

EU CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

TOOLS AND MATERIAL DEVELOPED BY THE EU AGENCY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS (FRA)

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FRA's work on the EU Charter

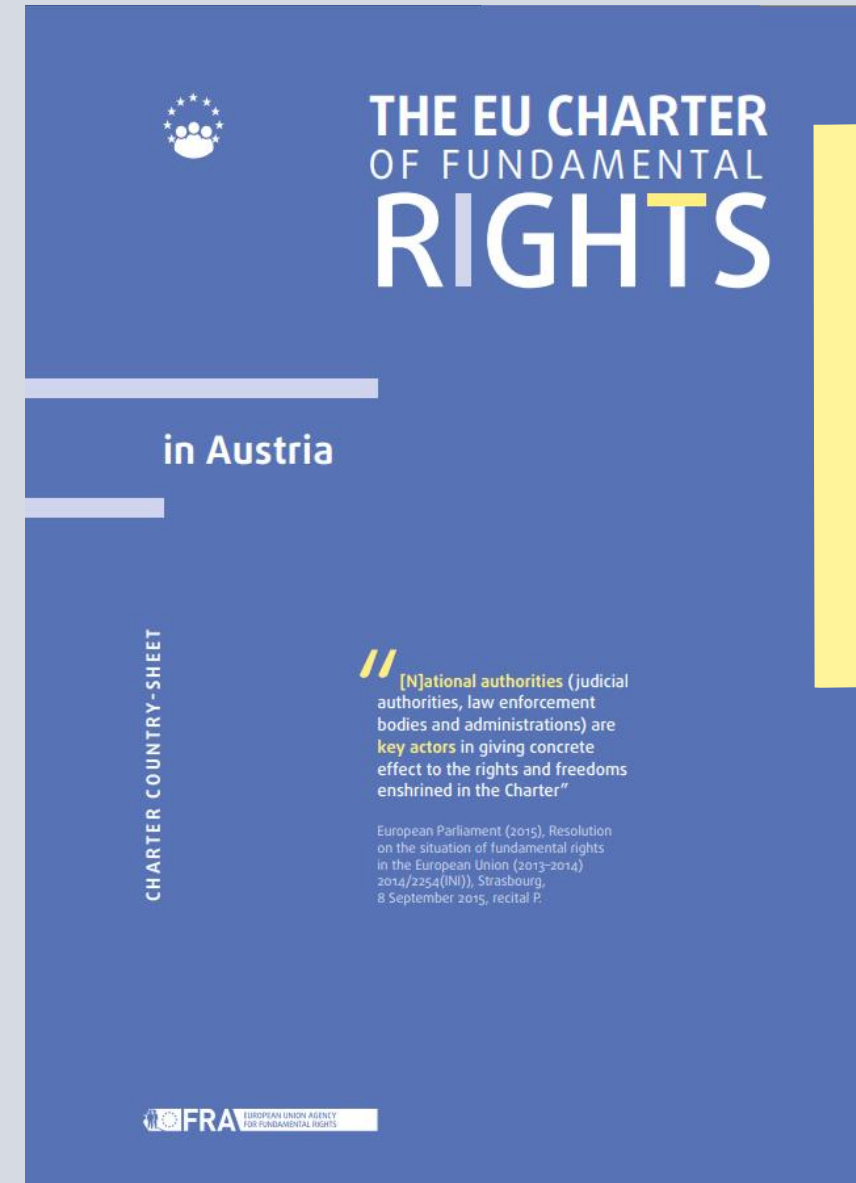
- Data collection, analysis and research
- Development of tools and material
- Providing expertise and support to EU institutions
- Capacity building for NHRIs
- Cooperation with EJTJN and bar and law societies
- Community of Charter experts
- 2nd Annual Online CharterXchange 9-11 December

