line: B0-3900

Project fiche 4.11.1: COMPLEMENTARY DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS TO SUPPORT EVIDENCE BASED ADVICE FOR STAKEHOLDERS

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 55
 Budget: € 105.000
 Human resources allocated: AD 1.1 AST 0 CA 0 SNE 0

Description of the action: Research and data collection activities
 Subject matter of the contracts envisaged:
 Type of contracts: Framework contract
 Type of procurement (if applicable):
 Number of contracts envisaged: 28 or more depending on the needs
 Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: Within 2014
 Indicative budget for procurement: €

ANNEX IV: EVALUATION POLICY

The FRA Evaluation Policy

This document presents the FRA Evaluation Policy and activities which are implemented. It explains the objectives and outlines how the FRA interprets the need to ensure that its activities, which are carried out in accordance to its mandate, reach the highest results.

It also explains how the FRA monitors and evaluates its activities within two different exercises: its compulsory external evaluation and the internal monitoring and evaluation of its performance.

The objectives of the former are:

- To assess the extent to which objectives are achieved, including the quality and timeline of its achievements (effectiveness);
- To assess the extent to which it conducts its activities and achieves its objectives at a reasonable cost (Efficiency);
- To assess the extent to which it is successful in addressing needs for the full respect of FR in the framework of Union law (Added value);
- To assess the extent to which is more effective and efficient in achieving its results and impacts (Utility) and
- To assess the extent to which the FRA is coordinated with relevant bodies and agencies carrying out similar tasks in the field of fundamental rights (Coordination and coherence of the contribution made by the FRA).

The objective of the latter are:

- To provide reliable performance information to assist management to deliver against targeted results, to address problems promptly and to take planning and budget decisions;
- To improve learning through regular review of strategies, projects and other activities improving internal functioning and providing staff and stakeholders with opportunities to learn more about the effectiveness and performance of the Agency;
- To strengthen accountability and transparency providing empirical evidence on the outcomes of the FRA activities and thus providing reliable information on results to EU institutions, Member states, and relevant stakeholders and to the public.

External Evaluation

Legal basis

It has to be carried out in compliance with Article 30 of the Founding Regulation 168/2007 which states that an independent external evaluation periodically undertakes a review of the FRA's progress and achievements.

Methodology

For the first time since its establishment, operations were carried out in 2012. The whole exercise was performed using a combination of tools and data collection activities which could be summarized as follows:

- A systematic review of secondary data
- An online survey directed towards the key stakeholders of the FRA, as defined in the Founding Regulation
- A second survey was directed towards the FRA's staff, members of the Management Board and members of the Scientific Committee
- Several interviews carried out both with key stakeholders and FRA staff
- A benchmarking with other organisations
- Preparations of case studies, i.e. in-depth investigations used to examine the identified assumptions and mechanisms in the FRA intervention logic and to explore whether causation between results' levels (outputs – outcomes) was inferred from available evidence.

The FRA external evaluation report, in compliance with the contract and agreed work plan, was finalized on 15th November 2012 and presentation of the main findings and recommendations made during the Management Board meeting held on 14th December 2012.

Conclusions and recommendations

- The FRA clearly has fulfilled its mandate in addressing the needs for full respect of fundamental rights in the framework of European Union law, in relation to relevant institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Community;
- The work of the FRA has contributed to a greater knowledge-based regarding fundamental rights issues among policy-/decision-makers and stakeholders in the European Union;
- The European Commission and European Parliament see a clear added value of the FRA to the policy implementation at the EU level. At the Member State level the value is less clear and more mixed;
- The FRA's responses to ad hoc-requests is appreciated by stakeholders, and have been used as input in the policy debate and legislative process;
- The FRA has a good ability to sustain its activities, with systems, procedures and methodologies in place to carry out its mandate;

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- In terms of organizational or institutional factors no barriers to optimal performance have been identified in the evaluation. Obstacles related rather to the mandate and the Multi Annual Framework;
- Since its establishment, the Agency has developed into a well-functioning organisation, largely appreciated by stakeholders for its openness and responsiveness.

In accordance with article 31 para. 1 of its founding regulation, the Management Board examined the conclusions of the evaluation and issued to the Commission such recommendations as might be necessary regarding changes in the Agency, its working practices and the scope of its mission.

The content of the Management Board's discussions of the follow-up to the independent external evaluation report, which took place in December 2012 and May 2013, as well as its recommendations are available on the FRA web site: [management board recommendations](#).

Monitoring and Evaluation of the FRA performance

Legal basis

According to Article 15, co. 4 f) of Founding Regulation 168/2007 effective monitoring and evaluation procedures shall be implemented relating to the performance of the FRA against its objectives and according to professionally recognised standards. The Director shall report annually to the Management Board on the results of the monitoring system.

The FRA, both in compliance with the above mentioned provisions, in 2011 launched its road map to set up its internal monitoring and evaluation system and in 2012 and 2013 carried out several activities.

Activities carried out so far

In order to set up its monitoring and evaluation system, the FRA planned and implemented the following activities:

- It elaborated its Performance Measurement Framework (PMF), comprising the list of indicators to be used to measure its results (outputs and outcomes) and its logic of intervention;
- It drafted the overall monitoring and evaluation system where roles, responsibilities and procedures to be followed are defined;
- It prepared, as pilot exercise to test its indicators, its first performance report;
- It established its baseline situation for measuring change over time and to establish the basis for a 'before and after' assessment;
- It conducted, within a general effort to ensure the highest impact of its activities, several ex-ante evaluation studies;
- It trained its staff and provided a complete handbook on the monitoring and evaluation activities at the FRA

Planned activities

In 2014 the FRA intends to conclude its three years operations for setting – up its monitoring and evaluation system.

The FRA intends to follow up on past achievements and to embed and operationalize the monitoring and evaluation system, tools and activities within the planning cycle and on –going and future FRA's activities.

