Basic information

2011/0431(APP) APP - Consent procedure Decision	Procedure completed
EU Agency for Fundamental Rights: multiannual framework for 2013-2017 **Subject** 1.10 Fundamental rights in the EU, Charter	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	ŽDANOKA Tatjana (Verts /ALE)	28/02/2012
	Shadow rapporteur GÁL Kinga (PPE)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
FEMM Women's Rights and Gender Equality	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	3231	2013-03-11
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	3172	2012-06-08

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Justice and Consumers	REDING Viviane

Key events

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13/12/2011	Preparatory document	COM(2011)0880	Summary
13/06/2012	Legislative proposal published	10449/2012	Summary
05/07/2012	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
06/11/2012	Vote in committee		
08/11/2012	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0361/2012	Summary
13/12/2012	Decision by Parliament	T7-0501/2012	Summary
13/12/2012	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/12/2012	Debate in Parliament		
11/03/2013	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
13/03/2013	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Documentation gateway

European Parliament

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Committee draft report		PE494.554	03/09/2012	
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Final act

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EU Agency for Fundamental Rights: multiannual framework for 2013-2017

2011/0431(APP) - 13/12/2011

PURPOSE: to establish a Multiannual Framework for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights for 2013-2017.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: on 15 February 2007, the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 establishing a European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA). The Agency became operational on 1 March 2007.

The objective of the Agency is to provide the relevant institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union and its Member States, when implementing Union law, with assistance and expertise relating to fundamental rights in order to support them when they take measures or formulate courses of action within their respective spheres of competence to fully respect fundamental rights. The tasks entrusted to the Agency relate to the collection and analysis of information and data; to the provision of advice through reports and opinions; and to cooperation with civil society and raising awareness of fundamental rights. The Agency is not authorized to deal with the legality of Union acts nor with the fulfilment of Member States' obligations under Union law.

Multiannual Framework: according to the Regulation, the thematic areas of activity of the Agency shall be determined through a five-year Multiannual Framework. **This is not a work programme**. The Agency's work programmes are adopted each year by its Management Board within the thematic areas determined by the Multiannual Framework. Following requests from the European Parliament, the Council or the Commission, the Agency work can outside these thematic areas, provided its financial and human resources so permit. The current Multiannual Framework (2007-2012) expires at the end of 2012.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was carried out. However, when preparing its proposal, the Commission has consulted the Management Board of the Fundamental Rights Agency.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 352 of the Treaty of the Functioning of the European Union.

CONTENT: the objective of this proposal is to establish the Multiannual Framework of the Agency for the period 2013-2017.

New thematic areas: the Commission proposes that the following thematic areas be included for the Multiannual Framework of the Agency for the years 2013-2017:

- access to justice;
- victims of crime;
- information society and, in particular, respect for private life and protection of personal data;
- Roma integration;
- police cooperation, taking into account the specific nature of this field;
- judicial cooperation, taking into account the specific nature of this cooperation when it relates to criminal matters;
- rights of the child;
- discrimination based on 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;
- immigration and integration of migrants; border control and visa; asylum;
- racism, xenophobia and related intolerance.

Complementarity and cooperation with other bodies: the Agency shall ensure appropriate cooperation and coordination with relevant Union bodies, offices and agencies, Member States, international organisations and civil society, under the terms of Regulation (EC) No 168/2007, for the implementation of this Multiannual Framework.

The Agency shall deal with issues relating to discrimination based on sex only as part of, and to the extent relevant to, its work to be undertaken on the general issues of discrimination, taking into account that it is for the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) to collect data on gender equality and sex discrimination. FRA and EIGE should cooperate in the terms established by the cooperation agreement of 22 November 2010.

The Agency shall also cooperate with:

- the European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (EUROFOUND);
- the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders (FRONTEX);
- the European Asylum Support Office (EASO);
- the European Migration Network;
- the European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit (EUROJUST);
- the European Police Office (EUROPOL);
- the European Police College (CEPOL);
- the Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (IT Agency) in the terms established by future respective cooperation agreements.

