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Promoting respect for fundamental rights across the EU

FRA

- collects pertinent and timely data and information
- shares evidence-based insights and advice with policy- and decision-makers
- raises awareness and promotes fundamental rights
- cooperates with diverse partners at international, EU and national levels

It produces a variety of publications and online tools, including handbooks, reports, focus papers and opinions.

This brochure presents a selection of these publications and tools.

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Fundamental Rights Report

The annual *Fundamental Rights Report* presents the year's major developments. Noting both progress made and persisting obstacles, it provides insights into the main issues shaping fundamental rights debates across the EU.



A *Focus* section – also published as a separate publication – highlights particularly timely themes. It is available in English and French.

FRA also separately publishes its *Opinions*, which are based on the evidence presented in the *Fundamental Rights Report*. Offering a compact but informative overview, they are available in 24 languages.



Asylum, migration and borders



The arrival of unprecedented numbers of refugees and migrants has triggered diverse challenges. FRA encourages human rights-compliant responses by offering multi-faceted and practical expertise on this complex issue.

In addition to issuing regular updates on developments, FRA has published focus papers highlighting 'hot topics', and compilations and toolboxes outlining available policy alternatives. Its handbook on the topic, aimed at legal practitioners and non-governmental organisations, is also popular.

Recent publications include:

- *FRA Opinion concerning an EU common list of safe countries of origin* (March 2016)
- *Fundamental rights implications of the obligation to provide fingerprints for Eurodac* (October 2015)
- *Cost of exclusion from healthcare: The case of migrants in an irregular situation* (September 2015)
- *Legal entry channels to the EU for persons in need of international protection* (March 2015)
- *Handbook on European law relating to asylum, borders and immigration* (June 2014)

Information society, privacy and data protection



A string of terrorist attacks has intensified calls to enhance intelligence services' surveillance capacities. Meanwhile, more and more people use information and communications technologies (ICT) at work and at home, triggering

concerns about safeguarding privacy and personal data.

FRA produces important research to support lawmakers and practitioners in ensuring that fundamental rights are not short-changed in today's increasingly interconnected world.

Recent publications include:

- *Surveillance by intelligence services: fundamental rights safeguards and remedies in the EU* (November 2015)
- *Handbook on European data protection law* (June 2014)
- *Access to data protection remedies in EU Member States* (January 2014)

LGBTI



Discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) individuals persists across the EU. With many still reluctant to report incidents, fundamental rights violations often go unreported.

FRA gives voice to the LGBTI community by documenting the discrimination they experience, identifying hurdles that hamper full enjoyment of their rights, and outlining suggestions as to how to overcome these barriers.

Its publications regularly tackle under-reported topics, such as the views of professionals entrusted with ensuring full rights protection and the rights of intersex people.

Recent publications include:

- *Professionally speaking: challenges to achieving equality for LGBT people* (March 2016)
- *The fundamental rights situation of intersex people* (May 2015)
- *Being Trans in the EU – Comparative analysis of the LGBT survey data* (December 2014)
- *EU LGBT survey – European Union lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender survey* (October 2014)

Access to justice



Access to justice is not just a right in itself, but also an enabling and empowering tool central to making other rights a reality.

An important element of the rule of law, it enables individuals to protect themselves against

infringements of their rights, to remedy civil wrongs, to hold executive power accountable and to defend themselves in criminal proceedings.

FRA works to strengthen this important right by raising awareness of its main elements; shining light on obstacles to effective access to justice; and formulating evidence-based advice on overcoming them.

Recent publications include:

- *Handbook on European law relating to access to justice* (June 2016)
- *FRA Opinion on the exchange of information on third-country nationals under a possible system to complement the European Criminal Records Information System* (December 2015)
- *Severe labour exploitation: workers moving within or into the EU* (June 2015)

Hate crime

Hate crime is the most severe expression of discrimination, and a core human rights abuse. But most hate crime across the EU remains unreported and unprosecuted.



FRA's efforts to counteract hate crime are multi-faceted. The agency is a member of the Working Party on Improving Reporting and Recording of Hate Crime in the EU, which produced a compendium of good practices to support action by policymakers and practitioners.

FRA has also extensively documented the occurrence of hate crime against particular groups; surveyed victims about their experiences; and identified factors undermining the reporting and prosecution of such crime.

Recent publications include:

- *Ensuring justice for hate crime victims: professional perspectives* (April 2016)
- *Promoting respect and diversity – Combating intolerance and hate crime* (September 2015)
- *Equal protection for all victims of hate crime – The case of people with disabilities* (March 2015)
- *Discrimination and hate crime against Jews in EU Member States: experiences and perceptions of antisemitism* (November 2013)

Rights of the child

Children are full-fledged holders of rights, and various EU mechanisms specifically protect children. But many young people are ill-informed about their rights and unaware of available resources and services.

FRA promotes the protection of children's rights by informing policymakers, practitioners and the public about these rights, and by identifying protective gaps.

It also publishes content directly targeting young audiences, such as a series of **videos** and infographics about participating in judicial proceedings.



Recent publications include:

- *Handbook on European law relating to the rights of the child* (November 2015)
- *Child-friendly justice: Perspectives and experiences of professionals on children's participation in civil and criminal judicial proceedings in 10 EU Member States* (May 2015)
- *Guardianship for children deprived of parental care – Handbook* (June 2014)

People with disabilities



Millions of people in the EU have a disability. Persons with disabilities can make enormous contributions to society, but various barriers prevent them from fulfilling their potential.

