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PACE committee calls for protection of 'whistleblowers' who reveal state wrongdoing

'Whistleblowers' who disclose state wrongdoing in the public interest should be protected from retaliation, provided they acted in good faith and followed procedures, a committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) said in a draft resolution made public today.

Access to information should be granted where public interest in the information in question outweighs the authorities' interest in keeping it secret, including when such information "would make an important contribution to an on-going public debate", the committee said.

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Handbook on European law relating to asylum, borders and immigration

The Handbook on European law relating to asylum, borders and immigration is jointly produced by the European Court of Human Rights and the FRA. It examines the relevant law in the field of asylum, borders and immigration stemming from both European systems: the European Union and the Council of Europe. It provides an accessible guide to the various European standards relevant to asylum, borders and immigration. The guide is aimed at lawyers, judges, prosecutors, border guards, immigration officials and others working with national authorities, as well as NGOs and other bodies that may be confronted with legal questions in the areas covered by the handbook.

Handbook



Fundamental Rights: Challenges & Achievements in 2012 (FRA)

The FRA Annual Report examines fundamental rights-related developments in many fields, including asylum, immigration and integration, border control and visa policy. The Fundamental Rights Agency Annual Report 2012 is a detailed report on developments in legislation, policy

making and the situation on the ground in the fundamental rights field. This year's Focus section looks at 'The European Union as a Community of values: safeguarding fundamental rights in times of crisis'.

You are able to read the full report on the [website of the Fundamental Right Agency](#)

IMPORTANT TO KNOW



The principle of free movement in the European Union

The Free movement of people is one of the four basic freedoms of the EU, a principle at the very core of the European project. The right to move freely is one of the most tangible rights the EU citizens enjoy. With 2013 being the European Year of Citizens, free movement and mobility of EU citizens deserves special attention.

1. TEFU Article 21 (1)

"Every citizen of the union shall have the right to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States, subject to the limitations and conditions laid down in the Treaties and by the measures adopted to give them effect".

2. Directive 2004/38 on the right of citizens of the union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States, Regulation 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems, Regulation 492/2011 on freedom of movement of workers within the union.

(By The European Multicultural Foundation)



Facebook Commits to Remove Violent Misogynistic Pages

Facebook has promised to undertake some measures against pro-rape groups, after a campaign by [Everyday Sexism Project](#), [Women, Action & the Media \(WAM!\)](#) and author [Soraya Chemaly](#) denounced content inciting violence against women on the website.

In an [open letter](#), they demanded the social media giant to end gender-based hate speech on its pages. Facebook users were also called to ask companies whose adverts appear next to harmful content to withdraw their adverts.

The content that the campaign condemns includes images of women beaten and raped with captions such as "One third of women are physically abused. Two third of men aren't doing their job" or "Next time don't get pregnant."

See more at: http://media-diversity.org/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2533:facebook-commits-to-remove-violent-misogynistic-pages-&catid=35:media-news-a-content&Itemid=34#sthash.EDqfdqE9.dpuf