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Day 1 - 25 September

09:30 - 11:15 - Opening ceremony

#RightsCulture

Performance by **Musicians for Human Rights**

Opening of the Forum by **Michael O'Flaherty**, Chair of the Forum

Message from **Alexander Van der Bellen**, President of Austria, High Patron of the Forum (video)

High level opening panel:

Keynote opening speech by **Věra Jourová**, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality, European Commission

Welcome speech by **Josef Moser**, Federal Minister of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice (Austria)

Panellists:

Claude Moraes, Chair of the Civil Liberties, Justice, Home Affairs Committee (LIBE), European Parliament

Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

Kate Gilmore, United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights

Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

Anna Rurka, President of the Council of Europe's Conference of INGOS

Moderator:

- **Shada Islam**, Director of Europe and Geopolitics of the Friends of Europe



11:30 - 12:45 - Parallel FRA working groups

Description

WG1: Belonging in today's diverse, polarised and fragmented societies – the role of education and employment in fostering inclusion

#MyRightsAreYourRights

Promoting gender, age and ethnic diversity is a goal shared by many. What role can education and employment play in creating and fostering a sense of belonging, while appreciating diversity? **Day 1** will focus on the role of education in fostering inclusion. The objective of this working group session is to share different perspectives on diversity and debate the vision for the role of education, and particularly human rights education, as a means to increase appreciation of diversity to ensure that more people share a sense of belonging to society.

Contributors:

Moderator: Felisa Tibbits, Utrecht University; Netherlands Institute of Human Rights

Sjur Bergman, Head of Education Department, Council of Europe

Gianna Alessandra Sanchez Moretti, OHCHR

Gilberto Antonio Duarte Santos, UNODC

Anja Janum, European Commission, DG Education and Culture

WG2: Local action as a driver of human rights and belonging

#SharedNeighbourhoods

Cities and local authorities are on the frontline of many fundamental rights issues. Exchange hands-on experience of integrating migrants, fighting discrimination and promoting equality. **Day 1** will focus on closing the divide: cities in the multi-level governance of human rights. Cities are often the closest actors to human rights fulfilment of individuals in everyday situations. However, many local authorities are not aware of their role. Cities are also increasingly involved in the human rights agenda. This is reflected, for instance, in SDG 11 "Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable" and in the Urban Agenda of the EU. Cities could be more involved in the early stage of policy development and decision-making. This session will discuss the actual space of cities in the multilevel governance of human rights and explore how to further engage cities in EU policy-making. Examples of how Human Rights Cities contribute to the promotion and protection of fundamental rights will be showcased during the discussion.



Contributors:

Morten Kjaerum, Raoul Wallenberg Institute

Shams Asadi, Vienna Human Rights Office

Harald Bergman, Mayor of Middelburg, Spokesperson on human rights for the Council of Europe's Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

WG3: Boosting trust in institutions – a critical dialogue

#RebuildingTrust

Contact with public institutions is part of people's every-day lives. Trust in the EU and national governments has increased since 2015. How can we boost this upward trend? **Day 1** will focus on establishing a baseline ranking of the main dimensions of trust in public authorities. The objective of this session is to identify impediments to and drivers of trust in public institutions, working on the basis of a framework developed by the OECD in that regard. Following discussions in groups, participants in the session will be asked to rank the six dimensions of trust of the OECD framework; results will be revealed on Day 2 of the Forum's WG 3 session.

Contributors:

Edwin Lau, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Diana Wallis, former Vice President of the European Parliament and former President of the European Law Institute

AT Presidency

WG4: Securing social rights through equal opportunities and access to the labour market

#MyRightsAreYourRights

The 2008 financial crisis had long-term implications for social rights in Europe. How can social rights develop and help to secure equal opportunities and fair work conditions, particularly for young people? **Day 1** will focus on the state of social rights: what can a human rights-based perspective contribute to addressing inequalities and social inclusion? The aim is to gain a better understanding of the lessons from the European Social Charter and the responses to the 2008 economic crisis for the emerging Social Pillar, and how a rights-based approach can contribute to social cohesion and fair working conditions.