Fundamental Rights Report 2024: Charter chapter

- Absence of a Charter right in national law:
 - Bulgaria (same-sex marriages)
 - The Charter as an interpretative tool:
 - Cyprus (data protection)
 - Ireland (asylum)
 - The Charter affected the validity of national law:
 - Germany and Italy (European Arrest Warrant)
 - Disapplication of national law:
 - France (right to paid annual leave)
 - Charter used together with ECHR: Belgium and Slovakia
 - Problems in accessibility of the justice sector (Art. 47 Charter)
- <https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2024/fundamental-rights-report-2024>

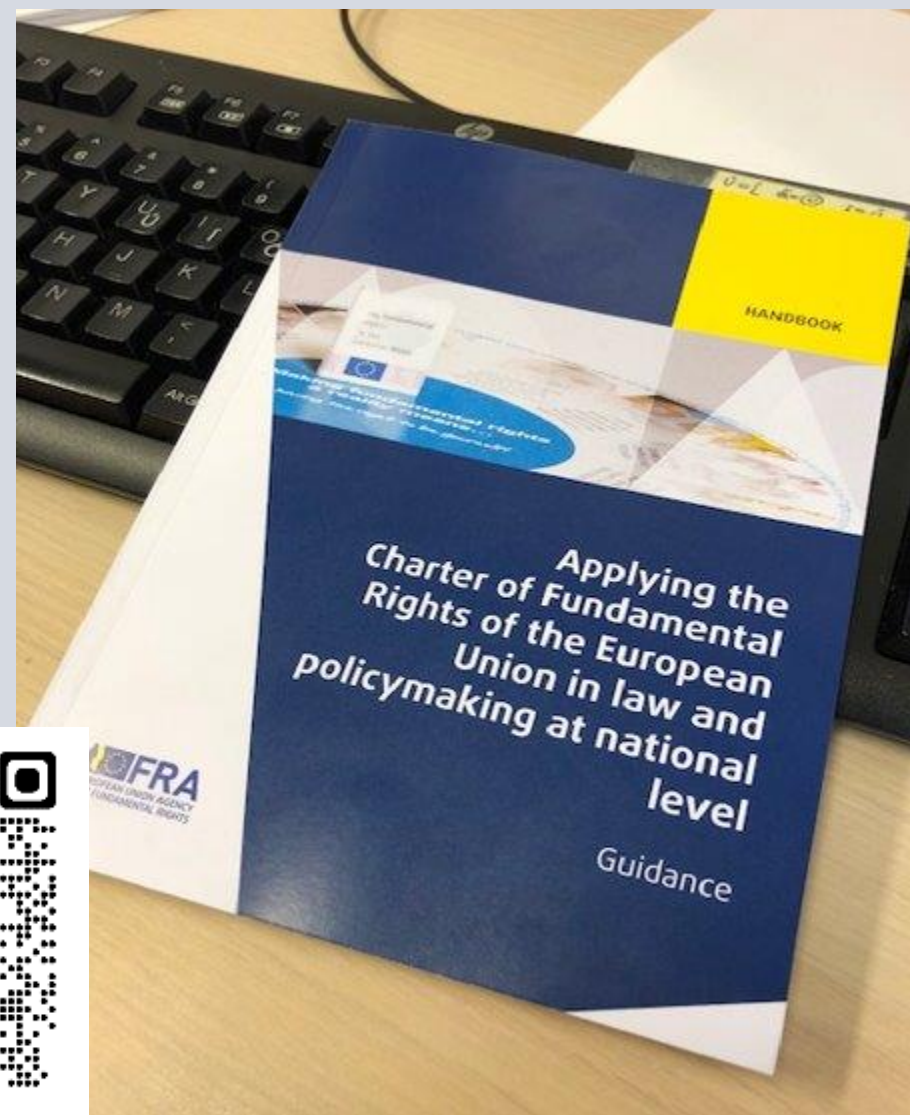
Country sheets

- <https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2019/eu-charter-fundamental-rights-use-and-added-value-eu-member-states>
- Examples of the Charter's use for each Member State.
- Constitutional law relevance
- Links to the national case law which has a direct reference to the Charter
- The Charter added value
- Comparison to ECHR and national catalogue of fundamental rights



