

4th ANNUAL MEETING FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS PLATFORM

14-15 April, 2011

Messe Wien Exhibition & Congress Center
Messeplatz 1
1020 Vienna

THURSDAY, 14 APRIL**08.30 – 09.30** Registration and welcome coffee**Plenary session I****09.30 – 09.45** WELCOME ADDRESS

Morten Kjaerum, Director, FRA

09.45 – 11.15 ACCESS TO JUSTICE: “Bringing rights to life”. How civil society organisations can help victims to claim their rights

This panel will discuss how civil society can further support and enhance paths to accessing justice. It will look at how civil society can complement existing mechanisms to lower the threshold to access for those deprived of their rights. It will explore advocacy models for change with the aim of stimulating ideas for better functioning of avenues to claim rights.

Panellists:

Carmen Rasquete, Portuguese Association for Victim Support – APAV
 Michael Privot, Director, European Network against Racism – ENAR
 Marie-Cécile Renoux, Delegate to the EU, ATD Quart Monde
 Andreas Krisch, President, European Digital Rights – EDRi

Moderator:

Jonas Grimheden, Programme Manager - Legal Research, FRA

11.15 – 11.45 Networking coffee break**11.45 – 12.00** KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Ilze Brands Kehris, Chairperson of the Management Board, FRA

12.00 – 13.00 COOPERATION between the FRA and FRP

The panel debate will examine what civil society is expecting from the FRA and what it would like the FRA to do.

Panellists:

FRA representatives
 Morten Kjaerum, Director, FRA
 Aydan Iyiguengoer, Human Rights Education Coordinator, FRA
 Matteo Bonini Baraldi, Programme Manager - Legal Research, FRA

FRP organisations:

Thomas Mueller, Child Helpline International
 Joel Le Deroff, ILGA – Europe
 Annica Ryngbeck, Social Platform

Moderator:

John Kellock, Head of External Relations and Networking Department, FRA

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13.00 – 14.30 "TALKING TABLES"/ LUNCH

During lunch a number of tables will be dedicated to specific themes, such as human rights education, violence against women, rights of people with disabilities, rights of the child as well as cross-cutting issues. FRA experts working in the various areas will be available at each of the tables to respond to questions about the work of the FRA and to listen to your suggestions.

Workshops**14.30 – 18.00** THE FLOOR IS YOURS! Open Space Discussions

This session will invite interested FRP organisations to present ideas, projects or issues and discuss these with FRA staff and other FRP organisations. A number of simultaneous workshops will be hosted throughout the venue. Outcomes from the Open Space Discussion will provide a valuable reference point for the work of the Agency.

18.00 RECEPTION**FRIDAY, 15 APRIL****Plenary session II****9.00 – 9.30** Welcome coffee**9.30 – 10.00** KEYNOTE ADDRESS: EU Ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) – challenges and opportunities for civil society

Johan ten Geuzendam, Head of Unit Rights of persons with disabilities, DG Justice, European Commission

Questions and Answers**10.00 – 11.30** PARTICIPATION: the role of civil society organisations in the implementation of UN Human Rights Conventions - the example of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

The purpose of this panel is to raise awareness about the CRPD. The CRPD offers an unprecedented opportunity and responsibility for civil society organisations to engage in the field of disability. The panel will discuss the role that all civil society organisations can play in the implementation of the Convention. In doing so, the panellists will focus on the notion of participation.

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Panellists:

Gerard Quinn, Director, Centre for Disability Law and Policy, NUI Galway, UN Working Group on CRPD

Donata Vivanti, Vice-President, European Disability Forum - EDF

Marianne Schulze, Chair of the Austrian CRPD Monitoring Commission

Raluca Verweijen-Slamnescu, Advocacy Advisor, SOS Children's Villages International

Moderator:

Kasia Jurczak, Programme Manager - Social Research, FRA

11.30 – 12.00 CLOSING REMARKS AND PROPOSED FOLLOW-UP FOR THE FRA

Morten Kjaerum, Director, FRA

12.00 – 14.00 Networking lunchHost of the meeting:

Massimo Toschi, Networking and Civil Society Coordinator, FRA

Interpretation will be provided in English and French in the plenary sessions as well as in the plenary room during the 'Floor is yours.'

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