Contributors:

Agnes Jongerius, Member of the European Parliament, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Division Head, Reform of the Public Sector

WG5: Turning up the volume: no voice unheard!

#RightsCulture

Giving a voice to the excluded through the medium of art and the media, the third sector and rights organisations. It will do so by showcasing positive practices, strategies and tools used by three channels – arts and media, civil society organisations and national human rights bodies – to ‘turn up the volume’ and amplify the voices of the most excluded, making sure that no voice is left unheard. **Day 1** will focus on arts and media - shaping and (re)framing public perceptions of those most excluded and at risk of human rights violations. The objective of this first WG session is to showcase examples where arts and media have contributed to raising awareness of issues and concerns that remain outside the public eye, empowering those left behind. The session will build on promising practices where art and media have helped shift public perceptions and will be shaped and led by artists, self-advocates and role-models.

Contributors:

Elio Germani, artist
Svetla Baeva, Fine Acts

11:30 - 12:45 - Parallel open sessions

Description

Leveraging partnerships and multi-stakeholder approach to address child labour and forced labour in agricultural supply chains

Nestlé S.A. / Fair Labor Association

How can companies, government and CSOs collaborate to address child and forced labour issues in their supply chains? This session will share insights, perspectives and ground-level realities.

Ideathon – Framing human rights to create understanding and empathy to trigger social change

Public Interest Research Centre (PIRC)



What is an Ideathon? What is its purpose? How important is communication in the framework of human rights? And what it is for? This first session of the Ideathon will explain how framing values and beliefs is a stepping stone for communicating with creativity and innovation on human rights. The Ideathon will gather creative people working in different mediums and on different issues to transform the FRF discussions into a motivating discourse of support for human rights.

Sports - a driver for promoting common values and human rights?

Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Bulgaria / Vienna Institute for International Dialogue and Cooperation (VIDC) / Fairplay

Sport offers innovative ways to break down barriers and promote common values. Bulgarian football legend Hristo Stoichkov shares his experiences and thoughts on why sport matters. Drawing on the EU Council Conclusions on promoting common EU values through sport, the session will explore what EU Member States can do to promote values through sport.

EU IT systems and biometrics: fundamental rights implications

FRA with contributions from law firm AE Nyströms Advokatbyrå AB and the European Commission Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs (DG Home)

IT systems and biometrics make it difficult for individuals to disprove a false assumption. This session shares practical examples of effective ways to safeguard rights and correct data.

13:00 - 14:00 – Lunch

14:00 - 15:15 - Parallel open sessions

Description

RISE - Together we can shape a better refugee policy for Europe

Greek Forum of Refugees (GFR) / Girls for Girls Community e.V / Mosaico

Refugees are contributors, not beneficiaries. How can we involve them in policies that affect them and use their potential, skills and knowledge to build a more inclusive society?

Artificial Intelligence and Inclusion: Ensuring equal access and benefits

*Microsoft, with a contribution from Member of European Parliament **Michał Boni***

AI technology won't be created by the tech sector alone. Microsoft explains how they will democratise the benefits of AI, focusing on the experiences of marginalised communities.



National Minorities and the State: from exclusive identities to multi-layered forms of identities

*Council of Europe / FRA with the participation of **Fernand de Varennnes**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues and **József Nagy**, Member of European Parliament*

This session explores the notion of belonging against the background of various international instruments protecting persons belonging to national minorities. How can the notion of belonging teach us to manage diverse societies?

Believing, belonging, behaving - Building a culture of freedom of religion or belief for all

Nordic Ecumenical Network on International Freedom of Religion and Belief (NORFORB)

What role can we play in building a culture that promotes freedom of religion or belief? This session explores challenges communities have in asserting their rights.

From words to action: a checklist for human rights communicators

FRA / Council of Europe / Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UN OHCHR) / European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI) / European Network of Equality Bodies (EQUINET)

Smart communications maximise the respect, protection and promotion of human rights. This panel introduces an essential checklist for effective communication.

"Othering" Europe's active citizen: creating spaces towards active citizenry

Generation 2.0 for Rights, Equality and Diversity / Melissa Network / Colour Youth / ENPAD

Redefining what it means to be an active citizen in Europe today, by challenging dominant ideas and recognising the self-organising 'European others'.

