

7th Fundamental Rights Platform meeting

'THE FLOOR IS YOURS'

***WHAT IDEAS AND PROMISING PRACTICES CAN YOU SHARE
FROM CIVIL SOCIETY INVOLVEMENT IN MAKING
FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS A REALITY?***

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	Plenary	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5	Room 6
10.00 – 11.00	How can civil society contribute to the implementation of actions suggested by the Mediterranean Task Force? DG Home; European Commission, and FRA	Equality bodies and civil society organisations – natural allies in promoting equality and combating discrimination? Equinet	LGBT people, the religions and human rights in Europe Human Rights Without Frontiers (HRWF)	Europe Act Now – Pan-European campaign to ensure access to protection in Europe for Syria's refugees European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)	Rights on the move: when academic research meets NGOs: Freedom of movement of children having parents of the same legal gender European Commission on Sexual Orientation Law (ECSOL)	Non-violence as a means to enforce fundamental rights involving civil society ERA Onlus	Mainstreaming ageing in the future priorities in the area of freedom, security and justice AGE Platform Europe (AGE)
11.25 – 12.25	How should public officials and local authorities work with you? (FRA joined-up governance toolkit) FRA and Prospeax <i>Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop or tablet.</i>	The un-social media - facts, figures and activities to counter cyber hate Zivilcourage und Anti-Rassismus-Arbeit (Zara)	Is the Frontex Consultative Forum a useful instrument for civil society? Jesuit Refugee Service (ERS) and FRA	Ghettos around Europe – breeding criminality and human right abuses in capital cities all around Europe World Vision and Policy Center for Roma and Minorities	The role of civil society in realising employment rights for undocumented migrants in the context of temporary migration policies Migrant Rights Centre Ireland (MRCI)	Religious freedom unlimited? European Federation of Centers for Research and Information on Sectarianism (FECRIS)	Creating a non-violent juvenile justice system Defense for Children International (DCI) and Child Helpline International (CHI)
12.30 – 13.30	From information to participation: increasing the contribution of civil society to the political decision-making process Council of Europe / Conference of INGOs	Is the EU putting its money where its mouth is? (Presentation of a report on the use of Structural Funds to perpetuate the segregation of disabled people) European Network on Independent Living (ENIL)	Security through a gendered lens – what are the key challenges in your society that affect the freedom, justice and security of women, and what new policies and initiatives could help overcome these? Women's Networking Hub	Freedom of religion under threat Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians	What role can civil society play in effective implementation and transposition of EU law in light of past and future EU initiatives in the field of justice and home affairs policies, specifically in the area of procedural rights, and the rights of victims of crime? JUSTICIA European Rights Network and ICCL	Is freedom of education fully understood and respected in Europe? Profesionales por la Ética	How can the EU better protect migrant children's rights in future Home Affairs policy? Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)

‘The floor is yours’: What ideas and promising practices can you share from civil society involvement in making fundamental rights a reality?

This session is an open space for you, as a participant at the Fundamental Rights Platform (FRP), to share ideas and promising practices, and to ask questions that are important to you and discuss them with colleagues from across the EU. 21 organisations (plus partners) responded to the call of hosting a floor is yours session. There will be three rounds of discussions, lasting one hour each.

The aim of this session is to develop a ‘catalogue of ideas and existing practices’, presenting how civil society is, or could/should be, involved in making fundamental rights a reality.

Notes will be taken during the discussions, which will feed into the final meeting report.

Guidelines:

- **Content:** The aim of these sessions is to share and discuss ideas and promising practices of how civil society is, or can/should be involved in making fundamental rights a reality for everyone.
- **The choice is yours:** Participants may choose their sessions freely. Please bear in mind that the rooms have limited capacity (approximately 20-30 seats) – however, if more people want to attend a particular session, there is standing room as well.
- **The “law of two feet” applies:** If you feel you do not learn in a session or cannot contribute, or you want to listen in to a different session at the same time, feel free to change rooms even during the discussions.
- **Short report from the workshop:** The host and one note-taker will be responsible for summarising the discussions and reporting results and further steps. This will become part of the overall meeting report.
- **Foster constructive dialogue:** Some presenters or participants may express views that differ from yours. You are welcome to disagree and raise your points, but it is an FRP principle that you intervene in a polite, fruitful and constructive manner. We strongly believe in the potential of open and honest but always respectful dialogue.