FRA helps empower people with disabilities by highlighting hurdles, promoting best practices and raising awareness of relevant rights, including those protected by the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) – the first international treaty acceded to by the EU.

Its diverse publications on issues relating to people with disabilities are increasingly available in easy-read format.

Recent publications include:

- *Violence against children with disabilities: legislation, policies and programmes in the EU* (December 2015)
- *Implementing the UN CRPD: An overview of legal reforms in EU Member States* (May 2015)
- *The right to political participation for persons with disabilities: human rights indicators* (May 2014)

Large-scale surveys

FRA conducts various large-scale surveys to provide evidence-based assistance to policy- and decision-makers. The surveys provide vital information by giving people from diverse backgrounds the opportunity to express their views and share their experiences.

The **interactive data explorer** provides quick access to the survey data FRA compiles: <http://bit.ly/fra-data>

Recent and ongoing surveys include:

EU-MIDIS II: tracking trends

The second European Union Minorities and Discrimination Survey (EU-MIDIS II) assesses the actual impact of anti-discrimination and equality measures on people's lives. EU-MIDIS II covers all 28 Member States and aims to survey 25,200 individuals from different ethnic minority or immigrant backgrounds. It focuses on employment, education, health and housing, as well as on discrimination, criminal victimisation, and rights awareness.



The survey incorporates the second wave of FRA's Roma-targeted survey. Results will show what progress has been achieved in implementing the EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies in several Member States.

Roma survey

Roma people are the largest ethnic minority in the EU. Multiple efforts aim to ensure that Roma are treated equally with respect to their fundamental rights, but they continue to face discrimination and unequal access to various services. FRA's surveys provide reliable and comparable data to help inform projects tackling this persistent phenomenon.



Violence against women: an EU-wide survey

Based on interviews with 42,000 women across the EU, FRA's 2014 survey on violence against women is the largest ever survey on gender-based violence against women in all 28 Member States. It covers physical, sexual and psychological violence. The survey also addresses stalking, sexual harassment, abuse by way of new technologies, and childhood experiences with violence. FRA used the detailed findings to suggest courses of action in the many different areas touched by violence against women.

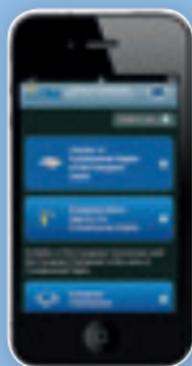


Apps and online tools

FRA produces a variety of practical and innovative tools to make fundamental rights more accessible to all.

Charterpedia

The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union guarantees a wide array of rights enjoyed by EU citizens and residents. It became legally binding on 1 December 2009.



Charterpedia provides easy-to-access information about the Charter on an article-by-article basis. It includes the full text and legal explanations of the individual articles, related EU and national case law, and relevant FRA publications. Charterpedia is available online and as an app (iOS and Android).

Clarity

The Clarity tool helps you identify organisations to assist you if you feel your rights have been violated.

Designed for use on PC and mobile devices, it contains information on using the tool, a list of non-judicial bodies dealing with fundamental rights, as well as information about EU and international complaints bodies.

<http://bit.ly/fra-clarity>

Handbooks



FRA's Handbooks provide concise but thorough overviews of the key European legal principles applicable in various thematic areas.

Prepared in cooperation with the Council of Europe and the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, they seek to raise awareness of relevant legal standards set by the European Union and Council of Europe.

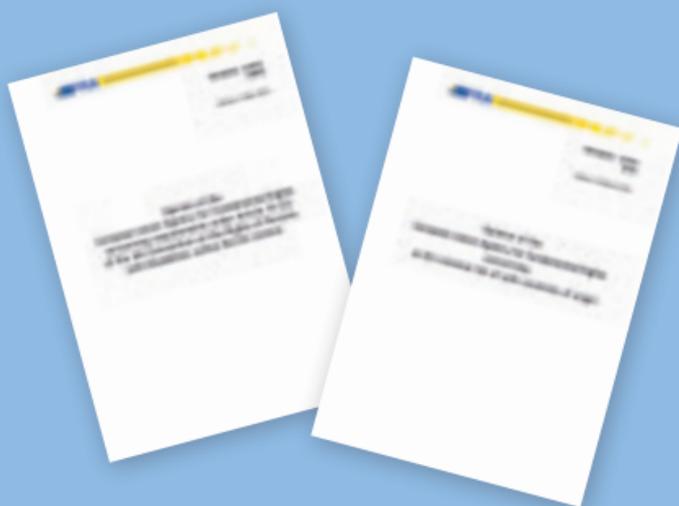
Highlighting relevant case law and other legal instruments, the Handbooks serve as practical guides for legal professionals, civil society and other practitioners. Specific toolkits and training manuals, such as FRA's media diversity toolkit and police training manual, will complement these Handbooks.

Recent handbooks include:

- *Handbook on European law relating to access to justice* (June 2016)
- *Handbook on European law relating to the rights of the child* (November 2015)
- *Handbook on European law relating to asylum, borders and immigration* (June 2014)
- *Handbook on European data protection law* (June 2014)
- *Handbook on European non-discrimination law* (March 2011)

FRA Opinions

FRA issues opinions on specific topics on request by the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission. The opinions cover a variety of themes, and focus on ensuring that EU legislative proposals are compatible with fundamental rights.



Recent FRA opinions address:

- requirements under Article 33(2) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- developing objective fundamental rights indicators to measure compliance with the shared values on which the EU is founded
- an EU common list of safe countries of origin
- a possible legislative instrument supplementing the existing European Criminal Records Information System with information on third-country nationals

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as well as in **up to all official EU languages**.

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