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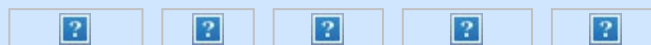


## FRP eQuarterly

#4

Winter 2023

With these FRP eQuarterlies, we wish to provide the organisations participating in the Fundamental Rights Platform with an overview of the Agency's reports, webinars, e-learning courses and other resources that could be of relevance to their activities. The Fundamental Rights Platform is the Agency's cooperation platform with non-governmental organisations and institutions of civil society active in the field of fundamental rights. We invite you to spread the word and encourage other organisations to register with the Platform. [Click here to find out more about the Fundamental Rights Platform!](#)



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## Introducing FRA's new Director Sirpa Rautio



**On 14 December, FRA's Management Board appointed Sirpa Rautio as the next Director of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights.** Sirpa Rautio is currently Director of the Finnish Human Rights Centre and Chair of the European Network of Human Rights Institutions. In 2017-2022, she chaired FRA's Management Board. She has served many years in international and regional human rights organisations such as the UN, the Council of Europe, the OSCE and the EU, working for human rights, democracy, and the rule of law.

*"I am proud to be chosen as the head of this much-respected EU Agency. With human rights under pressure, I look forward to working closely with FRA staff and its Management Board in promoting, protecting and advancing human rights together throughout the EU",* said Rautio.

Sirpa Rautio will take up her duties as of March 2024. Until then, Constantinos Manolopoulos, FRA's Head of Corporate Services Unit, will serve as interim Director.

## New FRA releases 2023



### FRA published a set of key documents that guide our work in 2024 and beyond



- [Strategic Plan 2023-2028](#)
- [Annual Work Programme 2024](#)
- [Communication Strategy](#)



## Being Black in the EU: Experiences of People of African Descent



**On 25 October**, FRA published its report on [Being Black in the EU: Experiences of People of African Descent](#). The report presents the findings of FRA's third large-scale survey on immigrants and the descendants of immigrants. The report reflects the experiences of discrimination and racism of almost 6,800 people of African descent in 13 EU Member States. FRA's findings support developing a better understanding of the experiences of people of African descent in the EU and promote action towards more equality and inclusion.



## Fleeing Ukraine: Implementing temporary protection at local levels



**12 December**, FRA published its report on [Fleeing Ukraine: Implementing temporary protection at local levels](#), that looks at the fundamental rights situation of the persons displaced from Ukraine as a result of the ongoing war. This report explores the measures taken to ensure access to housing, education, employment and healthcare in 26 cities and regional authorities across 12 EU Member States. Based on the information collected, the report identifies 12 priority actions and builds on FRA's bulletins and survey findings on experiences of people displaced from Ukraine.



## Children in migration: fundamental rights at European borders



**18 December**, FRA and the Council of Europe published a [Joint Note on Children in migration: fundamental rights at European borders](#). While carrying out border control procedures, children as vulnerable persons with special needs require heightened protection. This Joint Note looks at the standards in place for duty bearers and necessary safeguards for children.



## EU funds: Ensuring compliance with fundamental rights



**19 December.** FRA published its report on [EU funds: Ensuring compliance with fundamental rights](#). This report looks at how the strengthened EU funding conditions introduced in 2021 related to the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities can be upheld in practice. It analyses the potential role of national human rights institutions, ombudsperson institutions and equality bodies.

## 1st quarter 2024 announcements

### GET READY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS FORUM 2024!

The next **Fundamental Rights Forum** will take place from **11-12 March 2024, in Vienna City Hall, Austria, and online**. This Forum will zoom in on three thematic strands: socially and environmentally sustainable Europe, ensuring rights-compliant digitalisation, and protecting democracy and civic space in Europe.

Check out the [Forum's website](#) and follow **#RightsForum24** on social media.

### REGISTER TO ATTEND!

On **31 January 2024, from 14:30 until 16:00 CET**, FRA will run a webinar to introduce its work on environmental rights and climate change.

**Reserve your spot!**

### REGISTER TO ATTEND

On **21 March, from 11:00 until 12:30 CET**, FRA will run a webinar on how human rights defenders at risk from outside the EU can enter and stay in the EU to continue their human rights work while in exile, what support they need and how can EU-based civil society best support them.

## Reserve your spot!

### JOIN THE RESOURCE GROUP ON CIVIL SOCIETY RESILIENCE!

As a result of the [first Annual General Meeting of the Fundamental Rights Platform](#), a resource group formed involving experts and practitioners working to strengthen civil society's resilience. The group works to improve terminology and building capacity of CSOs, policy makers and donors around the discussion about human rights defenders, who they are and what they need. **This discussion group remains open for all interested FRP participants – to join, please email: [FRP@fra.europa.eu](mailto:FRP@fra.europa.eu)**



### SHARE YOUR RESOURCES ON DISABILITY!

Following our online consultation on FRA's work on the rights of people with disabilities, we are inviting the insights of stakeholders on the upcoming FRA report on political participation of persons with disabilities and on a project on protecting the fundamental rights of people with disabilities in institutions.

**Please email by 1 February 2024 references to reports, promising practices, and other helpful background material to inform the project: [FRP@fra.europa.eu](mailto:FRP@fra.europa.eu)**

## At a glance: our resources at your fingertips



### New! Practical tools for training and development

On 12 October, FRA published practical guidance for guardians of unaccompanied children: [Guidance on introduction to international protection](#) and [Guidance on the asylum procedure](#). These booklets aim to support guardians in their daily tasks and responsibilities, including the procedure under the Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 (Dublin III regulation) and temporary protection. These tools have been developed jointly by FRA and the European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA).



## FRA's bulletins series on fundamental rights situation of the persons displaced from Ukraine

Remember to check out **FRA's bulletins series on fundamental rights situation of the persons displaced from Ukraine** as they look for protection in the EU, and ways to safeguard their rights.

Click on the links to access the Bulletins [#1](#) and [#2](#) and [#3](#).



### eLearning platform

Need to brush up your skills or knowledge on human rights? Our e-learning platform is free and open to everyone:

#### Self-paced training courses currently available:

- Guardianship e-learning tool and Trainer's manual supports trainers in developing courses for appointed and future guardians.  
The [online training and learning platform](#) is for trainers and guardians. It offers practical exercises, case studies and quizzes and other resources.  
The [trainers' manual for guardians](#), helps institutions, organisations and individuals train guardians or deliver 'train-the-trainers' courses. The manual covers various guardianship services and training contexts for unaccompanied children EU-wide. The manual can be adapted to different contexts, such as professional, academic and volunteer training. The training materials build on earlier FRA work on [guardianship](#).
- [Courses on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights](#) offers guidance and case studies for judges, legal practitioners, students and trainers.
- [E-media toolkit](#) brings together practical tools such as media checklists and reporting examples for journalists, public relations specialists and campaign managers.



### FRA's Online data explorer



Our data is your ally!

[Access all available FRA data by theme, country and dataset.](#)

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