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**Dear Equinet Members,**This Members’ Bulletin gathers **the latest European Union (EU) and international developments**. It aims to give you an **overview of relevant policy and legal developments**, as well as latest calls for interest, funding opportunities and upcoming events. We very much hope this members’ bulletin will be useful in your day-to-day work and we would be grateful if you could **disseminate it among your colleagues**. Your feedback is also greatly appreciated. Should you have any comments or further questions, **please do not hesitate to contact Jessica Machacova, Equinet Project Officer** (Jessica.machacova@equineteurope.org / 0032 2 212 31 80).

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# Highlight: Europe celebrates the Day of Solidarity between Generations

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| **29th April** is the **European Day of Solidarity between Generations**. Equinet has compiled a list of the latest updates and material on the topic at the European level: |  |

* **Joint European Parliament (EP) event to mark the EU Day of Solidarity between Generations**

The [**Intergroup's sub-group on Active Ageing**](http://www.age-platform.eu/age-work/age-and-the-eu-institutions/european-parliament/intergroup-on-ageing-and-intergenerational-solidarity)organised, in cooperation with [**AGE Platform Europe**](http://www.age-platform.eu/index.php) and the [**European Youth Forum**](http://www.youthforum.org/), a joint event at the European Parliament in Brussels. More information and additional material can be found [here](http://www.youthforum.org/pressrelease/joint-pr-more-solidarity-and-interaction-between-generations-needed-to-challenge-age-stereotypes-and-ingrained-ageism/).

* **EU Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) launches campaign “Healthy Workplaces for All Ages” and E-Guide**

With the length of Europeans’ working lives set to increase, it is important that both employers and workers have easy access to the tools and information they need to assess and deal with associated risks. The [EU-OSHA](https://osha.europa.eu/) has put together the new [Healthy Workplaces for All Ages E-guide](https://www.healthy-workplaces.eu/en/news/new-e-guide-one-stop-shop-ageing-management) as a part of the campaign “[Healthy Workplaces for All Ages](https://www.healthy-workplaces.eu/)”. Designed as a **practical guide on dealing with the risks and challenges related to ageing workers**, it aims to increase awareness and knowledge concerning an ageing workforce and the implications this has on work and workplaces.

* **Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) publishes paper on “Age, Ageism and Skills”**

[This paper](http://www.keepeek.com/Digital-Asset-Management/oecd/education/age-ageing-and-skills_5jm0q1n38lvc-en?utm_content=buffer10d87&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer#page1) presents a comprehensive analysis of the **link between age and proficiency in information-processing skills**, based on information drawn from the [Survey of Adult Skills (PIAAC)](https://www.oecd.org/site/piaac/surveyofadultskills.htm). The data reveal significant age-related differences in proficiencies, strongly suggesting that proficiency tends to “naturally” decline with age.

* **AGE Platform Europe publishes Position Paper on Structural Ageism**

Based on a survey gathering the views of some of their member organisations, AGE Platform Europe issued a [position paper on Structural Ageism](http://age-platform.eu/age-work/age-policy-work/anti-discrimination/age-work/3004-age-issues-position-on-structural-ageism). It aims to draw attention to persisting forms of structural ageism in Europe and to **make recommendations** to ensure that older people's rights are protected and promoted in the context of intergenerational fairness.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

Read the **Equinet Perspective** [Tackling Ageism and Discrimination](http://www.equineteurope.org/Tackling-Ageism-and-Discrimination) (2012).
At the end of 2016, the Equinet Working Group on Policy Formation will publish a **Perspective on age discrimination against young people**.

# General Information

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## Publications, funding opportunities and events

**CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS** – **European Forum for Urban Security** – [Call for Practices: Prevention and fight against racism, xenophobia, homophobia and all other forms of intolerance](http://efus.eu/en/topics/risks-forms-of-crime/hate-crime/news-just-safer-cities-for-all/efus/10930/)

EFUS and eight European organisations are launching a call to identify existing innovative and encouraging practices at a local level throughout Europe to combat crime and misdemeanours motivated by **racism, xenophobia and all other forms of intolerance.**

**EVENT – European Commission** – 2016 Annual Colloquium on Fundamental Rights: [Media Pluralism in a democratic society](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/fundamental-rights/events/161117_en.htm), 17-18 November 2016

**EVENT – European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)** – [Fundamental Rights Forum](http://fundamentalrightsforum.eu/), 20-23 June 2016, Vienna, Austria

**PUBLICATION – European Commission –** [EU Employment and Social Situation: Quarterly Review](http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=737&langId=en&pubId=7884&visible=0&)

The Quarterly Review provides in-depth analysis of recent labour market and social developments on topics including economic conditions, employment and labour demand.

