

**PROGRAMME**

# **7<sup>th</sup> FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS PLATFORM MEETING**

**10 - 11 April 2014**

Messe Wien Exhibition & Congress Center  
Messeplatz 1, 1020 Vienna



EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS



## ABOUT THE 7<sup>th</sup> FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS PLATFORM MEETING

This year's annual Fundamental Rights Platform (FRP) meeting of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights will focus on "**Future fundamental rights priorities in the area of freedom, security and justice – The contribution of civil society**".

The aim is to offer an opportunity for FRP participants to act as one voice to feed into current EU discussions on the future direction of freedom, security and justice in the EU. This is also an important opportunity given the new European Parliament and new European Commission are expected to be in place in the second half of 2014. Civil society organisations are invited to share their views on future fundamental rights priorities in these areas.

This year's FRP meeting, together with other flagship FRA events, feeds into the '**Post-Stockholm process**'. It is a platform for discussion and input on fundamental rights issues that the EU should address in the area of freedom, security and justice in the years to come. Key concerns include:

- how trust in Member States' legal systems can be enhanced in parallel with the increasing cross-border nature of justice in the EU;
- how the common asylum system can be improved;
- how security issues should be addressed;
- how extremism should best be addressed;
- and overall how EU law is applied on the ground.

This 7th FRP meeting should result in an overview of what civil society sees as key topics or key concerns in the area of freedom, security and justice. It should also generate a 'catalogue' of ways (in particular **existing promising practices**) in which civil society organisations are already, or could be, involved in making fundamental rights a reality on the ground.



## THURSDAY, 10 APRIL

### 09.30- 12.00 OPEN DAY AT THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AGENCY

(Schwarzenbergplatz 11, 1040 Vienna)

*Registered FRP participants will have the chance to learn about FRA's work and to explore possibilities for cooperation with FRA experts and project managers.*

### PLENARY SESSION I

Moderators: **Friso Roscam Abbing**, Head of Communication and Outreach Department, FRA

### 12.00 – 13.00 REGISTRATION and sandwich lunch

(Wien Messe, Messeplatz 1)

### 13.00 – 13.15 WELCOME and INTRODUCTION

**Maija Sakslin**, Chairperson of the FRA Management Board

### 13.15 – 13.30 ONE EXAMPLE OF MANY

**"EUROPE VS FACEBOOK" - What can civil society contribute?**

**Max Schrems**, Europe vs Facebook

### 13.30 – 14.00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**Morten Kjaerum**, Director, FRA: "Fundamental Rights – the way ahead"

### 14.00 – 15.15 PANEL DEBATE – What's next for fundamental rights in the EU?

**Outlook on EU strategic guidelines in the area of freedom, security and justice and the role of civil society**

*This panel will outline what the different EU institutions aim to achieve in the medium- and long-term in the area of freedom, security and justice in the EU. There will be a specific focus on the role and possible contribution of civil society, focusing on what works well, what are the obstacles to being well involved, and what else does civil society need to be able to contribute (more) successfully?*

**Kosmas Boskovits**, FREMP Chair of the Hellenic Presidency of the Council of the EU (Working Party on Fundamental Rights, Citizens Rights and Free Movement of Persons)

**Salla Saastamoinen**, Head of Unit DG Justice Fundamental Rights and Union Citizenship

**Natacha Kazatchkine**, Senior Executive Officer, European Institutions Office, Amnesty International

**Rosemary Byrne**, Associate Professor of International and Human Rights Law, Trinity College Dublin and Chairperson of the FRA Scientific Committee

### 15.15 – 15.45 COFFEE BREAK

## WORKSHOPS

**15.45 – 18.15**    **WORKING GROUPS:**  
**What are civil society’s concerns and contributions for making fundamental rights a reality in the area of freedom, security and justice?**

*Two rounds of six working groups each.  
 The topics will be based on what meeting participants see as key challenges, collected ahead of the meeting via an online survey.*

Key questions:

- In this area, what gaps remain? What works well already?
- What priority actions/initiatives should be considered?
- What contributions could civil society offer in this area?