Involving Europeans in protecting their rights – the role of political movements in mobilising communities

Volt Europa

How do we encourage youth to be active at local, national and European levels? Help shape ideas to foster an increased sense of belonging.

From 'good practices' to system change: how to rethink migrant inclusion from a community perspective

European Programme for Integration and Migration (EPIM) / Network of European Foundations (NEF) / Global Centre for Pluralism



The way we think about and experience migrant inclusion today will shape the Europe of tomorrow. This session explores the future of community cohesion.

Independence of the judiciary and corruption

Council of Europe

Judges must deliberate cases without fear or favour. Discussions on judicial frameworks need to ensure the judiciary lives up to expected standards of integrity and impartiality. This session is led by **Christos Giakoumopoulos**, the Council of Europe's Human Rights and Rule of Law Director General.

#MeToo: a global movement to end universal human rights violations against women

*Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE Network) with an introduction by **Dubravka Šimonović**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women*

Violence against women has the power to marginalise, silence and isolate its victims. How can survivors be empowered, regain agency and restore a sense of belonging?

The rights-based approach to tackling child poverty

Eurochild / FRA

Child poverty has many dimensions. A rights-based approach to investing in children, regardless of sector or profession involved, proves best in terms of outcomes.

15:30 - 16:45 - Parallel open sessions

Putting the money where the mouth is: how EU funding can build inclusive communities

European Expert Group on the Transition from Institutional to Community-based Care

The purpose of the session is to look at how EU funding can be used to foster belonging in European societies.

Resisting Archangel: technology, surveillance and the rights of the child

European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)

Children are monitored more closely than ever. Apps are addictive by design while connected devices listen and record. Is regulation enough and how do we safeguard children's digital lives?



Leaving no one behind: Partnerships to promote and monitor fundamental rights in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Danish Institute for Human Rights / European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)

Belonging implies the human rights principle of non-discrimination is respected. This session demonstrates key tools and methodologies to ensure no one is left behind.

Current political conditions for NGOs securing fundamental rights through strategic litigation

Büro zur Umsetzung von Gleichbehandlung (BUG) / Estonian Human Rights Centre / The PILS (Public Interest Litigation Support) project Northern Ireland / European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC)

Many NGOs endure increasingly harsh political situations across the EU. In this climate, how can strategic litigation continue to protect, and enforce, human rights?

Meeting of Human Rights Cities

FRA / Human Rights Office of the City of Vienna

This meeting will bring together existing and interested European Human Rights Cities. Its aim: strengthening the network of Human Rights Cities across Europe.

A fair future of work for everyone

European Youth Forum

The changing nature of work has a universal impact on social and economic rights. Can we leave no one behind and ensure a future with quality jobs for all?

Bursting bubbles: working with allies to advance common interests

European region of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA-Europe)

Together we're stronger. National and local alliances between NGOs and service providers can tackle common challenges. LGBTI groups share their success stories and lessons learned.

Mind the gap: youth and (human) rights

European Youth Forum / United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UN OHCHR)

This session examines how international human rights frameworks cater to young people. How can we foster cooperation with youth organisations and movements to improve the situation?



Black Europe: The EU and the human rights of people of African descent

*European Network of People of African Descent (ENPAD) / The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Anti-Racial Discrimination Section (UN OHCHR), and a contribution by **Cécile Kashetu Kyenge**, Member of the European Parliament.*

This session will highlight the human rights situation of people of African descent across Europe in different areas in light of the UN's International Decade for People of African Descent 2015-2024.

Human rights film festivals: zooming into local realities

This human world – International Human Rights Film Festival / Nuremberg International Human Rights Film Festival / Dokufest Kosovo

How can human rights film festivals help create a network of film professionals, local authorities, the arts, universities and civil society actors while adapting to the differences and local realities in the EU? This session will exchange views and share experiences on diversifying the audiences of film festivals.