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| **PUBLICATION – European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)** – [Ensuring justice for hate crime victims: professional perspectives](http://www.equineteurope.org/FRA-report-practical-guidance-on-combating-hate-crime) and online [Compendium of practices for combating hate crime](http://fra.europa.eu/en/video/2016/compendium-practices-combating-hate-crime)FRA published a report providing **practical guidance on combating hate** crime from the perspective of professional in the sector. The report is accompanied by an online **compendium colleting practices** for combating hate crime from across the EU, with a step-by-step description of the practice broken down by country and category. |

 **PUBLICATION – European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)** – [FRA Opinion on the development of an integrated tool of objective fundamental rights indicators able to measure compliance with the shared values listed in Article TEU based on existing sources of information](http://fra.europa.eu/en/opinion/2016/fra-opinion-eu-shared-values-tool?_cldee=bGF1cmEtbWFyY2hldHRpQGxpdmUuaXQ%3d&urlid=20)

**PUBLICATION – Council of Europe** – [Commissioner for Human Rights' annual activity report for 2015](https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?p=&Ref=CommDH-PR015(2016)&Language=lanEnglish&Ver=original&Site=DC&BackColorInternet=F5CA75&BackColorIntranet=F5CA75&BackColorLogged=A9BACE&direct=true)

Page 37: “National human rights structures (NHRSs – e.g. ombudsman institutions, human rights commissions and equality bodies) are essential partners in the Commissioner’s dialogue with member states as spelled out in the Commissioner’s mandate. The Commissioner meets with representatives of NHRSs during his country visits and in Strasbourg to identify human rights concerns. Information provided by NHRSs is regularly used in the preparation of country visits and referred to in the reports following them. **The Commissioner also promotes the independence and effectiveness of NHRSs**.”

# Gender Equality

## Publications, funding opportunities and events

**CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS** – **European Institute for Gender Equality** **(EIGE)** – [Call for expressions of interest for the establishment of a list of external experts](http://eige.europa.eu/about-eige/procurement/eige-2015-adm-33)

**EVENT – ENAR (European Network against Racism) -** [Symposium: Muslim women, forgotten women?](ww.enar-eu.org/26-May-2016-Symposium-Muslim-women-forgotten-women-Understanding-the-gender) – Thursday 26th May 2016, Brussels

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY** – **European Commission** – [Call for proposal for action grants to support transnational projects to promote good practices on gender roles and to overcome gender stereotypes in education, training and in the workplace](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants1/calls/2015_action_grants/just_2015_rgen_ag_role_en.htm) (Deadline: 27th May 2016)

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY** – **European Commission** - [Daphne call - Action grants to support national or transnational projects on multi-agency and multi-disciplinary cooperation to respond to violence against women and/or children, and on tackling underreporting](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants1/calls/2015_action_grants/just_2015_rdap_ag_en.htm) (Deadline: 1st June 2016)

**PUBLICATION** – **European Institute for Gender Equality** **(EIGE)** – [An analysis of the Victims’ Rights Directive from a gender perspective](http://eige.europa.eu/rdc/eige-publications/analysis-victims-rights-directive-gender-perspective)

**PUBLICATION** – **European Women on Board (EWB)** – [Gender Diversity on European Boards – Realising Europe’s Potential: Progress and Challenges](http://european.ewob-network.eu/ewob-publishes-landmark-report-on-the-progress-of-women-on-the-boards-of-major-european-companies/)

**PUBLICATION** – **Gender Wage Watchers** – Project ′**Gender Pay Gap: New Solutions for an Old Problem. Developing Transnational Strategies Together with Trade Unions and Gender Equality Units to Tackle the Gender Pay Gap**′ - [Comparative Report](http://www.genderpaygap.eu/documents/GPG_comparative%20report_add%20EGG%20final.pdf)
The aim of the ′Comparative Report′ is to give comprehensive insights into the situation of the six involved countries concerning the **gender pay gap** and to propose actions to close the gap. The focus of the report lies, as in the entire project, on the financial and insurance sector as well as the human health sector.