Charter Handbook

- <https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2018/applying-charter-fundamental-rights-european-union-law-and-policymaking-national>
- Based on CJEU case law
- Short & Concise
- Checklist for applicability of Charter
- Checklist for Charter compliance
- Available in all EU languages

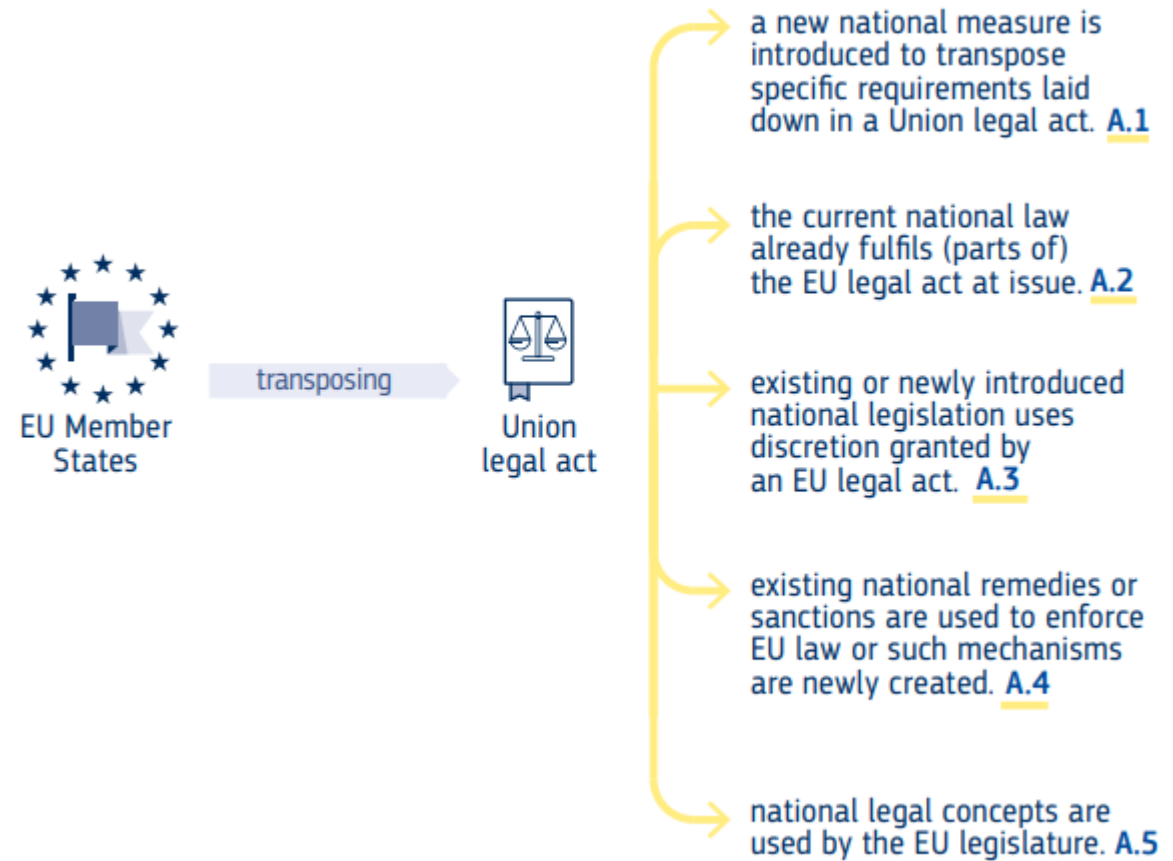


Charter Guidance checklist

Article 51 of the Charter - Field of application

1. The provisions of this Charter are addressed to the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union with due regard for the principle of subsidiarity and to the Member States **only** when they are implementing Union law. They shall therefore respect the rights, observe the principles and promote the application thereof in accordance with their respective powers and respecting the limits of the powers of the Union as conferred on it in the Treaties.