Playing for Belonging: football and volleyball as vehicles for social inclusion (will last until 18:30)

Kicken Ohne Grenzen (KoG)/ Play Together Now (PTN) / Verein zur Sozialen Integration und Gesundheitsförderung (LOGIN)

Young people with refugee/migration backgrounds will act as storytellers, presenting their personal stories and demonstrating their football or volleyball activities and how these helped them to integrate and gain a sense of belonging.

17:00 - 18:00 - Reality Bites

#RebuildingTrust

Panel discussion 'What does belonging mean in Europe today?'

Panellists:

Femi Oluwole, co-founder of Our Future, Our Choice

Isolde Charim, author and philosopher

More speakers to be announced

Moderator:

- **Shada Islam**, Director of Europe and Geopolitics of the Friends of Europe



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18:00 - 19:30 - Opening reception

Performance by **Musicians for Human Rights**

Musicians for Human Rights is a worldwide network of musicians who promote a culture of human rights and social engagement. Their mission is to foster a culture of humanism through music in the United States and worldwide, in support of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.



Day 2 - 26 September

09:30 - 09:35 - Introduction

Video message by **António Guterres**, United Nations Secretary General

09:35 - 10:30 – ‘Hard Talk’ and Connect.Reflect.Act Talk

‘**Hard Talk**’ with **Emily O’Reilly**, European Ombudsman

Ali Can, Founder of the association Intercultural Peace, initiator of a ‘hotline for concerned citizens’ Delegate

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Moderator:

- **Friso Roscam Abbing**, Head of Fundamental Rights Promotion Department, FRA

11:30 - 12:45 - Parallel FRA working groups

Description

WG1: Belonging in today’s diverse, polarised and fragmented societies – the role of education and employment in fostering inclusion

#MyRightsAreYourRights

Promoting gender, age and ethnic diversity is a goal shared by many. What role can education and employment play in creating and fostering a sense of belonging, while appreciating diversity? **Day 2** will focus on the role of employment and employers in promoting inclusion and diversity (reflect and connect). The objective of this working group is to provide a structured networking opportunity while sharing examples of practices that promote diversity in employment as a distinct strength and advantage for both the economy and society.

Contributors:

Moderator: John Wrench, Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Vera Budway-Strobachova, Erste Group, Erste Bank @ErsteGroupIR

Irina Tot, Lumsden and Partner, Austria

Maurizio Mosca, European Institute for Gender Equality

Kristina Aaltonen, ETUCE and the Danish Union of Teachers



WG2: Local action as a driver of human rights and belonging

#SharedNeighbourhoods

Cities and local authorities are on the frontline of many fundamental rights issues. Exchange hands-on experience of integrating migrants, fighting discrimination and promoting equality. **Day 2** will focus on living together in the city of tomorrow: re-shaping urban public spaces for all. Public spaces – parks, city plazas, streets and other shared spaces – are important areas of interaction in every city, both positive and negative. People feel more comfortable in cities where public spaces respond to their needs and make them feel safe and respected. Yet FRA evidence shows that discrimination and hate crime often take place in public spaces. Many public spaces are not adapted to the needs of women, the elderly, people in socially disadvantaged situations, children and young persons or persons with disabilities. The design of public spaces and residential areas can therefore play an important role in facilitating better community cohesion and integration. Today's session aims to imagine the city of the future. The session will bring together people who bring in perspectives from city planning and architecture, civil society and young persons, to talk about their experiences in public spaces and to collectively come up with ideas and a vision of what a city of the future that embraces human rights could look like.

Contributors:

Marc Koehler, Architect

Tadas Leončikas, the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)

Moritz Konradi, European Forum for Urban Security

WG3: Boosting trust in institutions – a critical dialogue

#RebuildingTrust

Contact with public institutions is part of people's every-day lives. Trust in the EU and national governments has increased since 2015. How can we boost this upward trend? **Day 2** will critically assess the ranking of the six dimensions of trust in public institutions, with a view to reaching a consensus on which are the main dimensions of trust in institutions. Following discussions in groups, participants in the session will again be asked to rank the six dimensions of trust of the OECD framework, giving them an opportunity to change their ranking of the previous day. This revised ranking will be revealed on Day 3 of the WG 3's session.