The Agency shall coordinate its activities with those of the Council of Europe under the terms Regulation (EC) No 168/2007.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: the proposal does not have any direct implication for the EU budget. The Agency will develop projects within the areas suggested and for which the resources have already been earmarked by the budgetary authority.

EU Agency for Fundamental Rights: multiannual framework for 2013-2017

2011/0431(APP) - 08/06/2012

The Council endorsed the text of the proposal for a Council decision establishing the Multiannual Framework for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights for 2013-2017 and decided to transmit the text to the European Parliament for its consent.

According to the regulation establishing the Agency, the thematic areas of its activity shall be determined by a five-year Multiannual Framework. **The Agency shall carry out the abovementioned tasks within these thematic areas, and each year its Management Board will adopt the Agency's work programmes according to it**. The current Multiannual Framework (2007-2012) expires at the end of 2012.

The text as it now stands includes the following thematic areas (10615/12):

- access to justice;
- victims of crime, including compensation to victims;
- information society and, in particular, respect for private life and protection of personal data;
- Roma integration;
- judicial cooperation, except in criminal matters;
- rights of the child;
- 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;
- immigration and integration of migrants, visa and border control and asylum;
- racism, xenophobia and related intolerance.

The Council endorsed the text of a possible declaration concerning the review of the Multiannual Framework to be made at the time of adoption. In the declaration, the Council agrees to examine any proposals for amendments to the regulation establishing the Agency and to **consider in that context the amendment of this decision as regards the inclusion of police cooperation and judicial cooperation in criminal matters** in the list of thematic areas.

This proposal is based on Article 352 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and requires unanimity in the Council and the consent of the European Parliament. The final adoption will take place after the European Parliament has given its consent.

EU Agency for Fundamental Rights: multiannual framework for 2013-2017

2011/0431(APP) - 13/12/2011 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to establish a Multiannual Framework for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights for 2013-2017.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: on 15 February 2007, the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 establishing a European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA). The Agency became operational on 1 March 2007.

The objective of the Agency is to provide the relevant institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union and its Member States, when implementing Union law, with assistance and expertise relating to fundamental rights in order to support them when they take measures or formulate courses of action within their respective spheres of competence to fully respect fundamental rights. The tasks entrusted to the Agency relate to the collection and analysis of information and data; to the provision of advice through reports and opinions; and to cooperation with civil society and raising awareness of fundamental rights. The Agency is not authorized to deal with the legality of Union acts nor with the fulfilment of Member States' obligations under Union law.

Multiannual Framework: according to the Regulation, the thematic areas of activity of the Agency shall be determined through a five-year Multiannual Framework. **This is not a work programme**. The Agency's work programmes are adopted each year by its Management Board within the thematic areas determined by the Multiannual Framework. Following requests from the European Parliament, the Council or the Commission, the Agency work can outside these thematic areas, provided its financial and human resources so permit. The current Multiannual Framework (2007-2012) expires at the end of 2012.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was carried out. However, when preparing its proposal, the Commission has consulted the Management Board of the Fundamental Rights Agency.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 352 of the Treaty of the Functioning of the European Union.

CONTENT: the objective of this proposal is to establish the Multiannual Framework of the Agency for the period 2013-2017.

New thematic areas: the Commission proposes that the following thematic areas be included for the Multiannual Framework of the Agency for the years 2013-2017:

- access to justice;
- victims of crime;
- information society and, in particular, respect for private life and protection of personal data;
- Roma integration;
- police cooperation, taking into account the specific nature of this field;
- judicial cooperation, taking into account the specific nature of this cooperation when it relates to criminal matters;
- rights of the child;
- discrimination based on 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;
- immigration and integration of migrants; border control and visa; asylum;
- racism, xenophobia and related intolerance.

Complementarity and cooperation with other bodies: the Agency shall ensure appropriate cooperation and coordination with relevant Union bodies, offices and agencies, Member States, international organisations and civil society, under the terms of Regulation (EC) No 168/2007, for the implementation of this Multiannual Framework.

