

**PROMOTING & PROTECTING  
YOUR FUNDAMENTAL  
RIGHTS ACROSS THE EU**





**WHAT IS  
THE EUROPEAN  
UNION AGENCY  
FOR FUNDAMENTAL  
RIGHTS (FRA)?**

We are acknowledged as a unique and independent centre of excellence for promoting and protecting human rights in the EU.

We were created to help make Europe a better place to live and work. We help defend the fundamental rights of all people living in the EU.

Fundamental rights define minimum standards to ensure everyone is treated with dignity.

We help promote and protect these rights, including:

- ★ the right to be free from discrimination on the basis of age, disability or ethnic background;
- ★ the right to have your personal data protected;
- ★ the right to get access to justice.

Our staff includes legal experts, political and social scientists, statisticians, and communication specialists. Our aim is to help instil a fundamental rights culture across the EU.

We engage with stakeholders from the local to the international level. Our team shares evidence-based insights and advice with policy- and decision-makers.



# WHAT WE DO

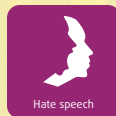
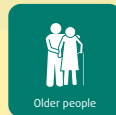
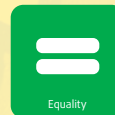
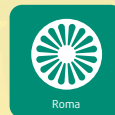
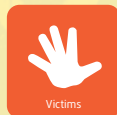


**collect** and **analyse** law and data. We provide independent, evidence-based support for and expertise on fundamental rights. These rights are enshrined in the EU's Charter of Fundamental Rights.

**work** alongside EU institutions, Member States, national human rights institutions, equality bodies and other stakeholders, raising rights awareness and communicating our insights.

**help** policymakers understand how they can do more for their citizens.

# GUIDING OUR WORK



**Identifying** trends: collecting and analysing comparable data

**Supporting** rights-compliant policy responses: providing real-time assistance and expertise

## We work in **five** ways

**Contributing** to better law making and implementation: providing independent advice

Effectively **promoting** rights, values and freedoms

**Strengthening** cooperation with national and local fundamental rights actors: working with support communities



# WHAT WE WORK ON



- ★ Justice, victims' rights and judicial cooperation
- ★ Data protection, digital transformation and Artificial Intelligence
- ★ Equality, non-discrimination and racism
- ★ Economic and social rights
- ★ Asylum, migration and borders
- ★ Support for human rights systems and defenders
- ★ Climate change

A blue-tinted photograph showing the backs of several people wearing capes with the European Union flag (a circle of twelve gold stars on a blue background). They are standing in a crowd, possibly at a public event or protest. In the background, there are metal railings and a large gathering of people. A dark blue rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text.

# WHY IS THE CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS SO IMPORTANT?


## The charter is the European Union's 'bill of rights'.

Its **54 articles** enshrine the fundamental rights enjoyed by everyone in the EU. The articles apply to the EU and to all Member States, when they act within EU law.

These fundamental rights belong to everyone, everywhere in the EU. They reflect the founding values of the EU: human dignity, freedom, equality and solidarity. They are enforced by democracy and the rule of law.

The charter respects the diversity of cultures and traditions across Europe.

The EU founded the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, as an independent body, to help make sure the charter is brought to life for everyone in the EU.

A portrait of Sirpa Rautio, the Director of the Fundamental Rights Agency, wearing glasses and a patterned top. The image is overlaid with a blue tint and a large white quotation mark on the left side.

**“The Fundamental Rights Agency is committed to protecting the fundamental rights of all in the EU, applying its expertise and working closely with EU institutions, Member States, and the human rights community.”**

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Sirpa Rautio  
Director



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