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FRA presents new Handbook on European law relating to asylum, borders and immigration

Dear Director Nemitz,

We would like to inform you that on 11 June 2013, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and the European Court of Human Rights will launch a jointly produced guide entitled Handbook on European law relating to asylum, borders and immigration. Please find the handbook attached.

This will be the first comprehensive guide to European law in this field and is the second such joint project between the two organisations. The handbook focuses on the situation of third-country nationals arriving in Europe and covers a broad range of topics, including access to asylum procedures, procedural safeguards and legal support in asylum and return cases, detention and restrictions to freedom of movement, forced returns, and economic and social rights.

The handbook is aimed at lawyers, judges, prosecutors, border guards, immigration officials and others working with national authorities, as well as non-governmental organisations and other bodies that may be confronted with legal questions in areas related to the subjects covered in the guide. It is being launched today in English, French and German and Italian, with versions in Spanish, Greek, Bulgarian, Romanian, Croatian, Hungarian, and Polish to follow.

We hope that you will find the information, analysis and activities captured in these reports interesting and of use to you in your work. Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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