SESSION I:

10.00 - 11.00



ROOM: **PLENARY** (EN/FR interpretation provided)

HOW CAN CIVIL SOCIETY CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTIONS SUGGESTED BY THE MEDITERRANEAN TASK FORCE?

ABOUT: The workshop will discuss how civil society is contributing/could contribute to the implementation of the five main areas of action listed in the European Commission Communication on the work of the Task Force Mediterranean:

- (1) Actions in cooperation with third countries;
- (2) Regional protection, resettlement and reinforced legal avenues to Europe;
- (3) Fight against trafficking, smuggling and organised crime;
- (4) Reinforced border surveillance contributing to enhancing maritime situational picture and to the protection and saving of lives of migrants in the Mediterranean;
- (5) Assistance and solidarity with Member States dealing with high migration pressure.

All actions will have to be fully compliant with the international human rights standards, including the EU Fundamental Rights Charter, according to the Communication.

HOSTS: *Giulio Di Blasi, European Commission/DG Home, Adriano Silvestri, Head of Sector Asylum, Migration and Borders and Ann-Charlotte Nygård, Programme Manager, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)*

The European Commission is the chair of the 'Task Force Mediterranean', set up following the Lampedusa tragedy. Also EU Member States and selected EU agencies participate in the Task Force. On 4 December 2013 the Commission issued a Communication on the work of the Task Force, including a list of priority actions. The Commission is invited to present a comprehensive report of the activities carried out at the Justice and Home Affairs Council in June 2014. FRA also participated in the task force.

ROOM: 1

EQUALITY BODIES AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS – NATURAL ALLIES IN PROMOTING EQUALITY AND COMBATING DISCRIMINATION?

ABOUT: This workshop will focus on the essential links between national equality bodies (NEBs) and civil society organisations as natural partners in promoting equality and fighting discrimination.

The workshop will foster a better understanding of the role and specificities of national equality bodies as institutions that are part of the public administration, yet independent both from government and from civil society. Participants from CSOs will be asked to provide their experiences and novel ideas on effective and fruitful ways of cooperation with NEBs. The workshop will also discuss how NEBs can support and empower CSOs and in what ways CSOs can provide support to NEBs if and when their independence or effectiveness is at risk.

The workshop will build on the publication: 'Effective strategies to empower civil society', available at the Equinet website (<http://www.equineteurope.org/Effective-Strategies-to-Empower>).

HOST: *Ilaria Volpe, Policy Officer/Gender Equality, Equinet*

Equinet is the European network of national equality bodies set up according to the EU anti-discrimination directives (and as such, we are a guest to the FRP). Our members are currently 41 statutory equality bodies from 31 European countries.

Equinet provides a platform for information exchange between equality bodies, we organise capacity building activities such as trainings and seminars for our members, and we collect and convey the experience and expertise of equality bodies to inform legislators, stakeholders and policy-makers at European and national level.

ROOM: 2

LGBT PEOPLE, THE RELIGIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN EUROPE

ABOUT: Discussions over sexual orientation and gender identity have (re) entered the public sphere to a degree that has not been known for some time. Religious leaders and institutions have voiced their positions on these topics, although there has hardly been a consensus opinion, even within the same religious tradition.

Even still, the debate has sometimes been portrayed as an irreconcilable impasse between the LGBT communities on the one side and the religions on the other, as if there were no common ground on which to stand. This has indeed been regrettable.

A more dialogical approach can be a starting point for meaningful exchange on these issues. This interactive workshop will examine the international human rights framework that seeks to protect LGBT people and discuss values that are shared with religious traditions that can advance a more human approach for addressing these matters.

HOSTS: *Mark Barwick, Policy Adviser, and Willy Fautré, Human Rights Without Frontiers International (HRWF)*

Founded in 1989, Human Rights Without Frontiers (HRWF) International is a non-governmental organisation that focuses on research, analysis and monitoring of a wide range of human rights concerns in many countries throughout the world.

The organisation is also dedicated to the promotion of democracy and the rule of law. Located in the heart of European policy-making in Brussels, HRWF is an active member of the Human Rights and Democracy Network of organisations that seek to shape the EU policy agenda in a way that protects human rights in Europe and serves as a positive force for change in the world at large.