In order to do that, the following tasks and services in the concerned domain have been identified:

- To consolidate the FRA Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Policy;
- To fine-tune and operationalize its Performance Measurement Framework;
- To integrate the FRA Monitoring System's tools into the FRA Matrix information system;
- To carry out ex-ante and ex –post evaluations of a selected group of FRA projects;
- To elaborate the FRA 2014 interim and final performance report;
- To update the Monitoring and Evaluation Handbook;
- To organise and participate in information and training sessions on Monitoring and Evaluation;
- To support the FRA in the coordination of the Performance Development Network

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Performance Measurement Framework

In order to best cater to its stakeholders' needs FRA must be capable of applying the lessons learned and best practices. FRA must strive for continuous improvement to strengthen the effectiveness and impact of its functions. This learning process rests on FRA's ability to carry out its Monitoring and Evaluation activities. The Agency has already introduced project –level indicators describing the planned output of each project (number of reports, number of participants in each event etc.) in order to follow the progress of the implementation of the Annual Work Programme. Monitoring the performance of FRA will be carried out in accordance with a Performance Measurement System which includes a logic model (composed by outputs, immediate, intermediate and ultimate outcomes) and the list of the performance measures (indicators)

The developed indicators, at both project and corporate level ,constitute an integral part of the FRA Performance Measurement Framework, which is a pyramid structure with five levels of indicators has been defined: 1) output, 2) immediate outcomes, 3) intermediate outcomes, 4) ultimate outcome and 5) organisational impact- starting from the project level and finishing with indicators at the corporate level. The framework follows a logical chain where the ultimate outcome determines what intermediate and then immediate outcomes we will seek to reach during the Agency's lifecycle. The Framework thus also gives a set of performance indicators that we will use to assess whether FRA has reached its targets and supplied its products. Each outcome and output has a set of performance indicators (quantitative and qualitative) that will be used to measure FRA's achievement in this area.

Inputs	Activities	Objectives related to outputs	Objectives related to Short term impacts	Objectives related to Long term impacts	Aspirational impacts
Human, intellectual physical and economic capital	Assistance and expertise to EU institutions and Member States	O1: Provide assistance and expertise to EU institutions and Member States	ST1: Produce and or disseminate effective evidence based recommendations and conclusions from research findings, Opinion and other policy advice to decision makers and key stakeholders	LT1: FRA's assistance and expertise provided to EU institutions support legal and policy developments related to Fundamental rights	A11: European and Member States' legislation and policies contribute to ensuring full respect of Fundamental Rights
		O2: Formulate opinions to EU Institutions and Member States			
	Data collection, research and analysis	O3: Develop research analysis, surveys and identify good practices			
		O4: Publish thematic reports and handbooks			
		O5: Disseminate targeted information to the right stakeholders at the right time			
		O6: Develop of relevant scientific methodologies and standards		ST2: Improve effective networking and development of synergies among EU and national stakeholders, and Civil Society	LT2: FRA's assistance and expertise provided to Member States support legal and policy developments related to Fundamental rights
	Cooperation and networking	O7: Develop effective networks with key partners and Agency networks			
	Dissemination and awareness raising	O8: Develop awareness raising materials	ST3: Increase awareness of fundamental rights among select professional organisations and stakeholders		A13: Greater knowledge of, and broader awareness of, fundamental rights issues in the Union are conducive to ensuring full respect of fundamental rights

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Objectives related to outputs	Judgement criteria	Indicators	Measures
01 Provide assistance and expertise to EU institutions and Member States	JC 1 Extent to which FRA provides input to institutional stakeholders at EU and Member State level	I1 Number of hearings or presentations to institutional stakeholders across levels of governance	Count of the number of hearings or presentation to institutional stakeholders across levels of governance
		I2 Number of invitations for presentations at key events	Count of the number of invitations received
		I3 Number of policy input produced for specific stakeholders or events	Count of the number of policy input produced [by type of policy inputs and by type of stakeholders]
02 Formulate Opinions and other advice to EU Institutions and Member States	JC 2 Extent to which FRA provides timely (and adequate) responses to requests for Opinions and other advice involving research and analysis activities	I4 Number of requests for Opinions and other advice received broken down by initiators	Count of requests received by FRA by initiator over a period <i>[By type of stakeholder, by type of thematic area, by geographies]</i>
		I5 Number of requests for Opinions and other advice acknowledged (i.e. followed up)	Number of requests acknowledged and followed up (i.e. not rejected) / Total number of requests received <i>[By type of stakeholder, by type of thematic area, by geographies]</i>
		I6 Percentage of responses to requests for opinions and other advice (i.e. completed)	Number of requests for Opinions and other advice responded to / Number of total requests for Opinions and other advice received over a period
		I7 Average response time to request for Opinions and other advice	Total time elapsed between acknowledgement and response to requests for Opinions and other advice / Number of requests over the same period [data to be recorded for EU and MS requests separately]
03 Develop research analysis and surveys and identify good practices	JC 3 Degree to which FRA's research and analysis are adequate to the scope of FRA's activities	I8 Number of research activities [per type of task, per thematic area, per type of outputs, per geographical area]	Count of number of countries covered by data collection, research and analysis activities (per type of task, per Thematic Area, per type of outputs, per geographical area) over a period
		I9 Number of good practices identified (per Thematic Area)	Count of documents published over a period
04 Publish thematic reports and handbooks	JC 4 Degree to which FRA produces publications in relevant thematic areas	I10 Number of publications produced per thematic area	Count of publications produced per thematic area over a period
05: Disseminate targeted information to the right stakeholders and at the right time	JC 5 Extent to which FRA adequately and timely disseminates information	I11 Number of information instruments (leaflets, alerts, flyers etc.) distributed	Count of information instruments distributed [by type of events, by thematic area, by geography] over a period
		I12 Number of Newsletters / magazines distributed over a period	Count of the number of newsletter distributed over a period
		I13 Number of subscribers of Newsletters / magazines over a period	Count of the readers opening the letter over a period
		I14 Number of visitors to the FRA Website	Count of the number of recipient of newsletter distributed [Including newsletter downloads from the website]
	JC 6 Degree to which FRA's publications are adequately distributed to stakeholders	I15 Number of stakeholders who receive a copy of the publications	Count of stakeholders receiving a copy (hard or electronic copy) of reports [with or without asking for it] [per type of stakeholder / thematic area / and