Figure 7: Situations of Charter application in response to a Union legal act



Charter case studies – Trainer’s manual

- <https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2022/charter-case-studies-trainers-manual>
- This trainer’s manual aims at providing guidance on both the organisation and the implementation of such trainings based on a series of case studies, which will be extended in the future.
- 8 Practical case studies
- How to use the manual, facts, the law, questions, background info for trainers
- For Charter trainers
- Available in **BG**, CZ, DT, **EL**, EN, FR, DE, **DT**, HU, **HR**, IT, **LV**, PL, RO, ES, **SI**, **SK** (in all EU languages by the end of 2023)



FRA e-learning

<https://e-learning.fra.europa.eu/>

Charter e-learning course

- <https://e-learning.fra.europa.eu/>
- Charter e-guidance: 10 concrete examples
- Charter videos
- [Handbook](#) on the applicability of the Charter
- Trainers' area
- Now available in **BG, CZ, HR, IT, LV, PL, RO, SK, SL, DE, EL, FR, HU and ES**
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Looking to strengthen your knowledge of fundamental rights? This website brings together all FRA's e-learning courses in one place.

AVAILABLE COURSES

E-MEDIA TOOLKIT

This toolkit brings together factual reporting examples from different media types and several tools, such as...

CHARTER COURSES

These courses provide judges and other legal practitioners with in-depth information and how the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights applies in practice.

Charterpedia

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/eu-charter>

- National and European case law
- Relevant national constitutional provisions, EU law, international law
- Parliamentary debates
- Academic references



Charterpedia

Charterpedia is an online tool maintained by the European Union Agency of Fundamental Rights (FRA). It provides easy-to-access information about the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and its provisions. It allows to track the concrete application of the Charter in the EU's Member States and offers regularly updated information providing guidance when concretely applying and interpreting the Charter.

Charterpedia information can be found within the section on the [EU Charter of Fundamental Rights >>](#)

Who is Charterpedia made for?

Charterpedia is of obvious interest and value for legal practitioners, academic researchers, and other interested persons be it lawyers in private practice, judges, prosecutors, company lawyers, civil servants in the public administration working on fundamental rights, NHRIs, equality bodies, civil society organisations, academics and law students as well as anyone interested in fundamental rights.

What does the Charterpedia include?

For each Charter Article, Charterpedia includes the official explanations of the Charter Articles, related European and national case law, related provisions in national constitutions as well as in EU legislation and international law. It also contains references to academic analysis and related FRA publications.

How and how often is Charterpedia updated?

The examples of Charter use at national level - such as national court decisions or examples how the Charter was referred to in national parliaments - are collected via the agency's multidisciplinary research network FRANET on an annual basis. The selection of examples is based on their relevance for the interpretation and application of the Charter.

Under "national constitutional law", those provisions are listed that are part of the main text of the national constitution and that reflect (at least in parts of) the respective Charter provision. Under "international law" and "EU law" preference is given to binding norms that are of relevance to the interpretation of the respective Charter provision. Where not much legally binding sources are available, Charterpedia provides examples of relevant soft law.

Different from national sources, the sections "international law" and "EU law" are not regularly updated (neither is the section "national constitutional law").

What is the difference between the Charterpedia and the Case Law Database?

Although the Case Law Database and Charterpedia cover the same datasets, the Case Law database allows for more sophisticated searches for instance by deciding body or by country. It is intended for judges, prosecutors, court staff, lawyers in private practice, notaries, and other legal professionals.

Case law database

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/case-law-database>

Search tool of case law with direct references to the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights from

- Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU)
- European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)
- a selection of national case law from all EU Member States.