WG4: Securing social rights through equal opportunities and access to the labour market

#MyRightsAreYourRights

The 2008 financial crisis had long-term implications for social rights in Europe. How can social rights develop and help to secure equal opportunities and fair work conditions, particularly for young people? **Day 2** will focus on socially-inclusive policies and the actors and instruments needed to ensure social rights on an EU, national and regional level. With this, this session aims to identify gaps and shortcomings in the current approaches to policy files regarding employment and protection of worker's rights, and to gain an overview of tools and actors needed to implement and secure social rights in the labour market.

Contributors:

European Social Charter

Szabolcs Schmidt, European Commission

George-Konstantinos Charonis, European Youth Forum

WG5: Turning up the volume: no voice unheard!

#RightsCulture

Giving a voice to the excluded through the medium of art and the media, the third sector and rights organisations. How can we amplify stories so often left unheard? **Day 2** will focus on civil society organisations – empowering individuals, channelling the voice of those remaining unheard and influencing decision makers. By doing so, this session aims to create a space for rights holders and CSOs to share success stories of empowering individuals to seek change and claim the protection, promotion and implementation of their fundamental rights. By building on existing practices – such as peer support and empowerment and participation programmes, strategic litigation, awareness raising campaigns and others – participants will identify and collect key success elements of empowering individuals, channelling the voices of those remaining unheard, and influencing decision makers.

Contributors:

Melissa Sonnino, Facing facts project coordinator

Jane Barberino Xavier, Community Support Worker at Migrant Rights Centre Ireland

Vera Hinterdorfer, self-advocates/people with experience of poverty and exclusion

Senada Halicevic, European platform of self-advocates (EPSA) / Inclusion Europe



11:30 - 12:45 - Parallel open sessions

Become active for Europe!

Pulse of Europe

This session strives to create a dialogue and an exchange of ideas between participants of the Forum and European citizens to help ensure that Europe remains united and democratic and continues to be a community in which regard for human rights, the rule of law, freedom of speech and assembly, as well as tolerance and respect, remain integral parts of its essence.

Shared space of religion and human rights in the context of improving reception conditions of migrants – part 1

FRA / Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE ODIHR) / The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UN OHCHR) / The International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID)

This session explores the shared space of religion and human rights in the area of migration. More specifically, faith-based organisations and human rights organisations share their experiences to improve reception conditions of migrants in Europe.

The Charter of Fundamental Rights - how to make it a better known, understood and used instrument?

FRA and relevant stakeholders (Members of the European Parliament, Members of the relevant Council Working Parties, legal practitioners and civil society)

Exchange of views and experiences of how the Charter is used nationally. What are the key drivers and barriers for its implementation? What do FRA data and analysis conclude in this regard? How can national and EU-level actors better cooperate to further increase levels of implementation?

Ideathon – Call2action: the power of images for storytelling

this human world – International Human Rights Film Festival / European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation (EIUC) / Public Interest Research Centre (PIRC)

This session will reflect on personal know-how for telling stories on human rights through a powerful tool: videos. It will explore video storytelling techniques to better reflect the human rights dimension of personal stories and to create empathy among audiences through the power of images.

How can EU law protect civil society space?

Fundamental Rights Platform, Advisory Panel / European Centre for Not-for-Profit Law (ECNL)



NGOs face legal restrictions and attacks designed to undermine their trust. How, in the face of this hostility, can they win and keep positive public opinion?

From rights to realities: music for empowerment and integration

Musicians for Human Rights (MFHR) / Musicians without Borders

Music has the power to remind us about our human rights obligations. Discover how municipality-led community projects can strengthen the social fabric through empowerment and integration.

13:00 - 14:00 - Lunch

14:00 - 15:15 - Parallel open sessions

Social inclusion of refugees in and through sport: challenges, strategies and policies in the EU

Vienna Institute for International Dialogue and Cooperation (VIDC) / Football Association of Ireland (FAI) / Camino

New policies are needed for sport to harness its full potential to encourage equal opportunities and foster social inclusion of newly arrived migrants and minorities. Join the debate.

