



PROVISION OF REPORTS AND STUDIES ON LEGAL ISSUES CONCERNING THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS IN THE EU

Background

Monitoring the situation of fundamental rights is a relatively recent phenomenon in the European Union. The Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament started preparing reports on the situation of fundamental rights in the Union in 1999. However, these reports were mainly of political nature and did not involve an actual monitoring of developments in fundamental rights situation in the member states; instead they were mainly based on data from secondary sources. In the third report of 2001, the Committee complained about the lack of means and resources which led to an analysis of the situation of fundamental rights which was "limited and incomplete".

The Parliament recommended to the Commission the establishment of a network of legal experts "to ensure a high level of expertise and enable the Parliament to receive an assessment of the implementation of each of the rights laid down in the Charter, taking into account developments in national laws, the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Communities and of the European Court of Human Rights and any notable case law of the MS national and constitutional courts".

Main Objectives

The main objective of this project is to provide to the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights all necessary information and reliable data in order to monitor the situation of fundamental rights in all EU member states and be in the position to undertake further action.

Main features

- Reliability of sources, data and information collected
- Ensuring an objective and balanced approach to issues of fundamental rights
- High scientific quality of project deliverables
- Importance of identifying good practices
- Understanding of the assignment
- Availability of high level expertise
- Compliance with the requirements of the European Union Agency on Fundamental Rights Networks



Brief schedule

1. Preparatory Meetings
2. Report on situation
3. Research
4. Legal Review
5. Data collection
6. Jurisprudence Review
7. Editing
8. Thematic studies
9. Quarterly bulletins
10. Response to ad hoc request
11. Review Service
12. Dissemination and Awareness Events

Duration

- Dec 2007 – Dec 2010

Funding Body of the project

- FRA (European Agency for Fundamental Rights)

Partners

- Centre for European Constitutional Law - Greece
- ANTIGONE - Greece

During the **year 2008** the above Greek Consortium produced the following Legal Studies :

- “Thematic Legal Study on homophobia and discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation”
- “Thematic Legal Study on the protection of victims of child trafficking”
- “Systematic brief registration of the most important developments in the Greek
- legislation on fundamental rights during 2008” (Trimestrial Bulletins & Flash Report)

During the **year 2009** the above Greek Consortium produced the following Legal Studies :

- “Thematic Legal Study on Mental Health and Fundamental Rights”
- “Thematic Legal Study on assessment of access to Justice in European Union “
- “Thematic Legal Study on the rights of irregular immigrants in voluntary and involuntary return procedures”
- “Thematic Legal Study on impact of the Race Equality Directive”
- ”Thematic Legal Study on assessment of data protection measures and relevant institutions”

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