# Race/ethnic origin

## Policy developments

* **Launch of the Council of Europe Thematic Action Plan on the Inclusion of Roma and Travellers**

The thematic Action Plan provides the political, logical and budgetary framework for Council of Europe action in the years 2016 to 2019 to contribute to the full **inclusion of Roma and Travellers in their local communities**. In addition, the Action Plan aims to offer targeted support to member States on relevant inclusion policies and to implement result-oriented projects with a concrete impact. More information can be found [here](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?ObjectID=09000016805c5a1d).

## Publications, funding opportunities and events

**PUBLICATION** – **Council of Europe** – [Revised Strategic Guidelines of the European Alliance of Cities and Regions for the Inclusion of Roma and Travellers](http://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/roma/-/asset_publisher/gVmmR8R87tOz/content/revised-strategic-guidelines-approved-by-the-congress-bureau?inheritRedirect=false&redirect=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.coe.int%2Fen%2Fweb%2Fportal%2Froma%3Fp_p_id%3D101_INSTANCE_gVmmR8R87tOz%26p_p_lifecycle%3D0%26p_p_state%3Dnormal%26p_p_mode%3Dview%26p_p_col_id%3Dcolumn-1%26p_p_col_pos%3D2%26p_p_col_count%3D9)

**PUBLICATION** – **Open Society Foundations** - [Strategic Litigation Impacts: Roma School Desegregation](https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/reports/strategic-litigation-impacts-roma-school-desegregation)

# Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

## Policy developments

* **ILGA-Europe and Mental Health Europe joint statement on World Health Day**

On the occasion of the [World Health Day 2016](http://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2016/en/), ILGA-Europe and Mental Health Europe joined forces to call for **greater support for the well-being and mental health of LGBTI people**. You can read the statement [here](http://www.ilga-europe.org/resources/news/latest-news/shatter-stigma-world-health-day).

* **ILGA-Europe launches Pilot Project on reducing LGBTI health inequalities**

ILGA-Europe is taking part in this [project](http://www.ilga-europe.org/resources/news/latest-news/new-pilot-project-reducing-lgbti-health-inequalities) alongside partners from [EuroHealthNet](http://eurohealthnet.eu/), [AOUI-Verona](http://www.ospedaleuniverona.it/ecm/home) (Italy, project coordinator), University of Brighton (UK) and the National Institute of Public Health – National Institute of Hygiene (Poland). The objectives of the pilot project are to gain a better understanding of the **health inequalities and barriers for by LGBTI people** and health professionals, as well as raise awareness among health professionals about the needs of LGBTI people and provide health professionals with specific tools to ensure that they have the right skills and knowledge to overcome these barriers.

## Publications, funding opportunities and events

**EVENT – ILGA-Europe** – [Capacity building seminar on LGBTI and asylum](http://www.ilga-europe.org/resources/news/latest-news/capacity-building-seminar-asylum) – 8-9 July 2016, Berlin, Germany (Deadline for application: 9th May 2016)

**EVENT – ILGA-Europe** – [Study session on LGBTI community organising](http://www.ilga-europe.org/resources/news/latest-news/study-session-lgbti-community-organising) – 15-17 July 2016, Budapest, Hungary (Deadline for application: 9th May 2016)

# Disability

## Policy developments

* **Council of Europe: public consultation on the Disability Strategy 2017-2023 (Deadline: 23rd May 2016)**

The Council of Europe Unit on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is opening a **public consultations** on the draft Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023. These consultations target National Human Rights Institutions, **Equality bodies** and Ombudsman institutions, civil society and organisations of persons with disabilities as well as other regional and international organisations. More information, including the draft Disability Strategy 2017-2023, can be found [here](http://www.coe.int/t/DG3/DISABILITY/consultation2016_en.asp).

* **Mental Health Europe launches campaign “Each of Us”**

[Each of us](https://eachofus.eu/) is an anti-stigma and discrimination campaign run by [Mental Health Europe](http://www.mhe-sme.org/). The main objective of this campaign is to **raise awareness of mental health issues**. It seeks to show that mental health problems are more common than we think, and that each of us can be part of the solution in changing minds and ending stigma and discrimination against people with living with mental ill health.

