

NEW Project fiche 4.2.2

first priority

National intelligence authorities and surveillance in the EU: Fundamental rights safeguards and remedies

Description

The project focuses on fundamental rights safeguards in the context of large-scale communication surveillance. The project analyses the way institutions in EU Member States that are in charge of upholding fundamental rights safeguards ensure democratic oversight over intelligence authorities and facilitate remedies against fundamental rights abuses. International human rights standards developed at the United Nations, Council of Europe as well as EU law, including relevant case law, will serve as a benchmark for such study. An EU 28 comparative legal study will analyse the legal framework in place. The legal study will be complemented during a second phase implemented in 2015 by a fieldwork research analysing the implementation of fundamental rights and in particular data protection safeguards, including existing administrative, parliamentary or judicial oversight mechanisms, and the impact of large-scale surveillance on fundamental rights in a number of EU Member States. Key stakeholders and duty-bearers will be asked to participate in the fieldwork research.

Objectives

- The project will provide evidence based advice to the EU and its Member States on the protection of fundamental rights in the context of large-scale surveillance, and in particular oversight mechanisms and remedies available to individuals.
- In this context, FRA findings will feed into the work of the European Parliament in the area of surveillance and the discussions on the on-going data protection reform. The research will also contribute to the development of human rights based indicators in the area of privacy rights.

Overall outputs

- Speeches and papers feeding into relevant policy discussions
- Comparative report and summary report
- Contribution to the development of human rights based indicators in the area of Privacy.

Activities and results achieved so far

- In-house desk research and preliminary discussion with the FRA Scientific Committee
- Stakeholder meeting held on 16 January 2014
- Engagement with key stakeholders in the EU Institutions, CSO, academia and private sector.

Beneficiaries and target groups

- EU institutions, the UN, the Council of Europe, Article 29 WP, EDPS, EU Agencies, Member States, national intelligence and oversight agencies, NGO, private sector and professional organisations.

Planned activities in 2014

- In-house desk research
- Preparation of FRANET guidelines for ad-hoc information covering 28 EU Member States to map relevant legislative frameworks, policies, and existing case law
- Comparative analysis of the FRANET data from Phase I
- Peer-review meeting with key experts by the end of 2014.

Planned outputs in 2014

Paper(s) with legal comparative elements to be delivered in relevant seminar/conferences in the end of 2014 and beginning of 2015 such as the Computer, Privacy and Data Protection (CPDP) in January 2015 and meetings organised by the European Parliament in spring 2015

Financial resources allocated to the project

Total budget in 2014:	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
	68,500	-	-
Prior years' budget total	-	-	-
Multiannual	YES		
Year of origination	2014		

ON-GOING Project fiche 4.7.3**first priority**

Gender-based violence against women: from childhood to adulthood

Description

After consultation with key experts, including the CoE, the Agency developed an EU-wide survey on gender-based violence against women that encompasses childhood and adulthood experiences. Violence against women and girls continues to be a pressing problem in many EU Member States, which serves to undermine core fundamental rights such as dignity, access to justice and gender equality (amongst others). The impact of gender-based violence reaches far beyond the immediate individuals involved as it affects families, communities and the wider society, and has significant implications regarding the State's resources and ability to effectively address this social ill. Existing research and criminal justice data show that the majority of incidents of this nature go unreported, and therefore the State is typically ill-informed about the extent and nature of the problem; which has implications for the development of policies and action concerning violence. To this end, the research provides the first EU-wide comparable survey data on gender-based violence against women, from childhood to adulthood, which can be used to inform policy developments and action in this area. The survey results can also offer useful guidance to Member States in their ratification and implementation of the CoE Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention). Support for an EU-wide survey by the FRA on violence against women stems from the request of the Council under the Spanish presidency and a European Parliament Resolution of 26 November 2009, which was also referred to in Council conclusions of 8 March 2010. EIGE has become progressively operational since 2009 but was not able, at the outset of this study, to develop and launch such a project. To this end, FRA has drawn on its own expertise in the field of survey research, and has worked together with EIGE to ensure that they are incorporated in the project's development. The research carried out by EIGE in 2010-2013 on the sources of secondary data on domestic violence, the extent and nature of victim support services, and on good practices in addressing domestic violence, provides contextual information which can be taken into account when drawing conclusions from the results of the FRA survey.

Objectives

For the first time the project will provide comparable data on the nature and extent of violence against women in the EU-28. The survey aims to offer policy makers and other stakeholders in the EU, and at national level, with evidence necessary for developing legislation and policies to address violence against women through prevention of incidents, protection of victims and prosecution of offenders; including with a view to ensuring compliance with the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence. The data collected and analysed under this project will be of relevance to the future monitoring mechanism to be set up once this Convention enters into force as well as for EU Member States reporting on their progress to the CEDAW committee of the UN.