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			report]
		I16 Average time to distribute FRA reports and handbook	Time elapsed between final agreed version of the report and its distribution to stakeholders / number of reports published
		I17 Number of publications downloaded (per thematic area, type of stakeholder and type of report)	Count of stakeholders downloading a copy of reports from FRA's website [per type of stakeholder / thematic area / and report]
06 Develop relevant methods and standards	JC 7 The degree to which adequate methods and standards are being produced	I18 Number of documents produced whose purpose is to present methods and standards (including sets of indicators)	Count of documents published over a period
		I19 Proportion of methods and standards delivered according to work programme	Number of methods and standards produced / Number of methods and standards to be produced in the Work programme
	JC 8 The overall quality of FRA's methods and standards	I20 The proportion of Scientific Committee members that consider that FRA has developed adequate methods and standards	Number of scientific committee members agreeing with the statement / Number of overall committee members
07 Develop effective networks with key partners and Agency networks	JC 9 The degree to which FRA organises relevant meetings with its key stakeholders	I21 Number of meetings organised	Count of the number of meetings over a period [broken down by type of meeting, type of thematic area and type of participant profile] over a period
		I22 Number of relevant participants to meetings	Count of the number of participants over a period [broken down by meeting, type of meeting, type of thematic area and type of participant profile] over a period
		I23 Number of meeting-days attended	Count of the number of meeting days attended over a period [broken down by meeting, type of meeting, type of thematic area and type of participant profile] over a period
	JC 10 The degree to which FRA actively promotes its networking activities	I24 Number of networking events / meetings held	Count of networking events held
		I25 Number of stakeholders contacted to participate in networking activities / meetings	Count of the stakeholders who attended networking activities [by type of activities, by type of stakeholder profile, by thematic area] over a period
	JC 11 Extent to which FRA networks are attractive to relevant stakeholders	I26 Number of applications for FRP	Count of applications for FRP [by stakeholder profile, by thematic area] over a period
			Count of successful applications for FRP [stakeholder profile, by thematic area] over a period
		I27 Number of participants in FRA networks	Count in the number of participants [by type of participant, by thematic area, by type of networks] over a period

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Objectives related to outputs	Judgement criteria	Indicators	Measures	
		I28 Number of stakeholders who have attended networking activities	Count of the stakeholders contacted to participate in networking activities [by type of activities, by type of stakeholder profile, by thematic area] over a period	
		I29 Proportion of stakeholders contacted to attend the networking events vs who actually attend	Count of stakeholders participating in networks / count of networks	
	JC 12 Degree to which FRA adequately organises relevant consultations with stakeholders			Count in the number of stakeholder consultations [by thematic areas, by type of stakeholders] over a period
		I31 Number of participants in consultations	Count in the number of stakeholders per consultations [By type, by thematic area] over a period	
	JC 13 The degree to which FRA organises relevant training with its key stakeholders	I32 Number of trainings organised	Count of the number of trainings over a period [broken down by type of meeting, type of thematic area and type of trainee profile] over a period	
		I33 Number of relevant participants to trainings	Count of the number of trainee over a period [broken down by training, type of training, type of thematic area and type of trainee profile] over a period	
		I34 Number of training-days attended	Count of the number of training days attended over a period [broken down by training, type of training, type of thematic area and type of trainee profile] over a period	
	08: Develop awareness raising materials	JC 14 Extent to which FRA produces awareness raising material	I35 Number of materials produced targeted to civil society (e.g. folder, newsletter, brochure, report, guideline, handbook),	Count of the number of materials procedure over a period
			I36 Number of multimedia tools adopted to increase the FRA visibility among civil society [e.g. databases, dedicated mobile phone applications, social networking sites, etc.]	Count of the number of multimedia tools adopted over a period
JC 15 Extent to which FRA undertakes awareness raising activities		I37 Proportion of the number of awareness raising activities within a period vs. the number of awareness activities planned	Number of awareness raising activities within a period / the number of awareness activities planned	
JC 16 The extent to which FRA participate in relevant events / conferences		I38 Number of FRA speeches/presentations at events and conferences.	Count of speeches or presentation made to events and conferences [by type of events, by thematic area, by geography] over a period	
JC 17 Extent to which FRA's awareness raising activities are effective		I39 Number of people reached by awareness raising activities	Count of number of persons reached by awareness raising activities [counting information instruments, newsletters, social networks, page downloads, etc.)	
		I40 Media coverage of FRA's activities (e.g. events, publications, etc.)	Count in the number of targeted readership represented by the media reporting on FRA's activities	
		I41 Take-up of articles and press releases in professional press	Count of the number of media reporting on FRA's communication outputs (or Number of FRA references in media by type of FRA theme/project)	
JC 18 Degree to which FRA has an adequate virtual presence to		I42 Number of social media fans/likes	Count of the number of social media fans / likes [by type of social media	

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	raise awareness		activity or followers]
		I43 Number of page views and unique visitors, (website)	Count of the number of pages views and unique visitors
		I44 Average time spend by visitors on FRA website, mobile application, etc.	Time spent by unique visitors on FRA website / total number of unique visitors on FRA website [over a period]

Objectives related to short term impacts	Judgement criteria	Indicators	Measures
ST1 Produce and or disseminate effective evidence based recommendations and conclusions from research findings, Opinion and other policy advice to decision makers and key stakeholders.	JC 19 Degree to which FRA's data collection, research and analysis outputs are adequate to the needs and objectives of key stakeholders	I45 Proportion of stakeholders who consider that information and analysis provided by FRA meets their needs, and objectives	Overall number of key stakeholders considering FRA's data collection, research and analysis activities as relevant / overall number of stakeholder concerned by such activities [by thematic area; by type of stakeholder; by type of outputs] over a period
		I46 Proportion of key stakeholders who are satisfied with FRA's research and analysis outputs	Number of key stakeholders satisfied with FRA's publications / Number of stakeholders receiving FRA's publications [by thematic area; by type of stakeholder; by type of outputs] over a period
	JC 20 Degree to which FRA's research and analysis are coherent with FRA's objectives and tasks (i.e. Article 2 and 4 of the Founding Regulation) and thematic areas (i.e. the MAF of FRA)	I47 Proportion of research and analytical outputs that are coherent with FRA's objectives and tasks and thematic areas	Number of stakeholders agreeing with the statement "publications research and analytical outputs are: adequate coherent with to the FRA's objectives and tasks and thematic areas" / Number of stakeholders receiving FRA's research and analytical outputs [by thematic area; by type of stakeholder; by type of output] over a period
		I48 Average number of downloads of publications	Number of research and analytical outputs downloaded by unique users [By thematic area; by type of publications] / Total number of new research and analytical outputs over a period
	JC 21 Extent to which FRA provides reliable , high quality and useful evidence based recommendations	I49 Proportion of key stakeholders that consider evidence provided by FRA is: - reliable - of high quality - useful	Number of key stakeholders satisfied with relevance, reliability, usefulness and quality of FRA's evidence / Number of key stakeholders receiving FRA's outputs [by thematic area; by type of stakeholder] over a period
	JC 22 Extent to which FRA provides a good service to its key stakeholders concerning the Opinions provided	I50 Proportion of key stakeholders who are satisfied with responses to request for opinions and assistance issued by FRA with respect to their: - reliability (i.e. timeliness and accessibility) - relevance - quality	Number of key stakeholders satisfied / number of stakeholders issuing requests for opinions and assistance [by thematic area; by type of stakeholder; type of criteria time, quality, relevance] over a period