**15.45 – 17.00**    Round 1

**17.00 – 18.15**    Round 2

**18.15 – 19.00**    **Presentation of candidates standing for the Advisory Panel elections**

**19.00**            **EVENING RECEPTION**  
*(Wien Messe)*

## FRIDAY, 11 APRIL

### PLENARY SESSION II

**08.45 – 09.45**    **Voting for the Advisory Panel elections and welcome coffee**

In parallel: **“exhibition” on working group outcomes from Day 1**

**09.45**            **Recap of Day 1**

## THE FLOOR IS YOURS

**10.00 – 13.30 THE FLOOR IS YOURS:  
What ideas and promising practices can you share, from civil society involvement in making fundamental rights a reality?**

*The 'Floor is yours' invites participants to bring together and share their practices of making fundamental rights a reality. This should result in a 'catalogue of practices', to be provided to EU institutions and Member States.*

**10.00 – 11.00** Round 1

**11.00 – 11.25 COFFEE BREAK**

**11.25 – 12.25** Round 2

**12.30 – 13.30** Round 3

**13.30 – 14.30 LUNCH**

**14.30 – 15.00 FRP ADVISORY PANEL – Handover**

Member(s) of outgoing FRP Advisory Panel  
Announcement of the six newly-elected Members of the Advisory Panel

**15.00 – 15.30 CLOSING REMARKS and next steps**

**Morten Kjaerum**, Director, FRA

**15.45 – 17.00 Meeting of the new Advisory Panel**

*There will be interpretation from and into English/French during the plenary sessions.*

# 'THE FLOOR IS YOURS'

## Plenary

## Room 1

## Room 2

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)

11.25 – 12.25

**How should public officials and local authorities work with you? (FRA joined-up governance toolkit)**

FRA and Prospex

*Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop or tablet.*

**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), The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) and FRA

12.30 – 13.30

**From information to participation: increasing the contribution of civil society to the political decision-making process**

Council of Europe

**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

### Room 3

**Europe Act Now –  
Pan-European campaign to  
ensure access to protection  
in Europe for Syria’s  
refugees**

European Council on  
Refugees and Exiles  
(ECRE)

### Room 4

**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)

### Room 5

**Non-violence as a means to  
enforce fundamental rights  
involving civil society**

ERA Onlus

### Room 6

**Mainstreaming ageing in  
the future priorities in the  
area of freedom, security  
and justice**

AGE Platform Europe  
(AGE)

**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)

**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)

## SPEAKERS



**Maija Sakslin** is the Chairperson of the FRA Management Board and Finland's Deputy Parliamentary Ombudsman. She is an expert in constitutional and EU law, especially social rights. Previously, Ms Sakslin was a researcher at the Social Insurance Institution in Finland and at the University of Helsinki's Institute of International Economic Law. She participated as an expert in a number of working groups on reforming the Finnish constitution. She also took part in various EU research projects, among them the Observatory for Migrant workers and Training and reporting on social security coordination.



**Morten Kjaerum** is the Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, a position he has held since June 2008. Before joining the FRA, Mr Kjaerum served as the founding Director of the Danish Institute for Human Rights. Over 17 years in top executive roles at Denmark's national human rights institution, Mr Kjaerum built the institute into an internationally recognised institution. An expert in human rights implementation, Mr Kjaerum has been a member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the President of the International Coordination Committee for National Human Rights Institutions, a network coordinating relations between the United Nations and national institutions. Mr Kjaerum has written extensively on issues relating to human rights, in particular on refugee law, the prohibition against racial discrimination and the role of national human rights institutions.



**Max Schrems** is an Austrian PhD student at the University of Vienna, School of Law. In 2011, he worked as a researcher on the EU "SMART" Project concerning International Data Exchange by Law Enforcement. The same year he has founded the data protection NGO "Europe vs. Facebook" of which he is the Chairperson.

Prior to this, he has written a book on private video surveillance. He also gives numerous lectures and talks on Privacy Law (University of Vienna, Zürich, Amsterdam, Santa Clara, Linz, Brno, TU Vienna, European Lawyers Conference, Swiss DPC Conference).

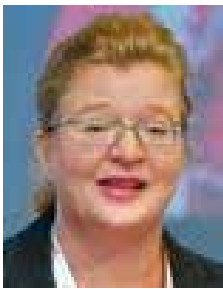


## PANEL DEBATE: What's next for fundamental rights in the EU? Outlook on EU strategic guidelines in the area of freedom, security and justice and the role of the civil society



**Kosmas Boskovits** is currently Deputy Legal Counsellor at the Legal Service of the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Under the Hellenic Presidency of the Council of the European Union, he chairs the Working Party on Fundamental Rights, Citizens' Rights and Free Movement of Persons (FREMP).