## Publications, funding opportunities and events

**EVENT – European Economic and Social Committee** – [Public Hearing on the Concluding Observations of the UN CRPD Committee to the EU](http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.events-and-activities-un-crpd-implementation-programme&_cldee=bGF1cmEubWFyY2hldHRpQGVxdWluZXRldXJvcGUub3Jn&urlid=5) – 17th May 2016, Brussels

# Age

## Publications, funding opportunities and events

**PUBLICATION** – **European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)** – [Background note on ways to prevent unaccompanied migrant children from going missing](http://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra_uploads/fra-2016-libe_missing_children_21_april_2016_background_note.pdf)

**PUBLICATION** – **European Youth Forum** – [Policy Paper on Equality and Non-Discrimination](http://www.youthforum.org/assets/2016/04/0099-16_Policy_Paper_Equality_Non-discrimination_FINAL2.pdf)

# Other policy areas and grounds of discrimination

## Publications, funding opportunities and events

**PUBLICATION** – **Frontex** – [Third Annual Report of Frontex Consultative Forum on Fundamental Rights](http://frontex.europa.eu/news/third-annual-report-of-frontex-consultative-forum-on-fundamental-rights-published-RpreBJ)

**PUBLICATION** – **Frontex** – [Risk analysis for 2016](http://frontex.europa.eu/news/frontex-publishes-risk-analysis-for-2016-NQuBFv)

Frontex published the Annual Risk Analysis for 2016 pointing out three major challenges to be faced at the external borders: an unprecedented rise in migratory pressure, an increasing terrorist threat and a steady rise in the number of regular travellers.

**PUBLICATION** – **European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)** – [EESC fact-finding missions on the situation of refugees, as seen by civil society organisations](http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.refugee-crisis)

EESC has released a report following its delegation meeting with 180+ authorities, non-governmental organisations, refugee centres and civil society alliances actively working with refugees and migrants. It includes **recommendations for regional, national and EU-level policies**. The report covers eleven fact-finding country visits in European Union Member States (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Sweden).

# Recent case-law

## European Court of Justice (ECJ)

* **Case C-558/14 – Mimoun Khachab v Subdelegación del Gobierno en Álava (21 April 2016)**

The Court decided that EU Member States may refuse an application for family reunification if it is apparent from a prospective assessment that the sponsor will not have stable and regular resources which are sufficient in the year following the date of submission of the application. More information can be found [here](http://curia.europa.eu/jcms/upload/docs/application/pdf/2016-04/cp160042en.pdf).

## European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)

* **Application no.646/10 – M.G. v Turkey (22 March 2016)**

The case concerned the domestic violence experienced by M.G. during her marriage, the threats made against her following her divorce and the subsequent proceedings. The Court found in particular that the authorities had taken a passive attitude, in that the criminal proceedings had been opened more than five years and six months after M.G. had lodged a complaint against her husband and that the proceedings were apparently still pending.

The Court also held that after the divorce was pronounced (on 24 September 2007) and until the entry into force of a new Law (no. 6284) on 20 March 2012, the legislative framework in place did not guarantee that M.G., a divorcée, could benefit from protection measures, and noted that for many years after applying to the national courts, she had been forced to live in fear of her ex-husband’s conduct. More information can be found [here](http://hudoc.echr.coe.int/eng#{"itemid":["003-5332256-6646783"]}).

* **Application no. 12060/12 – M.C. & A.C. v Romania (12 April 2016)**

The case concerned the applicants' complaint that they been attacked on their way home from a gay march and that the ensuing investigation had been inadequate. The Court considered that the authorities did not take reasonable steps with the aim of examining the role played by possible homophobic motives behind the attack. The Court found a violation of Article 3 (procedural limb) of the Convention read together with Article 14 of the Convention on this point. More information can be found [here](http://www.coe.int/en/web/sogi/-/nouvelle-news).

* **Application no. 62649/10 – İzzettin Doğan and Others v. Turkey (26 April 2016)**

The applicants, 203 Turkish nationals who are members of the Alevi religious community, complained about the authorities’ refusal to provide public services in religious matters to Alevi citizens and considered that they are subjected to discriminatory treatment in comparison to citizens who belong to the Sunni branch of Islam. The Court held that there had been a violation of the right to freedom of religion (Article 9) and the prohibition of discrimination (Article 14). More information can be found [here](http://hudoc.echr.coe.int/eng?i=001-162697).