ROOM: 3

EUROPE ACT NOW – PAN-EUROPEAN CAMPAIGN TO ENSURE ACCESS TO PROTECTION IN EUROPE FOR SYRIA’S REFUGEES

ABOUT: Over 2.5 million people, half of whom are children, have fled the conflict in Syria. 81,000 Syrians had sought protection in the EU, Norway and Switzerland by end of February 2014; representing just over 3% of the total number of people who have fled. While the EU is the largest contributor to the humanitarian efforts in the region, the EU should and can do more to alleviate the plight of those fleeing the war in Syria.

Over 100 partners have joined ECRE to let the voices of Syria’s refugees be heard and encourage European countries, EU institutions and agencies to take action to give refugees a safe way into Europe, protect the refugees arriving at Europe’s border and reunite families torn about by crisis.

This workshop will allow you learn more about the aims and activities of the campaign and how you can get involved.

HOST: *Louise Carr, Membership Officer, European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)*

The European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) is a pan-European alliance of 82 NGOs protecting and advancing the rights of refugees, asylum seekers and displaced persons. Our mission is to promote the establishment of fair and humane European asylum policies and practices in accordance with international human rights law.

Working together with our members and partners to inform and persuade European authorities and the public, we monitor and denounce human rights violations while proposing and promoting fair and effective durable solutions. We accomplish our mission through research, advocacy and the sharing of knowledge and expertise.

ROOM: 4

**RIGHTS ON THE MOVE: WHEN ACADEMIC RESEARCH MEETS NGOS
FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF CHILDREN HAVING PARENTS OF THE SAME
LEGAL GENDER**

ABOUT: Rights on the move – Rainbow families in Europe is an action co-funded by the Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme of the EU Commission’s DG Justice. It is an example of how European universities work with civil society organisations and European actors in analysing and impacting on a very topical issue: the freedom of movement of children having parents of the same legal gender. An international team of researchers produce top-notch research by feeding it into a broader context from which NGOs can draw data and turn it into action. Frontier academic research blends with awareness raising and proposals for action with a view to overcome substantial obstacles to free movement. Civil society organisations very often offer insights in social clashes between fundamental rights and new threats to fundamental rights. The workshop will start off from this experience and then share with participants views on how research institutions can benefit of the experience of grass root organisations and provide them with expertise and support.

HOST: *Alexander Schuster, European Commission on Sexual Orientation Law (ECSOL)*

The members of ECSOL come from across Europe, both inside and outside the European Union. Its members have a range of professional backgrounds, including legal academics, practising lawyers, judges and those working in governmental or non-governmental organisations. ECSOL’s members have expert knowledge in legal issues pertaining to sexual orientation and/or gender identity. Their expertise includes fields such as criminal law, human rights law, anti-discrimination law, and family law.

<http://www.sexualorientationlaw.eu/>

ROOM: 5

NON-VIOLENCE AS A MEANS TO ENFORCE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS INVOLVING CIVIL SOCIETY TWO CASE STUDIES IN ITALY: AMNESTY AND LANGUAGE NON-DISCRIMINATION.

ABOUT: In January 2013 the European Court of Human Rights condemned Italy for non-human treatment in its jails requiring the Italian government and parliament to undertake decisions capable to immediately put an end to such conditions. But even though the Italian President formally asked the Italian authorities to respect the judgement no major decision has still been taken.

In May 2013, the administrative tribunal of Milan revoked the decision taken by the Senate of the Politecnico University of Milan to abolish all the courses in Italian language and substitute them with English language ones. The Politecnico, instead of applying the verdict, went to appeal, supported by the Government itself. This shows that when public authorities in a democratic country do not apply their proper rules it is necessary to involve civil society in requiring justice. But to do so, non-violent public actions are required.

HOST: *Lapo Orlandi, ERA ONLUS Treasurer*

ERA ONLUS, member of the FRP since 2010, is the leading organisation in Italy (probably in Europe) for language democracy and against language discriminations. Founders of the TRP, an NGO acknowledged at the UN ECOSOC, struggling against FGM, for LGB and all fundamental rights, we participated since 2007 to most sessions of UNFPII (UN platform for indigenous issues) and many UNESCO conferences. We organised several workshops at the European Parliament and published several books. We run an emission on language democracy broadcasted weekly by Radio Radicale, the most important Italian political radio. We are in Italy, Belgium and Romania. <http://www.eraonlus.org>

ROOM: 6

MAINSTREAMING AGEING IN THE FUTURE PRIORITIES IN THE AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE

ABOUT: Demographic change shapes the context in which policy action in the area of freedom, security and justice will take place. While the EU has undertaken a number of age-friendly policies, it still lacks a rights-based approach when it deals with older persons in its internal and external action. This workshop will aim to inform participants on the EU and international developments on age discrimination and the human rights challenges of older people, share AGE's advocacy experience and make synergies with the work of other FRP members on age-specific as well as cross-cutting issues, such as older migrants, women, LGBTI and other vulnerable groups, elder abuse and age discrimination in all areas of life. It will aim to build a common strategy to mainstream age in EU policymaking and promote a society for all ages at the national, regional and local levels.