The rule of law is too slow – the human rights impacts of privatised enforcement

Access Now

Privatised enforcement is commonplace. Private firms can be more agile than central government. But what are the human rights implications of delegating these powers and responsibilities?

Free to speak, safe to learn - Democratic schools for all

Council of Europe

Schools are the frontline for dealing with threats to inclusive democratic societies. This session discusses the challenges ahead of the new Council of Europe campaign "Free to Speak, Safe to Learn", which will be presented by **Snežana Samardžić-Marković**, the Council of Europe's Director General of Democracy.

Protecting the Rule of Law, by promoting understanding of and respect for judicial independence and accountability

European Network of Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ)

The Rule of Law is at the core of the EU. Low public confidence in the judiciary is a major issue. The session examines remedies for strengthening trust.



Addressing anti-Gypsyism: new strategies to ensure fundamental rights of Roma in Europe

*Alliance against Antigypsyism / European Roma Grassroots Organizations (ERGO) Network / Central Council of German Sinti and Roma / European Network Against Racism (ENAR) / European Parliament Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup (ARDI) with a contribution of **Soraya Post**, Member of European Parliament*

Racism against those perceived as 'gypsies' is insidious because of its high level of social acceptance. This session explores strategies to transform attitudes and behaviour.

Making rights real: the fight against ageism

AGE Platform Europe

Ageism is embedded in policy and practice. How can a rights-based approach end poverty, reduce inequality and promote health and wellbeing in later life?

From corporate social responsibility to responsibility to respect human rights: role of businesses in human rights protection

Slovak National Centre for Human Rights / Public Defender of Georgia / European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)

What is the role of business in protecting human rights? This session reflects on good practices and helps assemble key recommendations for relevant stakeholders.

The myth of foreign agents and people smugglers - How to change the narrative on civil society?

Fundamental Rights Platform, Advisory Panel / International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)

This session raises awareness of the sources and causes of negative stories. It explores how to build effective communication based on trust, rather than fear.

Cities of refuge

FRA and partners

What should Europe do to welcome and integrate refugees? Cities of Refuge is a five-year research project exploring human rights, law and everyday realities.

From principles and passion to productivity: stories from human rights defenders and creators of music-centred NGOs

Musicians for Human Rights (MFHR)

This session explores music as a catalyst for the promotion and protection of human rights.



15:30 - 16:45 - Parallel open sessions

Citizen's Europe – citizens' meaningful participation in public affairs

Conference of International Non-governmental Organisations of the Council of Europe / Civil Society Engagement Support Unit of the Open Government Partnership

Universal suffrage is not enough to guarantee active citizenship. This session explores how to reinforce democratic systems and facilitate meaningful citizen participation.

Means and methods of protecting the environment through human rights and promoting the rights of future generations

Ombudsman for Future Generations, Hungary / European Environment Agency (EEA)

The interests of future generations is a powerful tool for environmental policy-making. This session explores means of fostering long-term thinking among decision makers.

Age Matters! Exploring age-related barriers to service access and the realisation of rights for adolescents

Youth Policy Labs / United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and FRA

Adults listen, young people talk. This session examines the impact of age-related legislation on policies covering education, health, social care, justice, migration and asylum, political participation.

Fostering belonging and community among sexual and gender minority (SGM) refugees

Organization for Refuge, Asylum and Migration (ORAM) / Rutgers University / Queer Base

Sexual and gender minority refugees are among the most vulnerable of forced migrants. This session explores the problems and looks for potential solutions to aid their integration and sense of belonging in the EU.

The role of participatory approach in reducing social vulnerability. The example of a social intervention aiming at the re-housing of families belonging to a marginalized Roma community

Inter-community Development Association of Cluj Metropolitan Area (IDA CMA Cluj)

Social intervention in marginalised communities can prevent victimisation of the most vulnerable. What can we learn from the Pata-Cluj project that is helping Romania's Roma community?



Is there a role for business in supporting civil society space?

Rationale, practical cases and next steps.

Fundamental Rights Platform, Advisory Panel / Business and Human Rights Resource Center / International Service for Human Rights

What is the business, moral and normative case for contributing to civil society space? This session looks at concrete suggestions to support society, freedom and human rights.