The Agency shall deal with issues relating to discrimination based on sex only as part of, and to the extent relevant to, its work to be undertaken on the general issues of discrimination, taking into account that it is for the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) to collect data on gender equality and sex discrimination. FRA and EIGE should cooperate in the terms established by the cooperation agreement of 22 November 2010.

The Agency shall also cooperate with:

- the European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (EUROFOUND);
- the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders (FRONTEX);
- the European Asylum Support Office (EASO);
- the European Migration Network;
- the European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit (EUROJUST);
- the European Police Office (EUROPOL);
- the European Police College (CEPOL);
- the Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (IT Agency) in the terms established by future respective cooperation agreements.

The Agency shall coordinate its activities with those of the Council of Europe under the terms Regulation (EC) No 168/2007.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: the proposal does not have any direct implication for the EU budget. The Agency will develop projects within the areas suggested and for which the resources have already been earmarked by the budgetary authority.

EU Agency for Fundamental Rights: multiannual framework for 2013-2017

2011/0431(APP) - 13/06/2012 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to establish a Multiannual Framework for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights for 2013-2017.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: on 15 February 2007, the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 establishing a European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA). The Agency became operational on 1 March 2007.

The objective of the Agency is to provide the relevant institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union and its Member States, when implementing Union law, with assistance and expertise relating to fundamental rights in order to support them when they take measures or formulate courses of action within their respective spheres of competence to fully respect fundamental rights. The tasks entrusted to the Agency relate to the collection and analysis of information and data; to the provision of advice through reports and opinions; and to cooperation with civil society and raising awareness of fundamental rights. The Agency is not authorized to deal with the legality of Union acts nor with the fulfilment of Member States' obligations under Union law.

Multiannual Framework: according to the Regulation, the thematic areas of activity of the Agency shall be determined through a five-year Multiannual Framework. **This is not a work programme**. The Agency's work programmes are adopted each year by its Management Board within the thematic areas determined by the Multiannual Framework. Following requests from the European Parliament, the Council or the Commission, the Agency work can outside these thematic areas, provided its financial and human resources so permit. The current Multiannual Framework (2007-2012) expires at the end of 2012.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was carried out. However, when preparing its proposal, the Commission has consulted the Management Board of the Fundamental Rights Agency.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 352 of the Treaty of the Functioning of the European Union.

CONTENT: the objective of this proposal is to establish the Multiannual Framework of the Agency for the period 2013-2017.

New thematic areas proposed: in accordance with the Council's general guidelines of 13 June 2012, the main thematic areas shall be included for the Multiannual Framework of the Agency for the years 2013-2017:

- access to justice;
- victims of crime including compensation for damages;
- information society and, in particular, respect for private life and protection of personal data;
- Roma integration;
- police cooperation, taking into account the specific nature of this field;
- judicial cooperation, taking into account the specific nature of this cooperation when it relates to criminal matters;
- rights of the child;
- discrimination based on 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;
- immigration and integration of migrants; border control and visa; asylum;
- racism, xenophobia and related intolerance.

Complementarity and cooperation with other bodies: the Agency shall ensure appropriate cooperation and coordination with relevant Union bodies, offices and agencies, Member States, international organisations and civil society, under the terms of Regulation (EC) No 168/2007, for the implementation of this Multiannual Framework.

The Agency shall deal with issues relating to discrimination based on sex only as part of, and to the extent relevant to, its work to be undertaken on the general issues of discrimination, taking into account that it is for the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) to collect data on gender equality and sex discrimination. FRA and EIGE should cooperate in the terms established by the cooperation agreement of 22 November 2010.

The Agency shall also cooperate with:

- the European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (EUROFOUND);
- the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders (FRONTEX);
- the European Asylum Support Office (EASO);
- the European Migration Network;
- the European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit (EUROJUST);
- the European Police Office (EUROPOL);
- the European Police College (CEPOL);

- the Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (IT Agency) in the terms established by future respective cooperation agreements.

