

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





**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.



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

We are acknowledged as a unique and independent centre of reference and 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

A large, stylized blue logo consisting of the letters 'We' in a cursive, handwritten font. The 'W' is formed by three strokes, and the 'e' is a single continuous stroke.

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.

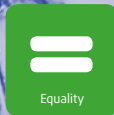
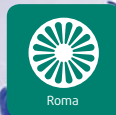
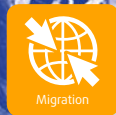
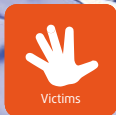
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WHAT WE WORK ON



- ★ Immigration, integration of migrants, visas, border control and asylum
- ★ The information society, in particular, respect for private life and protection of personal data
- ★ Access to justice including judicial cooperation
- ★ Helping victims of crime, including compensation to victims of crime
- ★ Discrimination based on sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age or sexual orientation
- ★ Racism, xenophobia and related intolerance
- ★ Roma integration
- ★ Rights of the child
- ★ Building a culture of fundamental rights in the EU



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



**Fundamental rights are the lifeblood of the EU.
Our job is to support all EU bodies and Member States
in honouring these commitments. Ultimately we exist
to help everyone in the EU to live in dignity."**

Michael O'Flaherty
Director

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