Overall outputs

The results will be communicated through a series of reports, following the approach developed for the EU-MIDIS survey.

Beneficiaries and target groups

- Member States
- European Commission, and other EU bodies and agencies
- IGOs (UN, CoE)
- Victim support organisations
- Civil Society

Planned activities in 2014

Based on the results from the survey, the Agency will publish the results and undertake and contribute to a series of meetings with policy makers, frontline organisations and the Council of Europe, as relevant, to increase the impact of the survey results. These activities are a part of the project's communication strategy.

Planned outputs in 2014

- Data analysis
- Publication of results
- Meetings with stakeholders, as necessary

Financial resources allocated to the project

	1 st priority	2 nd priority	3 rd priority
Total budget in 2014:	160.000 €	-	-
Prior years' budget total	3,865,300 €	-	
Multiannual	YES		
Year of origination	2010		

Additional information on financial and human resources as well as on project indicators are included in annexes 1 and 3

PROJECT FICHE 4.2.2: NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITIES AND SURVEILLANCE IN THE EU: FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS SAFEGUARDS AND REMEDIES

Objectives: The project will provide evidence based advice to the EU and its Member States on the protection of fundamental rights in the context of large-scale surveillance, and in particular oversight mechanisms and remedies available to individuals.

Budget: € 68.500

Human resources allocated: 3

Description of the action: The project focuses on fundamental rights safeguards in the context of large-scale communication surveillance. The project analyses the way institutions in EU Members States that are in charge of upholding fundamental rights safeguards ensure democratic oversight over intelligence authorities and facilitate remedies against fundamental rights abuses.

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: We plan to contract FRANET for gathering a collection of comparative legal backgrounds on surveillance (mapping of the relevant legislations, policies and case law for the 28 MS)

Type of contracts: Ad hoc information request to FRANET

Type of procurement (if applicable): -

Number of contracts envisaged: 28

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: (if we get the MB approval, we plan to have the contract signed for mid-June).

Indicative budget for procurement: -

PROJECT FICHE 4.7.3: GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: FROM CHILDHOOD TO ADULTHOOD

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 37

Budget: € 160.000

Human resources allocated: AD 1 AST 0.8 CA 0.3 SNE 0

Description of the action: Communication and awareness-raising, editing, translation, layout and production

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Communication services

Type of contracts: Existing framework contracts "Conferences & events" and "Editing". Use of existing procedures for translation (Translation Centre), and layout and production (Publication Office)

Type of procurement (if applicable): Reopening of competition for service contracts

Number of contracts envisaged: To be determined

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: Conferences & events: One stakeholder meeting to be organised in the 1st quarter of 2014, second stakeholder meeting to be organised in the 2nd quarter of 2014. Translation, layout and production – a number of contracts throughout the year.

Indicative budget for procurement: € 160,000

PROJECT FICHE 4.2.1: Handbook on European data protection law

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 21

Budget: € 70.000

Human resources allocated: AD 0.2 AST 0 CA 0.1 SNE 0.2

Description of the action: Communication and awareness-raising activities, editing, translation, lay-out and production and organisation of stakeholder meeting with Handbook-users

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Communication services

Type of contracts: Framework contract "conferences & events"

Type of procurement (if applicable):

Number of contracts envisaged: 1 Reopening of competition for service contract stakeholder meeting

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 1st quarter

Indicative budget for procurement: € 70.000

Project fiche 4.6.1: Children and Justice

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 32

Budget: € 450.000

Human resources allocated: AD 0.8 AST 0.1 CA 0 SNE 0.5

Description of the action: Data collection, data analysis, editing, translation, layout and production, communication

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Survey

Type of contracts: Framework contract, service contract

Type of procurement (if applicable): Service

Number of contracts envisaged: 6

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 1st quarter (data collection), 2nd quarter (editing and production), 3rd quarter (communication)

Indicative budget for procurement: € 450.000

Project fiche 4.9.1: Annual Reports

Objectives: See AWP2014 page 44

Budget: € 640.000

Human resources allocated: AD 2.2 AST 0.1 CA 0.2 SNE 0

Description of the action: Data collection and analysis

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged: Data collection

Type of contracts: FRANET framework contracts

Type of procurement (if applicable): (service/supply)

Number of contracts envisaged: 28 FRANET specific contracts

Indicative timeframe for launching the procurement procedure: 3rd quarter 2014

Indicative budget for procurement: € 515,000

Description of the action: Communication and awareness-raising activities

Type of contracts: agreement with CdT and PO

Number of contracts: 2

Indicative timeframe for procurement: Q1

Indicative budget for procurement: € 125,000