He holds a post-graduate decree (LLM) and a PhD in European Law from the University of Strasbourg. He has published extensively on issues relating to European integration, mainly on institutional issues. His recent publications include: "The growth of the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice: shifts of power, institutional models and individual protection, *Ευρωπαϊών Πολιτεία*, 2011/1, (with Professor Skandamis) *Rival Securities in Europe and Beyond*, Athens, EPLO, 2013, *The Greek programmes as an institutional experiment* (forthcoming).



**Salla Saastamoinen** is the Head of Unit of Fundamental Rights and Rights of the Child in the Directorate General Justice of the European Commission. The core responsibilities of this unit include ensuring effective implementation of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, promoting the fight against racism and xenophobia as well as the fight against homophobia. In this capacity, Ms Saastamoinen represents the European Commission in the Management Board of the FRA. Ms Saastamoinen has worked for the European Commission for the for the past 17 years, where she has held several positions, including the Head of Unit Civil Justice Policy



**Natacha Kazatchkine**, Senior Executive Officer, European Institutions Office, Amnesty International.

Natacha Kazatchkine joined the EU office of Amnesty International in 2005 where she is now Senior Executive Officer, leading on legal affairs, justice and human rights in the EU. Natacha is the coordinator of the Human Rights and Democracy Network's (Brussels-based coalition of human rights NGOs) working group on EU internal human rights' policy. She holds a Master in European law and criminal policy from Paris Sorbonne University and has previously worked as legal adviser for asylum seekers in the UK and as programme coordinator on prison reform in Africa. In 2012, she took leave from Amnesty to assist with the drafting of the European Parliament's report on the CIA rendition and secret detention programmes in Europe.



**Rosemary Byrne** is the Chairperson of the FRA Scientific Committee. She teaches international and human rights law at Trinity College Dublin where she was the founding director of the centre for Post-conflict Justice. She has served a five-year term as a Human Rights Commissioner for the Irish Human Rights Commission, which is the national human right institution established in the aftermath of the Good Friday Agreement. She has worked extensively in the area of European refugee and asylum rights, as well as in the field of international criminal justice. She is also a Research Fellow and a member of the governing Executive committee of the Institute for International Integration Studies, on the Board of Advisors for the South Asia Democratic Forum, a Visiting professor of International Law at the Paris School of International Affairs, Science Po and the China-EU School of Law, at the China University of Political Science and Law.

## MODERATOR



**Friso Roscam Abbing** is Head of the Communication and Outreach Department at the FRA, a position he has held since 2009. Prior to this, Mr Roscam Abbing was a Member of the Cabinet of the European Commission Vice-President Jacques Barrot, the Commissioner for Freedom, Security and Justice, after having served from 2004 to 2008 as the spokesman of European Commission Vice President Franco Frattini, the prior Commissioner for Freedom, Security and Justice issues. Between 2000 and 2004, he headed the EU Asylum Policies sector at the European Commission's DG Justice, Freedom and Security. Before this, he led the EU Office of the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE, 1994-2000) after starting his career as Head of the Legal Department at the Dutch Refugee Council (1986-1994).

### **CONFERENCE VENUE**



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Wireless internet will be available throughout the entire conference venue. No password is needed. Several computer working stations with access to the internet will be available in a dedicated area.

### **CATERING**

On both conference days, lunches and coffee breaks will be served at the Messe Wien Exhibition and Congress Centre.

### **EVENING RECEPTION**

On 10 April 2014, an evening reception will be organised for participants of the meeting at the meeting venue.

#### PREVIOUS ANNUAL FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT PLATFORM MEETINGS:

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual meeting focused on **non-discrimination and hate crime**, 25-26 April 2013, Vienna

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual meeting focused on **cooperation between National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), equality bodies and civil society in the area of victims' rights, and multiple discrimination**, 19-20 April 2012, Vienna

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual meeting focused on **access to justice, participation and cooperation**, 14-15 April 2011, Vienna

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting focused on the **human rights dimension of poverty and social exclusion, the Lisbon Treaty and its implications for the protection of fundamental rights, and the Agency's Work Programme 2012**, 15-16 April 2010, Vienna

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting focused on the **draft FRA Annual Work Programme, the impact of the economic crisis on human rights and under-reporting by victims of human rights violations**, 5-6 May 2009, Vienna

The 1<sup>st</sup> annual meeting focused on the **suggestions for FRA's work programme 2009 and on collecting feedback on the Annual Report 2008**, 7-8 October 2008, Vienna

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