HOST: *Nena Georgantzi, Legal Officer, AGE Platform Europe*

AGE Platform Europe (AGE) aims to voice and promote the interests of the 150 million senior citizens in the European Union and to raise awareness on the issues that concern them most. Through its member organisations, which represent 32 million seniors in 26 EU member states, AGE seeks to give a voice to older and retired people in the EU policy debates, and provides a platform for the exchange of experience and best practices. It also aims to inform older people on their rights as EU citizen or resident.

SESSION II:

11.25 - 12.25



ROOM: **PLENARY** (EN/FR interpretation provided)

HOW SHOULD PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES WORK WITH YOU? (FRA JOINED-UP GOVERNANCE TOOLKIT)

ABOUT: In this interactive and participatory workshop, you will have an opportunity to explore the FRA toolkit on joining-up fundamental rights (<http://fra.europa.eu/en/joinedup/home>) and add your opinion on how public officials should encourage the participation of civil society and rights holders. You can work through the checklists, add your own case studies and contribute tips and recommendations.

The FRA toolkit is being used by public officials and local authorities across Europe for practical advice on how to maximize the impact of fundamental rights including the participation of civil society.

HOSTS: *Steven Libbrecht, Prospex and European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE), and Andreas Accardo, Joining-up Fundamental Rights toolkit, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)*

Prospex is an internationally active company based in Belgium delivering strategic foresight, stakeholder engagement and negotiation expertise for clients in the public, private, academic and non-profit sectors.

ROOM: 1

THE UN-SOCIAL MEDIA - FACTS, FIGURES AND ACTIVITIES TO COUNTER CYBER HATE

ABOUT: Since 2009, the number of racist incidents reported to ZARA that have been spread over the internet has doubled. Due to a lack of monitoring capacities, legal provisions and the borderless organisation of internet activities makes it difficult to combat online racism. As a member of the International Network Against Cyber Hate, ZARA has developed and implemented various activities and measures to fight cyber hate.

HOSTS: *Claudia Schäfer, Management Director and Head of Public Relations, and Bianca Schönberger, Zivilcourage und Anti-Rassismus-Arbeit (ZARA)*

Zivilcourage und Anti-Rassismus-Arbeit is an Austrian anti-racism NGO founded in 1999. Its mission is to enhance civil courage and to help building a racism-free society, combat all forms of racism and promote the legal as well as virtual equal treatment of all human beings residing in Austria irrespective of their skin colour, language, appearance, religion, citizenship and/or origin. Racist discrimination covers disadvantage, slander and physical attacks.

ROOM: 2

IS THE CONSULTATIVE FORUM OF FRONTEX A USEFUL INSTRUMENT FOR CIVIL SOCIETY?

ABOUT: The workshop shall provide information on what the Consultative Forum on Fundamental Rights at FRONTEX is actually doing and what are the current 'hot topics'. Participants will be invited to discuss how interaction with other civil society actors can be enhanced and improved.

HOSTS: *Stefan Kessler, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), Massimo Frigo, Legal Advisor, International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), and Aydan Iyigüngör, Programme Manager/Communication and Outreach, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA). Stefan Kessler and Aydan Iyigüngör co-chair the Consultative Forum.*

The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is a worldwide non-governmental organisation founded in 1980 by the Society of Jesus and currently present in over 50 countries. Its mandate is to accompany, serve and defend the world's forcibly displaced people, who are regularly affected by persecution and severe human rights abuses. Through its daily work, JRS aims to protect and improve the recognition of the fundamental rights of forced migrants. JRS strives to raise public awareness in order to foster an inclusive society also for this group. In Europe, we are present in 14 states and focus on three main issues: detention, destitution, and externalisation of border management and protection.

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) promotes and protects human rights through the Rule of Law, by using its unique legal expertise to develop and strengthen national and international justice systems.