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Objectives related to short term impacts	Judgement criteria	Indicators	Measures
	JC 23 Extent to which reliable, relevant and high quality information resulting from Data collection, research and analysis activities is delivered to intended target group	I51 Proportion of key stakeholder and experts who consider that reliable, relevant and high quality information resulting from FRA Data collection, research and analysis activities is delivered to intended target group	Number of key stakeholder and experts who consider that reliable, relevant and high quality information resulting from FRA Data collection, research and analysis activities is delivered to intended target group / Overall experts and key stakeholders reached.
	JC 24 Extent to which outputs from FRA's Data collection, research and analysis activities contributes to a greater shared understanding of trends in Fundamental Rights	I52 The proportion of stakeholders who agree/strongly agree that FRA's outputs contributes to a greater shared understanding of trends in fundamental rights	Count of key stakeholders agreeing with the statement / overall number of key stakeholders consulted [by type of outputs]
		I53 Number stakeholders receiving FRA outputs [i.e.. synthesis reports / newsletters / Response to ad hoc request] produced by FRA which summarise trends in Fundamental Rights	Count of key stakeholders receiving FRA output [i.e. reports or newsletter; response to ad hoc request] produced containing mentions of trends in Fundamental Rights over a period [By type of trends; type of key stakeholder; etc.]
	JC 25 Extent to which FRA contributes to effective data and information-sharing across the EU and Member States on key Fundamental Rights issues	I54 Number of times/frequency data and information is shared through events, platforms or publications directly to key stakeholders (i) at EU level (ii) at MS level	Count of times/frequency data and information is shared through events, platforms or publications directly to key stakeholders at (i) at EU level (ii) at MS level through its networks
		I55 Number of joint projects delivered	Count of joint projects delivered
ST2: Improve effective networking and development of synergies among EU and national stakeholders, and Civil Society	JC 26 Extent to which FRA networking activities are effective in connecting relevant stakeholders / practitioners concerning Fundamental Rights	I56 Proportion of stakeholders/FRP members who think that FRA has been successful in promoting dialogue with civil society	Number of stakeholders who agree with the statement / Overall number of stakeholders interviewed
	JC 27 Extent to which FRA networking activities are effective in helping to promote Fundamental Rights in the EU or at Member State level	I57 Proportion of FRP and other network members/ stakeholders who consider the networking/collaboration activities organised by FRA to be useful to their organisation	Number of network members considering FRA networking activities as useful / number of network members reached
	JC 28 Extent to which FRA reinforces the value of its products and services by bringing organisations working together at different level of governance	I58 Proportion of FRP and other network members / stakeholders who consider that their inputs to FRA collaboration activities (e.g. networking / consultations) are of value to the FRA / inform FRA products / services	Number of network members considering that their inputs to FRA collaboration activities (e.g. networking / consultations) are of value to the FRA / inform FRA products / services
ST 3 Increased awareness of fundamental rights among selected professional organisations and stakeholders	JC 29 Extent to which FRA contributes to a greater shared understanding of trends in Fundamental Rights	I59 The proportion of stakeholders who agree/strongly agree that FRA's awareness raising activities contributes to a greater shared understanding of trends in fundamental rights	Count of key stakeholders agreeing with the statement / overall number of key stakeholders consulted
		I60 Number stakeholders targeted by FRA's awareness raising activities which outlines trends in Fundamental Rights	Count of key stakeholders targeted by FRA's awareness raising activities outlining trends in Fundamental Rights over a period [By type of trends; type of

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Objectives related to short term impacts	Judgement criteria	Indicators	Measures
			key stakeholder; etc.]
	JC 30 Extent to which the FRA communication activities are effective in making the Agency's insights and messages on Fundamental rights accessible to civil society	I61 Proportion of stakeholders who came to contact with FRA as a result of the communication activities	Count of organisations or individuals who came to contact with FRA as a result of communication activities [by thematic area; by type of organisation or individuals; by type of communication activities; by status "known / unknown" to the agency] over a period out of a representative sample
		I62 Proportion of outputs [publications, opinions, communications, etc.] translated in all 23 official languages of the EU.	Count of outputs translated in all languages / count of outputs produced
		I63 Proportion of stakeholders who consider that FRA's communication activities make the agency's work more accessible to them than would otherwise be the case	Number of stakeholder considering FRA's communication activities are efficient in providing accessibility / Number of stakeholders targeted by Communication activities [by thematic area; by type of stakeholder] over a period

Objectives related to long term impacts	Judgement criteria	Indicators	Measures
LT 1 FRA evidence base used for policy and legal development at EU level	JC 31 Extent to which FRA's conclusions and recommendations from research findings; Opinions and other policy advice directly used for policy development in a manner which reflects the desired impacts of the Agency	I64 Proportion of relevant policy stakeholders who consider that the FRA's conclusions and recommendations from research findings; Opinions and other policy advice directly used for policy development in a manner which reflects the desired impacts of the Agency	Number of relevant policy stakeholders who consider that the FRA's conclusions and recommendations from research findings; Opinions and other policy advice directly used for policy development / Number of policy stakeholder reached who have benefited from FRA's opinion and advice
	JC 32 Extent to which conclusions and recommendations from research findings contributes to EU legislation and policies in a manner which reflects the desired impacts of the Agency	I65 The proportion of stakeholders who agree or strongly agree that FRA conclusions and recommendations from research findings contributes to EU policies and legislation in a manner which reflects the desired impacts of the Agency	Number of stakeholders who agree that as a result of that FRA conclusions and recommendations from research findings contributes to EU policies and legislation in a manner which reflects the desired impacts of the Agency / Number of stakeholder reached
		I66 Proportion of stakeholders considering that FRA is one of the top five actors in Europe influencing FR activities in EU	Number of stakeholders who consider FRA as of the top 5 influencing EU-level institutions in the domain of FR / Number of stakeholder reached