Belonging: How to overcome growing polarisation and othering via social media

Friedrich Naumann Stiftung für die Freiheit

Hate speech and disinformation online are dangers for liberal democracies. How can we protect both individual rights and freedom of expression in the digital sphere?

The fight against hate speech can be won: new developments in Europe

Council of Europe

This session will show how different responses to hate speech (criminal, administrative and civil law, self-regulation as well as counter and positive speech) have worked in different situations, in full respect of freedom of expression. To achieve this, it will rely on the experience of network NGOs, Council of Europe monitoring bodies (such as ECRI) and campaigns and the code of conduct agreed between the European Commission and the Internet industry.

The role of cultural mediation and visual art in empowering women migrants and refugees

Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation / University of Perugia / Mediators of the project "Donne in mediazione per una pace duratura"

Facilitating intercultural dialogue and promoting creative processes to prevent, and transform ongoing, conflicts through a universal tool: art language. Empowering refugees and migrant women to overcome the significant barriers they face due to double (gender- and ethnic-based) discrimination by fostering their leadership and decision-making powers.

Champions of Inclusion: the power of sports for more inclusive and cohesive societies (will last until 18:30)

Ultimate Frisbee - Team UFO / American Football Bund Österreich (AFBÖ) / Sportklub Rapid Wien

The objective is to showcase sports initiatives and especially sports games that involve people with disabilities and other groups.



17:00 - 18:00 - Reality Bites: Building tomorrow's Europe: promoting migrant integration

#SharedNeighbourhoods

Migrants arriving in the EU have often endured harrowing journeys to get there. But those who survive and receive international protection face an equally daunting challenge: building a future and a sense of belonging in their new home. Learning a new language and finding employment are essential elements of that process, but hurdles abound. Health issues relating to the trauma of leaving your home country is just one example.

This panel discussion will take a clear-eyed look at the many challenges to successful integration – and what can be done to surmount them. This session will identify obstacles and response gaps by scrutinising policy and practical responses adopted by the EU and its Member States, including at the local level. It will also highlight efforts that are finding ways to tap into the tremendous potential underlying these developments.

Relevant documentary footage will complement the real-world insights provided by the panellists working on diverse aspects of this complex and vital issue.

Panellists:

Lefteris Papagiannakis, Vice-Mayor of Athens

Moatasem Althafea, refugee from Mosul (Iraq), now student at Vienna University of Economics and Business

More speakers to be announced

Moderator:

- **Shada Islam**, Director of Europe and Geopolitics of the Friends of Europe

19:30 – Movie 'The Cleaners' followed by Panel Discussion

#RightsCulture

'The Cleaners' focuses on content moderation on social media and websites. What is a content moderator responsible for? Screening 25,000 social media posts a day and deciding what to delete or ignore. It sounds obvious: no nudity, no dead children. But what if it's a naked painting of President Trump, or a photo of a Libyan refugee child who drowned crossing the Mediterranean?

A panel debate curated by FRA will engage the audience into a discussion on freedom of (artistic & political) expression, hate speech, censorship and control of the public space: how do we stop social media from promoting violence and hatred while protecting our right to freedom of expression?



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Panellists:

Moritz Riesewieck, film director

Fanny Hidvégi, European Policy Manager, Access Now

Moderator:

Mario Oetheimer, FRA Head of Sector Information Society, Privacy and Data Protection

Venue: Stadtkino, downtown Vienna



Day 3 - 27 September

09:30 - 10:15 - Connect.Reflect.Act Talk

Ivan Krastev, Permanent Fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna

Aya Mohammed Abdullah, UNHCR Global Youth Advisory Council

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WG2: Local action as a driver of human rights and belonging

#SharedNeighbourhoods

Cities and local authorities are on the frontline of many fundamental rights issues. Exchange hands-on experience of integrating migrants, fighting discrimination and promoting equality. **Day 3** will focus on community-engagement – an effective tool for high quality local policies and service delivery to individuals. The discussion will explore how engagement, participation and empowering communities at local level contribute to strengthening the sense of belonging for everybody. The session will in particular focus on engaging diverse populations, vulnerable groups, children and young persons or persons in hospital care.