ROOM: 3

GHETTOES AROUND EUROPE – BREEDING CRIMINALITY AND HUMAN RIGHT ABUSES IN CAPITAL CITIES ALL AROUND EUROPE

ABOUT: There is rarely any talk about the worst ghettos in Europe based on hands on experience. This seminar will discuss openly about criminality, security, prostitution, horrendous abuses of human rights and the abysmal situation of children in these ghettos. We will try to look at the way the situation can be improved and the role the FRA and FRP can play.

HOST: *Valeriu Nicolae, World Vision, and Policy Center for Roma and Minorities*

World Vision is one of the biggest NGOs in the world with over 1000 employees in the EU. Focused on children's well-being.

Policy Center for Roma and Minorities is an organisation working in one of the worst ghettos in Bucharest, and is recipient of 4 major international prizes for their practice.

ROOM: 4

THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN REALISING EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS FOR UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS IN THE CONTEXT OF TEMPORARY MIGRATION POLICIES

ABOUT: Irregular migrants are one of the most invisible groups of people in European society. They often partake in 3D Jobs (Dirty, Dangerous, Difficult). The trend has been to limit labour rights for undocumented workers as a tool to manage irregular migration. This trend leaves a significant group of European society without access to basic employment rights and affects the overall labour standards for the entire workforce for the benefit of unscrupulous employers.

Labour rights enforcement that is focused on establishing fair working conditions first and foremost and not on pursuing the migration status of workers is essential. This workshop will discuss and share experience on how different actors within civil society can participate in realizing labour rights for undocumented migrants and ending exploitation within the context of the EU Employers Sanctions Directive and the EU Returns Directive.

HOST: *Pablo Rojas Coppari, Strategic Advocacy Officer, Migrant Rights Centre Ireland (MRCI)*

MRCI, a SOLIDAR Silver Rose awardee is a leading advocacy organisation in Ireland with a proven track record of influencing policy at national and EU level. It operates a sophisticated structure that combines front-line service, capacity-building for migrant workers using a community work process and engaging in strategic public awareness and policy advocacy and campaigns. We work to promote equality and social justice for migrants at risk of poverty, social exclusion or discrimination and to achieve economic, social, political, cultural and affective rights and equality for migrant workers in the spirit of the charter of fundamental rights of the EU.

ROOM: 5

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM UNLIMITED?

ABOUT: Misunderstanding “religious freedom”?

Conflicts of attitudes of some groups with the European Charter and other Human Rights declarations

Overview of recommendations and decisions of European bodies

National laws in France, Belgium and Luxembourg

Activity of associations cooperating with FECRIS

HOST: *Friedrich Griess, European Federation of Centers for Research and Information on Sectarianism (FECRIS)*

FECRIS, a federation of more than 50 organisations in about 30 countries in Europe and beyond, has the objective to help people and families who have been damaged psychologically, socially and financially by totalitarian organisations, commonly called cults, to do preventive work and to represent associations of concerned people at international institutions. In this context, special care is taken of the protection of children and youngsters whose rights, defined by various international agreements, frequently are violated in such organisations.

FECRIS is an NGO in ECOSOC since 2009 and an INGO in the CoE since 2005.

ROOM: 6

CREATING A NON-VIOLENT JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

ABOUT: This workshop aims to introduce the last INCO report “CREATING A NON-VIOLENT JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM” with a view on highlighting key findings and good practices described in this report. It also aims to discuss and debate on the ways to improve the juvenile justice systems and to exchange experience of the participants.

Together with the participants, we’d like to go on a comparative journey through a violent and non-violent juvenile justice system and to try to find the best way to build a justice system that takes into account the situation, needs, rights and best interest of the child.

HOSTS: *Benoit Van Keirsbilck, Defence for Children International (DCI), and Thomas Mueller, Child Helpline International (CHI)*

Defence for Children International is an independent non-governmental organisation that has been promoting and protecting children’s rights on a global, regional, national and local level for 30 years. Defence for Children International is represented through its national sections and associated members in 48 countries worldwide, and an International Secretariat based in Geneva, Switzerland.

