The FRA Annual Report covers several titles of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, colour coded as follows:

FREEDOMS

- ► Asylum, immigration and integration
- ▶ Border control and visa policy
- ▶ Information society and data protection

EQUALITY

- ▶ The rights of the child and protection of children
- ► Equality and non-discrimination
- ▶ Racism and ethnic discrimination

CITIZENS' RIGHTS

► Participation of EU citizens in the Union's democratic functioning

JUSTICE

- ► Access to efficient and independent justice
- ► Protection of victims

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