The screenshot shows the FRA Case Law Database search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the FRA logo and menu items: WORK ON RIGHTS, EU CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS, TOOLS, and PRODUCTS. Below the navigation bar, the breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Tools > Case Law Database. The main heading is "Case Law Database". Below the heading, there is a descriptive text: "Here you can find case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) and the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) with direct references to the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, as well as a selection of national case law with direct references to the Charter from all EU Member States." Below this text, there is a "FILTER BY:" section with four dropdown menus: "EU Charter of fundamental rights", "ECHR Article(s) referenced", "Deciding bodies", and "Countries". All dropdown menus are currently set to "None selected". Below the filter section, there is a "Keyword Search" input field and a "SEARCH" button. At the bottom of the page, it displays "1469 case law references found" and a pagination control showing "Sort by date" and "Sort by name" options, along with a page number "1" and a range of numbers from 2 to 9.

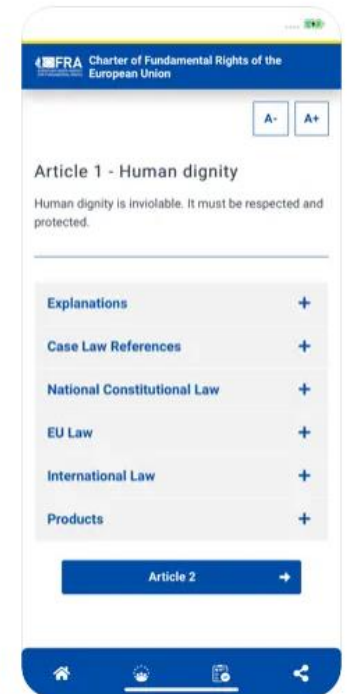
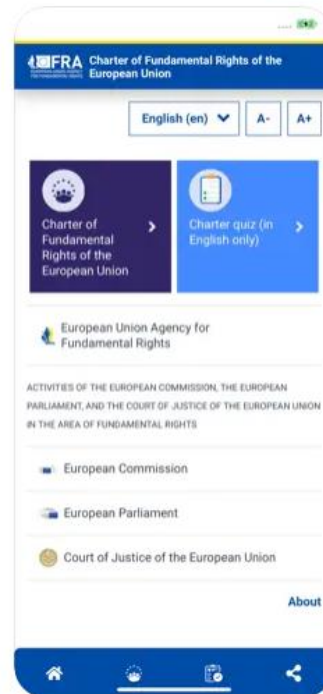
Charter App