The Agency shall coordinate its activities with those of the Council of Europe under the terms Regulation (EC) No 168/2007.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: the proposal does not have any direct implication for the EU budget. The Agency will develop projects within the areas suggested and for which the resources have already been earmarked by the budgetary authority.

EU Agency for Fundamental Rights: multiannual framework for 2013-2017

2011/0431(APP) - 08/11/2012 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs adopted the report by Tatjana ŽDANOKA (Verts/ALE, LV) on the draft Council decision establishing a Multiannual Framework for 2013-2017 for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.

The committee recommends that the European Parliament gives its consent to the draft Council decision.

Members deeply regret the lack of agreement in the Council as regards the inclusion of the proposed new thematic areas of police cooperation and judicial cooperation in criminal matters in the new Multiannual Financial Framework. They are concerned by reported attempts of several Member States in the Council to exclude discrimination based on membership of a national minority from the thematic areas in the context of the Agency.

Given that the Agency needs new thematic areas to work on to ensure continuity in its activities and if there is no new Multiannual Framework in place by the beginning of 2013, the Agency can only work if there is a specific request from an institution and not on its own initiative, Members call on the European Parliament to give its consent to the new Multiannual Financial Framework by the end of 2012. The parliamentary committee, nevertheless, hopes that the Council will revise its decision.

EU Agency for Fundamental Rights: multiannual framework for 2013-2017

2011/0431(APP) - 13/12/2012 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 427 votes to 89, with 52 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision establishing a Multiannual Framework for 2013-2017 for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.

Parliament consents to the draft Council decision although it expresses its concern about the lack of agreement in the Council as regards the inclusion of the proposed new thematic areas of police cooperation and judicial cooperation in criminal matters.

EU Agency for Fundamental Rights: multiannual framework for 2013-2017

2011/0431(APP) - 11/03/2013 - Final act

PURPOSE: to establish a new Multiannual Framework for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights for 2013-2017.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision No 252/2013/EU establishing a Multiannual Framework for 2013-2017 for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.

BACKGROUND: on 15 February 2007, the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 establishing a European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA). The Agency became operational on 1 March 2007. In accordance with the Regulation, the thematic areas of activity of the Agency will be determined through a five-year Multiannual Framework. The Agency carries out the work set out in the thematic areas determined by the Multiannual Framework. The Multiannual Framework (2007-2012) expires at the end of 2012 and a new Framework is needed for the period 2013-2017.

CONTENT: this Decision establishes a Multiannual Framework for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights for the period 2013-2017. In this context, new thematic areas are set out:

- access to justice;
- victims of crime, including compensation to victims of crime;
- information society and, in particular, respect for private life and protection of personal data;
- Roma integration;
- judicial cooperation, except in criminal matters;
- rights of the child;
- 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;
- immigration and integration of migrants, visa and border control and asylum;
- racism, xenophobia and related intolerance.

Complementarity and cooperation with other bodies: the Agency shall ensure appropriate cooperation and coordination with relevant Union bodies, offices and agencies, Member States, international organisations and civil society, pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 168/2007, for the implementation of the Multiannual Framework.

The Agency will deal with issues relating to discrimination based on sex only as part of, and to the extent relevant to its work, taking into account that it is for the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) to collect data on gender equality and sex discrimination. The Agency and EIGE shall cooperate in accordance with the cooperation agreement of 22 November 2010.

The Agency will also cooperate with:

- the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound);
- Frontex;
- the European Asylum Support Office (EASO);
- the European Migration Network;
- Eurojust;
- Europol;
- CEPOL and
- the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (IT Agency).

Cooperation with these bodies shall be limited to activities falling within the scope of the thematic areas laid down in this Decision.

The Decision contains provisions to ensure that the Agency will:

- respect the rules for the protection of personal data;
- coordinate its activities with those of the Council of Europe in accordance with Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 168/2007.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision enters into force on 10 April 2013. It will apply from 1 January 2013.