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Objectives related to long term impacts	Judgement criteria	Indicators	Measures
	JC 33 Extent to which FRA 68)Opinions and other policy advice contribute to the development and implementation of EU legislation and policies in a manner which reflects the desired impacts of the Agency	I67 Proportion of EU level stakeholders who consider that FRA conclusions and recommendations from Opinions and other policy advice contribute to the development of EU legislation and policies in a manner which contributes to the desired impacts of the Agency	Number of EU level stakeholders who consider that FRA Opinions and policy advice contribute to the development of EU legislation and policies / Total number of EU level stakeholder reached
		I68 Proportion of EU level stakeholders who consider that FRA conclusions and recommendations from Opinions and other policy advice contribute to the implementation of EU legislation and policies in a manner which contributes to the desired impacts of the Agency	Number of EU level stakeholders who consider that FRA Opinions and other policy advice contribute to the implementation of EU legislation and policies / Total number of EU level stakeholder reached
		I69 Number of references to FRA's conclusions or recommendations or FRA's activities in EU policies and legislation	FRA's conclusions or recommendations or FRA's activities
		I70 Proportion of legislation containing reference or citation to FRA's conclusions and recommendations or FRA activities	Number of EU legislation / policy containing reference or citation to FRA / FRA's activities as a proportion of total number of legislation where a reference to FRA or FRA's output could be expected.
		I71 Number of legislative proposals that FRA has provided opinions or policy advice for	Number of legislative proposals that FRA has provided Opinions or advice for / Total number of proposal (EU level)
LT 2 FRA evidence base used for policy and legal development at Member State level	JC 34 Extent to which FRA's conclusions and recommendations from research findings; Opinions and other policy advice directly used for policy development at Member State level in a manner which contributes to the desired impacts of the Agency	I72 Proportion of relevant policy stakeholders at Member State level who consider that the FRA's conclusions and recommendations from research findings; Opinions and other policy advice directly influenced policy development in a manner which contributes to the desired impacts of the Agency	Number of relevant policy stakeholders at Member State level who consider that the FRA's conclusions and recommendations from findings; Opinions and other policy advice directly influenced policy development at Member State level/ Number of policy stakeholder reached who have benefited from FRA's opinion and advice
	JC 35 Extent to which conclusions and recommendations from research findings contribute to Member States' legislation and policies in a manner which reflects the desired impacts of the Agency	I73 The proportion of stakeholders who agree or strongly agree that FRA conclusions and recommendations from research findings contributes to Member States' policies and legislation in a manner which reflects the desired impacts of the Agency	Number of stakeholders who agree that as a result of that FRA conclusions and recommendations from research findings influences Member States' policies and legislation in a manner which contributes to the desired impacts of the Agency / Number of stakeholder reached
		I74 Proportion of stakeholders considering that FRA is one of the top five actors in Member States influencing Fundamental Rights activities at Member State level	Number of stakeholders who consider FRA as of the top 5 influencing Member State-level institutions in the domain of Fundamental Rights / Number of stakeholder reached

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Objectives related to long term impacts	Judgement criteria	Indicators	Measures
	JC 36 Extent to which FRA Opinions and other policy advice contribute to the development and implementation of Member State legislation and policies in a manner which reflects the desired impacts of the Agency	I75 Proportion of Member State level stakeholders who consider that FRA conclusions and recommendations from Opinions and other policy advice contribute to the <i>development</i> of Member States' legislation and policies in a manner which reflects the desired impacts of the Agency	Number of Member State level stakeholders who consider that FRA Opinions and policy advice contribute to the <i>development</i> of Member States' legislation and policies/ Total number of Member State level stakeholders reached
		I76 Proportion of Member State level stakeholders who consider that FRA Opinions and other policy advice contribute to the <i>implementation</i> of Member States' legislation and policies in a manner which reflects the desired impacts of the Agency	Number of Member State level stakeholders who consider that FRA Opinions and other policy advice contribute to the <i>implementation</i> of Member States' legislation and policies / Total number of Member State level stakeholders reached
		I77 Number of references to FRA's conclusions or recommendations or FRA's activities in Member State policies and legislation	Number of references to FRA's conclusions or recommendations or FRA's activities in Member State policies and legislation
		I78 Proportion of Member State legislation containing reference or citation to FRA's conclusions and recommendations or FRA activities	Number of Member State legislation / policy containing reference or citation to FRA / FRA's activities as a proportion of total number of legislation where a reference to FRA or FRA's output could be expected.
		I79 Number of legislative proposals that FRA has provided opinions or policy advice for	Number of legislative proposals that FRA has provided Opinions or advice for / Total number of proposal (Member State level)

Aspirational objectives	Judgement criteria	Indicators	Measure
AI 1 EU and Member States' legislation and policies contribute to ensuring full respect of fundamental rights	JC 37 Degree to which FRA's range of activities influenced EU and Member States legislation and policies related to Fundamental Rights	I80 Proportion of stakeholders who agree that FRA's range of activities influenced EU and Member States legislation and policies related to fundamental rights	Number of stakeholders who agree that FRA's activities influenced EU and Member States legislation and policies related to Fundamental Rights / Number of stakeholders reached
	JC 38 Extent to which FRA's range of activities have actively influenced the implementation of Fundamental Right legislation and policies in practice	I81 Proportion of stakeholders who agree that FRA's range of activities have actively contributed to the <i>implementation</i> of fundamental rights legislation and policies in practice (a) at EU level (b) at MS level	Number of stakeholders who agree that FRA's activities have actively contributed to the <i>implementation</i> of Fundamental Rights policies in practice (a) at EU level (b) at MS level / Number of stakeholder reached
	JC 39 Extent to which existing legislation and policies are effective in guaranteeing the rights of everyone	I82 Proportion of stakeholders who consider that (i) existing legislation and policies are effective in guaranteeing fundamental rights	Proportion of stakeholders who consider that (i) existing legislation and policies are effective in guaranteeing the Fundamental Rights of rights holders / number of stakeholders reached
AI 2: Relevant EU and Member State institutions, bodies and agencies and or	JC 40 Extent to which EU and Member State institutions are effective in respecting, protecting and promoting Fundamental Rights	I83 Proportion of stakeholders who consider that EU and Member State institutions effectively respect, protect and promote Fundamental Rights	Number of stakeholders who consider that EU and Member State institutions effectively respect, protect and promote Fundamental Rights / Number of stakeholder reached

