

To the attention of:
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**Invitation to the 7th Annual meeting of the Fundamental Rights Platform,
10-11 April 2014, Vienna**

Dear Director Nemitz,

I am addressing you to invite you to attend this year's Fundamental Rights Platform (FRP) meeting of the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA). The conference will take place in Vienna on **10-11 April 2014** and will be entitled '**Future fundamental rights priorities in the area of freedom, security and justice – The contribution of civil society**'. Please find the concept and agenda attached.

The meeting aims to collect civil society input into EU discussions on the future of EU justice and home affairs policies. Consequently, most of the meeting time is dedicated to workshop sessions. **We would like to ask you if you could please chair one of the working group sessions** on day1? The topics will be based on participants' input via an online survey; you would chair a topic closely related to your work.

Please be informed that [redacted] has accepted to be a keynote speaker, jointly with representatives from the European Parliament and the Council, in the panel debate on "outlook on EU strategic guidelines in the area of freedom, security and justice". [redacted] is also invited.

The annual Fundamental Rights Platform (FRP) meeting of the FRA with civil society organisations is the Agency's main event for cooperation with civil society organisations working on a variety of fundamental rights issues across the EU. Every year around 200 FRP participant organisations come together at the annual meeting in Vienna to discuss issues of common concern, exchange promising practices and look for ways forward.

I believe the outcomes of this meeting could be of interest to the Commission, as an opportunity to inform you of the key concerns and suggestions from non-governmental organisations working on a wide range of fundamental rights issues, and possibly as one form of feedback to the then-published Communications.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Morten Kjærum
FRA Director

Enclosed: Agenda, Meeting concept, Floor is Yours guidelines

Morten Kjærum, Director

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