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1. HIGHLIGHTS

a) **New modern FRA website promises better user experience**

The new-look, [modern FRA website](#) allows users to quickly and simply find the key fundamental rights information they need. FRA re-designed its website drawing on extensive user testing to meet their needs better, making it fully responsive across all mobile devices.

2. WHAT'S COMING UP

a) **Data Protection Supervisor to explore an EU approach to AI**

How should the EU approach to artificial intelligence and facial recognition? This will be the focus of a European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) workshop on 13 February in Brussels. It aims to gather expertise and insights to inform the EDPS' future activities. It will explore the various technological, legal and regulatory issues related to AI and facial recognition technology. FRA will speak about the findings of its recent report on law enforcement authorities' use of facial recognition technology. (Contact: [Martha Stickings](#))

b) **Preparing for a future EU Child Guarantee**

The European Commission is exploring the possibility of establishing an EU Child Guarantee. Part of this involves a conference on 17 February in Brussels. There they will discuss the preliminary findings of a feasibility study into creating a Child Guarantee. FRA will speak about the legal framework for EU intervention and the enforcement of legal obligations from a child rights perspective. The discussions will feed into the feasibility study's final report. (Contact: [Grigorios Tsioukas](#))

c) **Workshop to focus on judicial independence**

FRA will speak at a judicial independence workshop in Florence on 14 February. The European University Institute's Centre for Judicial Cooperation organised the event. It is part of the EU-funded [TRIALL project](#) that provides legal training and tools for applying the EU's Fundamental Rights Charter. (Contact: [Jana Gajdosova](#))

d) **FRA's Scientific Committee to meet**

The agency's [Scientific Committee](#) will meet on 10 February at FRA. Scientific Committee members will discuss FRA reports and its current research activities. (Contact: [Gabriel Toggenburg](#) / [Elena Balzarini](#))

3. PAST ACTIVITIES

a) **Communicating rights in a post-truth area**

The Netherlands Helsinki Committee hosted a workshop on communicating rights in a post-truth area. It brought together key communicators and experts from eight countries to

share and discuss experiences and challenges in communicating rights more effectively. FRA spoke about its [10 keys to effectively communicating human rights](#). The event took place in Kiev on 6 February. (Contact: [Dennis van der Veur](#))

b) National human rights institutions consult on standards

The Council of Europe is revising its 1997 recommendation on National Human Rights Institutions. To feed into that process, the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI) held a consultation meeting from 5 to 6 February in Brussels. FRA joined the meeting. It was also a chance to discuss the role of NHRIs in EU rule of law mechanisms. (Contact: [Jonas Grimheden](#))

c) EU enlargement and the rule of law

The European Commission held a meeting on the rule of law on 6 February in Brussels. It invited EU Justice and Home Affairs Agencies such as FRA. As in previous years, FRA took part to provide data and information from its work. FRA's work also cover the enlargement countries of North Macedonia and Serbia, and more recently Albania. (Contact: [Jonas Grimheden](#))