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civil society increasingly respect, protect and promote Fundamental Rights		I84 Evolution of World Rule of Law index for EU27	Value of index in new period - Value of index in reference period
	JC 41 Extent to which FRA directly influences the way in which duty bearers and practitioners conduct their work in promoting/preserving fundamental rights	I85 Proportion of duty bearers and practitioners who consider that they will directly apply the knowledge gained via FRA in their work to safeguard fundamental rights	Number of duty bearers and practitioners who consider that they will directly apply the knowledge gained via FRA in their work to safeguard fundamental rights as a proportion of total number of front line professionals reached
		I86 Proportion of CSOs and FRA network members who consider that FRA's work (e.g. events and training) has contributed to an increase in their organisation's capacity to promote fundamental rights	Number of stakeholder considering consider that FRA's work (e.g. events and training) has contributed to an increase in their organisation's capacity to promote fundamental rights / Total number of stakeholder reached
		I87 Proportion of professional organisations and individual members who have been trained in FR issues through those trained by FRA (other EU agencies, NHRIs, front line authorities.)	Number of professional organisations and individual members who have been trained in FR issues through those trained by FRA (EU agencies, HRI in MS, front line authorities.) / Total number of potential professional organisations
		I88 Satisfaction of participants to events (training and other events)	Proportion of stakeholders trained who were satisfied with the training
		I89 Relevance of training/information to participants at events	Proportion of stakeholders who considered the training/event relevant
	JC 42 Extent to which evidence provided by FRA has influenced the work of non-governmental stakeholders	I90 Proportion of non-governmental stakeholders who agree that FRA's work has directly influenced their work and capacity to promote fundamental rights	Number of non-governmental stakeholders who agree that FRA's work has directly influenced their work and capacity to promote fundamental rights / Number of non-governmental stakeholders reached
		I91 Number of references made to FRA's and FRA's output by non-governmental actors	Count of references of FRA's and FRA output by non-governmental actors [By type of output; type of instruments; thematic area; type of stakeholders] over a period
		I92 Mapping of links pointing to FRA's website	Number and typology of links pointing to FRA's website
	AI3: Greater knowledge of, and broader awareness of, fundamental rights issues in the Union are conducive to ensuring full respect of fundamental rights	JC 43 Degree to which rights holders are aware of their rights and claim their rights	I93 Proportion of EU citizens who know what the Charter of Fundamental Rights is
		I94 Proportion of general population who have claimed their fundamental rights	Number of general population (or sample of) who have claimed their fundamental rights / number of general population
JC 44 Extent to which the general awareness of FRA's work and on-going Fundamental Rights issues have been brought to the attention of the general public and specific/vulnerable groups		I95 Proportion of frontline professionals who agree that they have been able to increase the awareness of general public and vulnerable groups of fundamental rights as a direct result of FRA's work	Number of frontline professionals who agree that they have been able to increase the awareness of general public and vulnerable groups of fundamental rights as a direct result of FRA's work as a proportion of total front line professionals reached

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	JC 45 Extent to which FRA's activities contribute to the increase in the knowledge and skills among CSOs, including FRA's other network members	I96 Proportion of CSOs and FRA network members who consider that FRA 's work has positively contributed to their knowledge and skills concerning their role as FR agents or proportion who agree that their organisation have benefited from the work of FRA	Number of stakeholder considering who that FRA's who agree with those statements / Total number of stakeholder reached
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PROJECT	OUTPUT INDICATORS (short term results)	OUTCOMES INDICATORS (medium/long-term results)
<i>Severe forms of labour exploitation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of research activities • Number of good practices identified • Number of publications produced (to be further aggregated at TA level) • Number of stakeholders who receive copy of the reports • Number of publication downloaded • Number of meetings organised • Number of relevant participants to meetings • Number of meetings-days attended 	
<i>Inter-agency cooperation and other activities in the areas of borders, immigration and asylum</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of publication produced per thematic area • Number of reseach activities • Number of good practices identified • Percentage of responses to requests for opinions and other advice (i.e. completed) • Average response time to request for Opinions and other advice • Number of requests for opinions and other advice received broken down by initiators • Number of requests for Opinions and other advice acknowledged (i.e. followed up) • Number of meetings organised • Number of relevant participants to meetings • Number of meeting-days attended • Number of networking events / meetings held • Number of stakeholders who receive a copy of the publications • Average time to distribute FRA reports and handbook • Number of publications downloaded (per thematic area, type of stakeholder and type of report) 	
<i>Biometric data in large IT borders, immigration and asylum databases - fundamental rights concerns</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of research activities 	
<i>Handbook on European data protection law</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of publications produced per thematic area • Number of stakeholders who receive a copy of the publications • Average time to distribute FRA reports and handbook • Number of publications downloaded (per thematic area, type of stakeholder and type of report) • Number of meetings organized • Number of relevant participants to meetings • Number of meeting-days attended 	

PROJECT	OUTPUT INDICATORS (short term results)	OUTCOMES INDICATORS (medium/long-term results)
<p><i>Additional activities in the area of “Information society and, in particular, respect for private life and protection of personal data”</i></p> <p><i>Additional activities in the area of “Information society and, in particular, respect for private life and protection of personal data”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of research activities [per type of task, per thematic area, per type of outputs, per geographical area] • Average response time to request for Opinions and other advice • Percentage of responses to requests for opinions and other advice (i.e. completed) • Number of requests for Opinions and other advice received broken down by initiators; • Number of requests for Opinions and other advice acknowledged (i.e. followed up) • Number of FRA speeches/presentations at events and conferences 	
<p><i>Antisemitism: Data collection and analysis: holocaust and HR education and training</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of hearings or presentations to institutional stakeholders across levels of governance • Number of research activities • Number of publications produced by thematic area • Number of information instruments • Number of visitors to the FRA website • Number of stakeholders who receive a copy of the publication • Proportion of the number of awareness raising activities • Number of people reached by awareness raising 	
<p><i>Additional Activities in the area of “Racism, xenophobia and related intolerance”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of research activities [per type of task, per thematic area, per type of outputs, per geographical area] • Number of requests for Opinions and other advice received broken down by initiators; • Average response time to request for Opinions and other advice • Percentage of responses to requests for opinions and other advice (i.e. completed) • Number of requests for Opinions and other advice received broken down by initiators; • Number of requests for Opinions and other advice acknowledged (i.e. followed up) • Number of FRA speeches/presentations at events and conferences 	
<p><i>ROMA Multi-Annual Programme</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of hearings or presentations to institutional stakeholders across levels of governance • Number of invitations for presentations at key events • Number of policy input produced for specific stakeholders or events • Number of research activities [per type of task, per thematic area, per type of outputs, per geographical area] • Number of good practices identified (per Thematic Area) • Number of publications produced per thematic area • Number of visitors to the FRA Website 	