SESSION III:

12.30 - 13.30



ROOM: **PLENARY** (EN/FR interpretation provided)

FROM INFORMATION TO PARTICIPATION: INCREASING THE CONTRIBUTION OF CIVIL SOCIETY TO THE POLITICAL DECISION-MAKING PROCESS / COUNCIL OF EUROPE

ABOUT: Upon a recommendation of the Council of Europe, the Conference of INGOs drafted a Code of Good Practice on Civil Participation in the Decision-Making Process. The principal objective of the Code of Good Practice is the definition of a set of European principles and guidelines for NGO participation in decision-making processes that are to be implemented at local and national level. The Code is translated in 17 languages and used by NGOs as well as by public authorities. It is a practical tool to foster civil society participation in agenda setting, drafting, implementation, monitoring and reformulation of legal texts and measures in all policy fields. This contributes to make the respect and promotion of human rights a core concern of governance.

HOST: *Michel Aguilar, Conference of international non-governmental organisations (INGOs), Council of Europe*

The Conference of INGOS of the Council of Europe is the collective body of over 300 INGOs holding participatory status with the Council of Europe. It is the voice of organised and independent civil society and brings together NGOs in each of the 47 member States of the Council of Europe.

The Conference meets twice a year at the headquarters of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. It engages in dialogue with the representatives of the institutions and organs of the Council of Europe. It has set up thematic committees in priority fields such as "human rights", "democracy, social cohesion and global challenges" and "education and culture".

ROOM: 1

IS THE EU PUTTING ITS MONEY WHERE ITS MOUTH IS? PRESENTATION OF A REPORT ON THE USE OF STRUCTURAL FUNDS TO PERPETUATE THE SEGREGATION OF DISABLED PEOPLE IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE, PUBLISHED BY THE EUROPEAN COALITION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING IN DECEMBER 2013

ABOUT: The workshop will focus on the use of Structural Funds in Central and Eastern Europe, and will look at whether they are used in violation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). As a party to the CRPD, the EU has an obligation to facilitate the right of disabled people to live independently in the community (Article 19). However, evidence shows that in many Member States Structural Funds are used to perpetuate the segregation of disabled people in institutional care. The workshop will explain what is needed to make independent living a reality for disabled people, and will look at how we can ensure that Structural Funds are used to support independent living in the future. The 2013 report Briefing on Structural Funds Investments for People with Disabilities: Achieving the Transition from Institutional Care to Community Living will be presented.

HOSTS: *Ines Bulic, Policy Officer, and Regional Teams Manager & Coordinator, European Coalition for Community Living (ECCL), and Jamie Bolling, European Network on Independent Living (ENIL)*

The European Network on Independent Living (ENIL) is a Europe-wide network of people with disabilities. It represents a forum intended for all disabled people, Independent Living organisations and their non-disabled allies on the issues of independent living. ENIL's mission is to advocate and lobby for Independent Living values, principles and practices, namely for a barrier-free environment, deinstitutionalisation, provision of personal assistance support and adequate technical aids, together making full citizenship of disabled people possible.

ROOM: 2

SECURITY THROUGH A GENDERED LENS WHAT ARE THE KEY CHALLENGES IN YOUR SOCIETY THAT AFFECT THE FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND SECURITY OF WOMEN, AND WHAT NEW POLICIES AND INITIATIVES COULD HELP OVERCOME THESE?

ABOUT: This workshop will begin with a 10 minute introduction to the topic of women and security, starting with more obvious global issues for women such as access to education, to then share some statistics and examples of barriers to freedom and security for women in the global north, specifically in Europe, e.g. women in prison, human trafficking, access to senior positions in the public and private sector, etc.

The remaining time of the session will be interactive. I will use the consensus workshop method (designed by The Institute of Cultural Affairs) to facilitate the group to find solutions to the title question. By asking the group a range of reflective, interpretive and decisional questions, participants will come up with key areas of concern, and suggestions on how civil society can solve these, to recommend to policy makers, that when implemented could improve the freedom, security and justice of all.

HOST: *Harpreet Kaur, Women's Networking Hub*

The Women's Networking Hub came to fruition in January 2009 in recognition of the many silent voices of disenfranchised women and girls within our communities that are not heard. We hope that the hub will be used by women to share information about events and campaigns that are happening in their area, as well as a space for women to share ideas and connect with others interested in similar issues. It is a stimulating and activating hub, germinating and co creating ideas and activities, championing women's rights to create the change that we want to see in the world.

ROOM: 3

FREEDOM OF RELIGION UNDER THREAT

ABOUT: What is the problem for Christians today in Europe and what can civil society do to relieve it? Recent incidents of intolerance against Christians as well as the striking amounts of acts of vandalism will be discussed. To protect religious freedom demands vigilance and care – even in Europe. The discussion of the subjects will be solution-orientated.