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/charterapp>



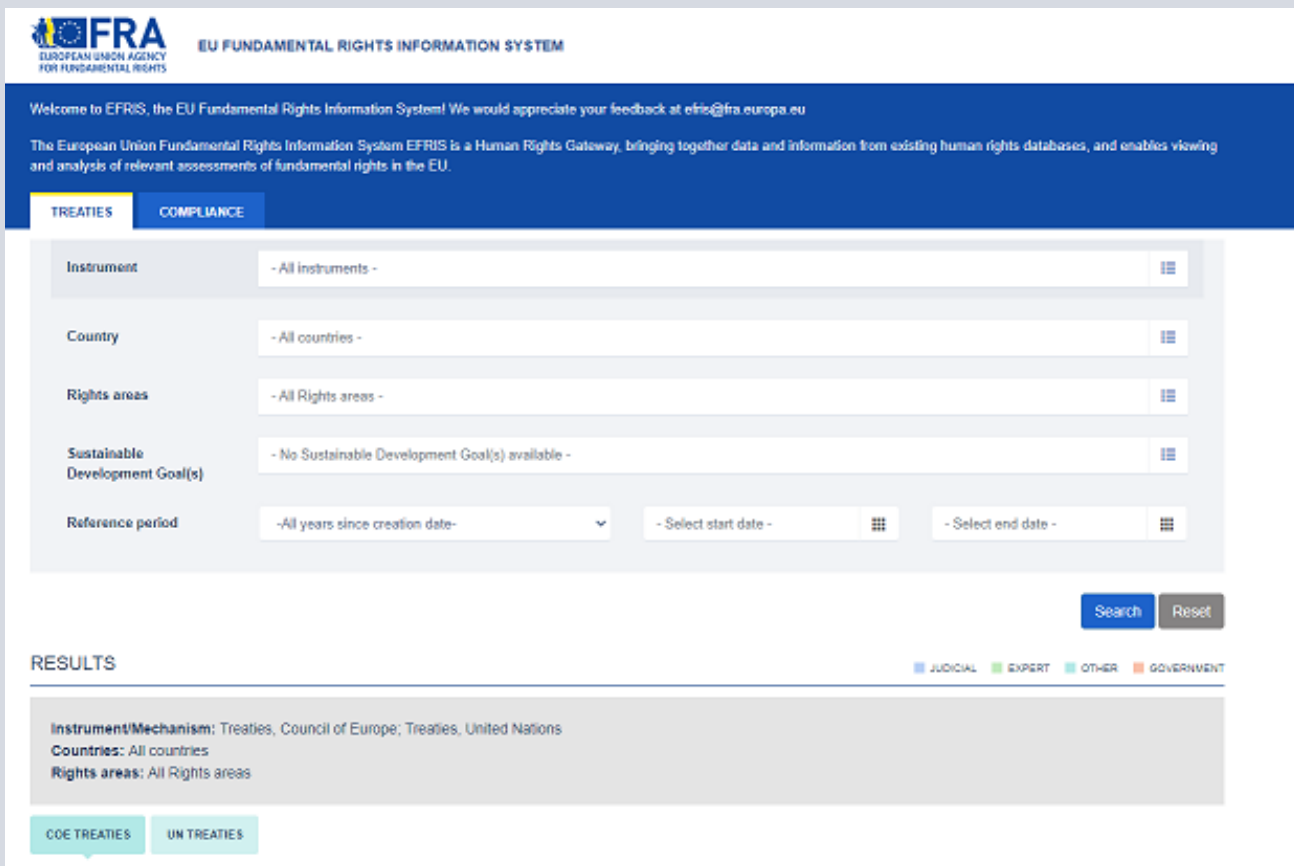
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EU Fundamental Rights Information System (EFRIS)

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/databases/efris/>



The screenshot displays the EFRIS search interface. At the top left is the FRA logo (European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights) and the text "EU FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS INFORMATION SYSTEM". Below this is a blue banner with a welcome message and a description of the system. The main search area has two tabs: "TREATIES" (selected) and "COMPLIANCE". There are five filter sections: "Instrument" (dropdown: -All instruments -), "Country" (dropdown: -All countries -), "Rights areas" (dropdown: -All Rights areas -), "Sustainable Development Goal(s)" (dropdown: -No Sustainable Development Goal(s) available -), and "Reference period" (dropdown: -All years since creation date- and two date pickers: - Select start date - and - Select end date -). Below the filters are "Search" and "Reset" buttons. The "RESULTS" section shows a legend for "JUDICIAL", "EXPERT", "OTHER", and "GOVERNMENT". The search results are: "Instrument/Mechanism: Treaties, Council of Europe; Treaties, United Nations", "Countries: All countries", and "Rights areas: All Rights areas". At the bottom of the results are two buttons: "COE TREATIES" and "UN TREATIES".

HELP course on the ECHR and Charter interplay

- EU-funded
- Developed by the CoE HELP in collaboration with FRA and the European Commission.
- 4 modules
- In English + more translations coming
- Published – July 2023
- <https://help.elearning.ext.coe.int/course/index.php?categoryid=1246>



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Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals
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Introduction to Human Rights Protection in Europe - Interplay between the ECHR and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights

ECHR/FRA joint factsheets

- <https://ks.echr.coe.int/web/echr-ks/echr-eu>
- ECtHR / FRA cooperation
- Focus on areas where EU law is prominent in ECtHR case law and where coherence between EU law and ECHR law is of particular importance.
- Relevant case law presented in a short and concise way

Overview of all FRA Charter materials

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/eu-charter/fra-charter-resources>