PROJECT	OUTPUT INDICATORS (short term results)	OUTCOMES INDICATORS (medium/long-term results)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of stakeholders who receive a copy of the publications • Number of publications downloaded (per thematic area, type of stakeholder and type of report) • Number of documents produced whose purpose is to present methods and standards (including sets of indicators) 	
<i>Additional Activities in the area of "Roma integration"</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of research activities [per type of task, per thematic area, per type of outputs, per geographical area • Average response time to request for Opinions and other advice • Percentage of responses to requests for opinions and other advice (i.e. completed) • Number of requests for Opinions and other advice received broken down by initiators; • Number of requests for Opinions and other advice acknowledged (i.e. followed up) • Number of FRA speeches/presentations at events and conferences • Number of publications downloaded (per thematic area) • Number of stakeholders who receive copy of the reports 	
<i>EU-MIDIS II</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of research activities [per type of task, per thematic area, per type of outputs, per geographical area • Number of meetings organised • Number of relevant participants to meetings • Number of meeting-days attended 	
<i>Rights of persons with disabilities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of research activities [per type of task, per thematic area, per type of outputs, per geographical area • Number of networking events / meetings held • Number of stakeholders contacted to participate in networking activities / meetings 	
<i>Surveying LGBT people and authorities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of publications produced per thematic area • Number of research activities [per type of task, per thematic area, per type of outputs, per geographical area • Number of networking events / meetings held • Number of stakeholders contacted to participate in networking activities / meetings 	
<i>Additional activities in the area of "Non-Discrimination"</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of research activities [per type of task, per thematic area, per type of outputs, per geographical area • Average response time to request for Opinions and other advice • Percentage of responses to requests for opinions and other advice (i.e. completed) • Number of requests for Opinions and other advice received broken down by initiators; • Number of requests for Opinions and other advice acknowledged (i.e. 	

PROJECT	OUTPUT INDICATORS (short term results)	OUTCOMES INDICATORS (medium/long-term results)
	followed up) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of FRA speeches/presentations at events and conferences • Number of publications downloaded (per thematic area) • Number of stakeholders who receive copy of the reports 	
<i>Free Movement: an EU citizen's fundamental right</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of research activities [per type of task, per thematic area, per type of outputs, per geographical area] 	
<i>Children and Justice</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of research activities [per type of task, per thematic area, per type of outputs, per geographical area] • Number of networking events / meetings held • Number of stakeholders contacted to participate in networking activities / meetings • Number of meetings organised • Number of relevant participants to meetings • Number of meeting-days attended 	
<i>Handbook of European Case-law on the Rights of the Child</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of research activities [per type of task, per thematic area, per type of outputs, per geographical area] 	
<i>Additional Activities in the area of "Rights of the Child"</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of research activities [per type of task, per thematic area, per type of outputs, per geographical area] • Average response time to request for Opinions and other advice • Percentage of responses to requests for opinions and other advice (i.e. completed) • Number of requests for Opinions and other advice received broken down by initiators; • Number of requests for Opinions and other advice acknowledged (i.e. followed up) • Number of FRA speeches/presentations at events and conferences • Number of publications downloaded (per thematic area) • Number of stakeholders who receive copy of the reports 	
<i>Existence and interpretation of the freedom to conduct a business</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of invitations for presentations at key events • Number of good practices identified (per Thematic Area) • Number of visitors to the FRA Website • Number of stakeholders who receive a copy of the publications • Number of publications downloaded (per thematic area, type of stakeholder and type of report) 	
<i>'CLARITY'</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of participants in consultations • Number of meetings organised • Number of relevant participants to meetings • Number of meeting-days attended 	

PROJECT	OUTPUT INDICATORS (short term results)	OUTCOMES INDICATORS (medium/long-term results)
<i>Gender-based violence against women: from childhood to adulthood</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of publications produced per thematic area • Number of information instruments (leaflets, alerts, flyers etc.) distributed • Number of networking events / meetings held • Number of stakeholders contacted to participate in networking activities / meetings • Number of stakeholders who receive copy of the publications • Number of publications downloaded per thematic area, type of stakeholder and type of report) 	
<i>Fundamental rights barometer - establishing a EU-wide survey on trends in fundamental rights</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proportion of methods and standards delivered according to work programme • Number of participants in consultations 	
<i>Additional activities in the area of "Access to Justice"</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of research activities [per type of task, per thematic area, per type of outputs, per geographical area • Average response time to request for Opinions and other advice • Percentage of responses to requests for opinions and other advice (i.e. completed) • Number of requests for Opinions and other advice received broken down by initiators; • Number of requests for Opinions and other advice acknowledged (i.e. followed up) • Number of FRA speeches/presentations at events and conferences • Number of publications downloaded (per thematic area) • Number of stakeholders who receive copy of the reports 	
<i>Improving access to justice for people living in the EU</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of research activities [per type of task, per thematic area, per type of outputs, per geographical area] • Number of good practices identified (per Thematic Area) • Number of participants in consultations • Number of networking events / meetings held • Number of stakeholders contacted to participate in networking activities / meetings 	
<i>Victim support services in the EU: An overview and assessment of victims' rights in practice</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of invitations for presentations at key events • Number of requests for Opinions and other advice received broken down by initiators • Number of good practices identified (per Thematic Area) • Number of visitors to the FRA Website • Number of stakeholders who receive a copy of the publications • Number of publications downloaded (per thematic area, type of stakeholder and type of report) 	
<i>Rights of crime victims to have access to justice – a comparative analysis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of research activities [per type of task, per thematic area, per type of outputs, per geographical area] • Number of good practices identified (per Thematic Area) 	