HOST: *Gudrun Kugler, Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians*

The Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians in Europe provides the European Union, the OSCE, the Council of Europe, the United Nations and religious institutions with objective and reliable data on the phenomenon of Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians in Europe. The aim of providing this information is to help to take appropriate measures of remedy within the respective spheres of competence.

ROOM: 4

WHAT ROLE CAN CIVIL SOCIETY PLAY IN EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION AND TRANSPOSITION OF EU LAW IN LIGHT OF PAST AND FUTURE EU INITIATIVES IN THE FIELD OF JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS POLICIES, SPECIFICALLY IN THE AREA OF PROCEDURAL RIGHTS, AND THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS OF CRIME?

ABOUT: The Stockholm Programme sets out the European Union's (EU) priorities for the area of freedom, security and justice for the period 2010-14. Building on the achievements of its predecessors the Tampere and Hague programmes, it aims to meet future challenges and further strengthen the area of justice, freedom and security with actions focusing on the interests and needs of citizens. As the Stockholm Programme comes to the end of its tenure in 2014, its successor is expected to be adopted in June 2014 in the form of Strategic Guidelines.

In this session the Network will present how it actively engages with the implementation and transposition of EU laws through various entry points such as training and monitoring. In addition the priorities of the Network in this area will be presented as they relate to the FRA Multi-Annual Framework areas of work i.e. access to justice and victims of crime. This will be followed by an interactive discussion, where participants will be encouraged to input into the idea of a "civil society platform" to assist the European Commission with implementation and transposition. Participants will be provided with material to facilitate the discussion.

HOST: *Grace Mulvey, Project Manager, JUSTICIA European Rights Network and Irish Council for Civil Liberties (ICCL)*

The ICCL, which is the lead partner organisation in JUSTICIA, is Ireland's independent human rights watchdog (www.iccl.ie). Established in 1976 by former President of Ireland Mary Robinson and other lawyers, academics and concerned citizens, the ICCL has been instrumental in some of Ireland's most successful human rights campaigns. Its objectives are to protect and promote human rights, and to hold duty-bearers to account when those rights are not respected.

ROOM: 5

IS FREEDOM OF EDUCATION FULLY UNDERSTOOD AND RESPECTED IN EUROPE?

ABOUT: Freedom of education is probably one of the human rights most frequently violated in Europe. Parental rights are widely ignored for political and ideological purposes. Governments must provide the necessary tools to guarantee the respect of this fundamental right and we suggest the official promotion of a "Prior Consent Document" which will provide parents with the necessary prior information on any subject, lecture, workshop or activity for minors at school that may refer to a moral issue.

HOST: *Luisa Peña, Profesionales por la Ética*

Our organization is integrated by a wide and plural network of professionals from very different working areas who, selflessly, offer their capabilities to make it true in every scope of the social life the value of the person through the acknowledgement of both her dignity and rights.

Profesionales por la Ética aims at: Upholding the value of each and every person, their personal dignity and their inviolable rights.

ROOM: 6

HOW CAN THE EU BETTER PROTECT MIGRANT CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN FUTURE HOME AFFAIRS POLICY?

ABOUT: Migrant children are being made vulnerable by laws and policies on migration. Some migrant children, particularly undocumented children, both accompanied by their families and alone, are falling through the gaps in the existing policy framework. This is creating an urgent situation on the ground, where migrant children's health, well-being and development is being harmed in the short and long term.

The developments in Home Affairs policy present a vital opportunity for the European Union to collectively address the shortcomings concerning migrant children and to meet the EU's legal obligations to every child in its jurisdiction. The workshop will facilitate identification of the protection gaps, and, reviewing joint recommendations proposed by several child and migrants rights organisations, foster further collaboration to strengthen the EU's protection of migrant children's rights.

HOST: *Maria Giovanna Manieri, Programme Assistant, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)*

PICUM was founded in 2001 as an initiative of grassroots organisations. Now representing a network of more than 160 organisations and 190 individual advocates working with undocumented migrants in more than 38 countries, primarily in Europe as well as in other world regions, PICUM has built a comprehensive evidence base regarding the gap between international human rights law and the policies and practices existing at national level. With over ten years of evidence, experience and expertise on undocumented migrants, PICUM promotes recognition of their fundamental rights, providing an essential link between local realities and the debates at policy level.

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