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WG3: Boosting trust in institutions – a critical dialogue

#RebuildingTrust

Contact with public institutions is part of people's everyday lives. Trust in the EU and national governments has increased since 2015. How can we boost this upward trend? **Day 3's** objective is to identify ways to bolster trust in institutions through a structured exchange of concrete practices, with a view to transferable experiences – across borders and from local to national and international levels. The exchange of practices will be structured on the basis of the consensus reached on Day 2 and will take place in discussion groups.

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WG4: Securing social rights through equal opportunities and access to the labour market

The 2008 financial crisis had long-term implications for social rights in Europe. How can social rights develop and help to secure equal opportunities and fair work conditions, particularly for young people? **Day 3** will focus on a sustainable way forward - exploring approaches and partnerships to secure social rights at a local and national level. The aim is to show examples of approaches to and partnerships for securing employment opportunities in fair



working conditions at local and national levels, and how this can be translated into advancements in a social rights framework.

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WG5: Turning up the volume: no voice unheard!

Giving a voice to the excluded through the medium of art and the media, the third sector and rights organisations. How can we amplify stories so often left unheard? **Day 3** aims to identify key elements of how national human rights institutions and equality bodies can better channel the concerns of those 'left behind' to those in power, and build bridges by promoting dialogue within wider society and between various sectors and strands of public authorities, both local and national. Last but not least, this session will identify the main barriers that national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights face in effectively supporting human rights implementation, and seek solutions.

10:30 - 11:45 - Parallel open sessions

Shared space of religion and human rights in the context of improving reception conditions of migrants – part 2

FRA / Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE ODIHR) / The UN Human Rights Office (UN OHCHR) / The International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID)

This second session connects religious and human rights activists, sharing their experiences on how to improve reception conditions of migrants in Europe.

Arts in troubled times: protecting, promoting and empowering Europe's civil society

Arts Rights Justice EU working group / Culture Action Europe / Freemuse

Creativity and freedom of (artistic) expression are at risk due to a challenges to civil society space in Europe. Arts and culture foster a strong sense of belonging. Improving the monitoring of artistic freedom is crucial for the wellbeing of people and for the creation of a more inclusive society. This session will share knowledge and practices to step up advocacy initiatives to better protect the artistic space and artistic freedom as a human right.

Panel debate on the power of art in promoting belonging



How can different forms of art support each other to deliver more powerful messages about human rights and belonging? What change can they bring about? What change can be expected when and if arts are involved? The aim will be to discuss what the notion of 'belonging' means in the world of arts, how inclusive and diverse the arts are, if arts feel a responsibility towards creating more tolerant and inclusive societies, how far stereo typecasting is still a reality, and other related issues.

Panellists:

- **Dean Vuletic**, historian of contemporary Europe, Department of East European History of the University of Vienna, currently leading the project 'Intervision: Popular Music and Politics in Eastern Europe'
- **Ani Zonneveld**, Malaysian-American writer, singer/songwriter, speaker and human rights defender
- **Sepp Brudermann**, Austrian film director and producer

12:00 - 13:30 - Closing session

Presentation of the Chair's Statement 2018 by **Michael O'Flaherty**, Chair of the Forum

Closing panel 'Delivering for fundamental rights in tomorrow's Europe':

Panellists:

- Mairead McGuinness**, First Vice President of the European Parliament
Emmanuel Crabit, Director of Fundamental rights and the rule of law, Director of Fundamental rights and the rule of law, European Commission
George Ciamba, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romania
Zara Todd, member of Fundamental Rights Platform, Advisory Panel

Moderator:

- **Shada Islam**, Director of Europe and Geopolitics of the Friends of Europe

Closing remarks by **Sirpa Rautio**, Chair of the FRA Management Board

13:30 – 14:30 Networking lunch

Music performance by Square Waltz

Special arrangement of the EU-anthem, as well as some accompanying music for lunch, which will bridge the gap between famous melodies of the Wiener Walzer and the rhythms and sounds of the 21st century world.