

**Terms of Reference for the Working Group  
“Enhancing FRA’s national impact”  
(IMPACT)**



## **1 Background**

### **1.1 The 2012 External Evaluation**

Following the 2012 external evaluation, the Management Board formulated a set of recommendations in order to increase relevance of FRA's work at the national level. In December 2013, the Management Board decided to set up a Working Group to follow up on these recommendations.

### **1.2 Strategic priority for 2013-2017**

The Management Board established "Enhancing FRA's contribution to processes at national level" as one of FRA's six strategic priorities for the period 2013-2017 and encouraged regular reporting on this issue.

## **2 Tasks of the Working Group**

The basis for the work of the Working Group consists of Recommendations for follow-up of the external evaluation – BASKET II: NATIONAL LEVEL (see annex).

The Working Group shall:

- a. Identify concrete ways forward for the FRA to increase the impact of its work at the national level (cooperation and communication).
- b. Discuss how FRA's national stakeholders could benefit most of FRA's activities and contribute to multiplying its impact in EU Member States.
- c. Assess concrete ways for the FRA to strengthen interaction with national stakeholders, including governments, parliaments, civil society and national human rights bodies, as well as with local authorities.
- d. Suggest possible activities for MB members to contribute to raising the visibility of FRA's work at national level.

The Working Group is supported by, and will maintain a permanent link with a task force which has been set up within the operational services to coordinate national level activities.

## **3 Members and functioning of the Working Group**

The members of the Working Group shall be nominated by the Management Board, with the exception of one member representing the Commission.

The Working Group is expected to meet twice a year, prior to the regular MB meetings. In addition, conference calls between the members can be held based on need.

For the Management Board, the Chairperson

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