Criminal detention database 2015-2022

- Information on detention conditions in all 27 EU Member States + UK
- National and international standards, case law and monitoring reports
- Cell space, sanitary conditions, access to healthcare and protection against violence
- <https://fra.europa.eu/en/databases/criminal-detention/>

Criminal Detention Database 2015-2022 combines in one place information on detention conditions in all 27 EU Member States as well as in the UK. It does not 'rank' countries, but informs – drawing on national, European and international standards, case law and monitoring reports – on various aspects of detention conditions: including cell space, sanitary conditions, access to healthcare and protection against violence. The database is especially useful for judges and legal practitioners involved in cross-border cases.

Access data per country

 Austria	 Belgium	 Bulgaria	 Croatia
 Cyprus	 Czechia	 Denmark	 Estonia
 Finland	 France	 Germany	 Greece
 Hungary	 Ireland	 Italy	 Latvia
 Lithuania	 Luxembourg	 Malta	 Netherlands
 Poland	 Portugal	 Romania	 Slovakia
 Slovenia	 Spain	 Sweden	 United Kingdom

Access data by keyword

Cell space	Effective remedy	Healthcare	Juvenile prisoners	Living conditions	Nutrition
Protection against violence	Responsible authorities	Sanitary conditions			
Solitary confinement	Time out of cell	Women in detention			

ANTI-MUSLIM HATRED DATABASE 2012-2022

- International and national case law and decisions.
- Findings of national human rights bodies
- Reports, studies and statistics
- Victims' support organisations
- In EU Member States, Albania, Serbia and North Macedonia. Data for the United Kingdom exists up to 2019.
- <https://fra.europa.eu/en/databases/anti-muslim-hatred/>

database provides an overview of relevant international, European and national case law and decisions. It also provides findings of national human rights bodies related to anti-Muslim hatred incidents, such as violence, property offences, incitement to violence or hatred, other forms of hate speech, discrimination. In addition, it provides relevant research findings, including reports, studies and statistics on these issues, as well as information on victim support organisations providing support to victims of hate-motivated crime in EU Member States, Albania, Serbia and North Macedonia. Data for the United Kingdom exists up to 2019.

Access data per country

 Albania	 Austria	 Belgium	 Bulgaria
 Croatia	 Cyprus	 Czechia	 Denmark
 Estonia	 Finland	 France	 Germany
 Greece	 Hungary	 Ireland	 Italy
 Latvia	 Lithuania	 Luxembourg	 Malta
 North Macedonia	 Netherlands	 Poland	 Portugal
 Romania	 Serbia	 Slovakia	 Slovenia
 Spain	 Sweden	 United Kingdom	

Access data by keyword

Anti-Muslim hatred Discrimination Ethnic minorities Ethnic origin Ethnic profiling General population
Hate crime Hate speech **Hatred** Integration & inclusion Islamophobia Migrants **Muslims**
Nationality People of African descent & Black Europeans People with migrant background Public perceptions & attitudes Race

Other FRA publications and activities of interest

- Upcoming research outputs:
 - Loss of life and ill treatment at borders – Ten points for effective national investigations
 - [Digitalisation of justice: fundamental rights guidance](#)
- <https://fra.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/fra-calendar-2024>

FRA project: Digitalisation of justice: fundamental rights guidance

- Qualitative research (a mix of desk research and interviews) in 7 EU Member States (**AT, EE, FR, IT, LV, PL, PT**) on the digitalisation of justice and fundamental rights.
- Increasing importance of digitalisation in the justice field and effective safeguards to ensure full respect for fundamental rights.
- FRA will examine various concrete examples of digital tools and systems, ranging from remote court hearings, electronic filing and exchange systems, to tools making use of AI.
- **Outcome:** practical guidance for EU institutions and EU Member States on fundamental rights safeguards.
- **When:** the second half of 2025.
- **Fundamental rights focus:** access to justice, defence rights, non-discrimination, privacy and data protection.
- See [*project webpage*](#) for more information

Thank you!

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