

Third expansion of the Fundamental Rights Platform

The third expansion of the Fundamental Rights Platform (FRP) will be open to all civil society organisations interested to become participants of the FRP. Interested organisations shall meet expansion's requirements and the FRP Code of Conduct's criteria for participation. It will take place in 2012, after the new Multi-annual Framework (MAF) for the FRA for 2013-2017 is adopted.

In order to guarantee a fair representation of Civil Society Organisations operating in the EU in the field of human rights, the expansion aims to:

- increase balance between the thematic areas that civil society organisations focus on
- increase the representation of grass root organisations
- balance the geographic distribution of participants
- raise the representation of different strands of civil society they represent
- open up the FRP to new areas of work of the Agency, which will be adopted with the new MAF.

These aims will serve as basis for accepting new participants to the FRP at this stage and will help to develop the FRP into a more wide-spread network, ensuring inclusiveness of a broader range of human rights issues and opening itself to different voices from across the EU.