PROJECT	OUTPUT INDICATORS (short term results)	OUTCOMES INDICATORS (medium/long-term results)
<i>Additional Activities in the area of "Victims of crime"</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of research activities [per type of task, per thematic area, per type of outputs, per geographical area • Average response time to request for Opinions and other advice • Percentage of responses to requests for opinions and other advice (i.e. completed) • Number of requests for Opinions and other advice received broken down by initiators; • Number of requests for Opinions and other advice acknowledged (i.e. followed up) • Number of FRA speeches/presentations at events and conferences • Number of publications downloaded (per thematic area) • Number of stakeholders who receive copy of the reports 	
<i>Annual Reports</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of research activities [per type of task, per thematic area, per type of outputs, per geographical area] • Number of good practices identified (per Thematic Area) • Number of publications produced per thematic area • Number of publications downloaded • Number of stakeholders who receive a copy of the publications • Number of publications downloaded (per thematic area, type of stakeholder and type of report) 	
<i>FRA conferences</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of networking events / meetings held • Number of stakeholders contacted to participate in networking activities / meetings • Number of materials produced targeted to civil society (e.g. folder, newsletter, brochure, report, guideline, handbook), • Number of FRA speeches/presentations to events and conferences • Number of people reached by awareness raising activities 	
<i>Cooperating with FRA stakeholders</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of meetings organised • Number of relevant participants to meetings • Number of meeting-days attended • Number of networking events / meetings held • Number of stakeholders contacted to participate in networking activities / meetings • Number of materials produced targeted to civil society (e.g. folder, newsletter, brochure, report, guideline, handbook) 	
<i>Cooperating with stakeholders in EU Member States</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of meetings organised • Number of relevant participants to meetings • Number of meeting-days attended • Number of networking events / meetings held • Number of stakeholders contacted to participate in networking activities / meetings • Number of materials produced targeted to civil society (e.g. folder, newsletter, brochure, report, guideline, handbook) 	

PROJECT	OUTPUT INDICATORS (short term results)	OUTCOMES INDICATORS (medium/long-term results)
Online communication and documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of social media fans/likes • Number of page views and unique visitors, (website) • Average time of visitors in website • Number of multimedia tools adopted to increase the FRA visibility among civil society [e.g. databases, dedicated mobile phone applications, social networking sites, etc.] 	
Production and dissemination of communication products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of materials produced targeted to civil society (e.g. folder, newsletter, brochure, report, guideline, handbook) 	
Information about FRA work and awareness raising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of materials produced targeted to civil society (e.g. folder, newsletter, brochure, report, guideline, handbook) 	
Monitoring and Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
Bodies of the Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of meetings organised 	
Consultation and cooperation mechanism - National Liaison Officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of meetings organised • Number of relevant participants to meetings • Number of meeting-days attended • Number of networking events / meetings held • Number of stakeholders contacted to participate in networking activities / meetings • Number of participants in consultations 	
Consultation and cooperation mechanism - Fundamental Rights Platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of applications for FRP • Number of participants in FRA networks • Number of stakeholders who have attended networking activities • Proportion of stakeholders contacted to attend the networking events vs who actually attend • Number of participants in consultations 	

ANNEX V: RISK REGISTER

In compliance with the Internal Control Standards the Agency has performed an annual risk analysis exercise.

Taking into account the existing processes the Agency has assessed its potential risks on the basis of their likelihood of occurrence and potential impact. This assessment has been presented in a risk register where the following information has been identified:

- risk
- criticality
- possible consequence
- likelihood of occurrence on a three level scale (low, medium or high)
- potential impact (objectives, financial, reputation) on a three level scale (limited, significant or severe)

Following the analysis of existing controls and in the cases where the residual risk still needs to be reduced, specific actions have been identified.

This annex is an extract of the risk register representing the risks that the Management considers relevant to the implementation of AWP 2014 and that will be mitigated with specific preventive actions.

Risk details			Assessment of the risks					Management of the risks		
Risk #	Type	Description of the risks	Possible consequences	Likelihood of occurrence	Objectives	Potential impact		Residual risk L*J	Action owner	Action (yellow field) (Only if the residual risk still needs to be avoided/reduced/transferred after evaluation of existing controls)
						Financial	Reputation			

Management & planning

M4	I1	Inadequate provision of resources in relation to existing and new tasks of the Agency.	Delay in implementation of the annual work programme Dissatisfaction of the Staff Decrease of the quality of FRA products/activities Lack of capacity to address additional requests	Medium 2	Significant 2	Limited 1	Limited 1	Medium 4	All	Strengthen the monitoring of the AWP implementation in relation to unforeseen ad hoc requests. Strengthen internal evaluation of resources.
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Communication and awareness raising with Stakeholders

C6	I4	Failure in relating to Stakeholders' needs (especially of those at MS level) due to use of inappropriate working channels or to non-recognition or no involvement of key actors.	Incomplete analysis. Loss of confidence in the Agency. Inappropriate action taken by the Agency. Limitation on the impact of Agency's work.	Medium 2	Limited 1	Limited 1	Significant 2	Medium 4	CAR RES	Specific analysis has been introduced for identification of actions for future enhancement of the cooperation actions at the MS level which will be presented to MB during its May meeting in 2013. Follow up will be ensured.
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Human resources management

ANNEX V: RISK REGISTER

HR8		Delay in adoption of specific implementing rules relevant to Staff regulation in agreement with art 110 of Staff Regulations.	Critical remarks by auditors, European Parliament. Breach of the regulatory framework.	Medium 2	Significant 2	Limited 1	Significant 2	Medium 4	HRP	Ensure close monitoring for adoption of pending implementing rules and adequate incorporation in the operational activities.
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Procurement process										
PR8	13	Conflict of interest for Management Board and Scientific Committee	Legal challenge against the Agency. Loss of reputation. Non achievement of objectives	Medium 2	Significant 1	Limited 1	Significant 2	Medium 4	ADMIN	The Agency is going to develop and implement additional actions for avoidance of conflict of interest including the MB and the Scientific committee.