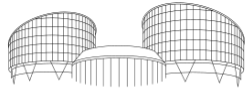


COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS



EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

European Court of Human Rights launches new Internet site

The European Court of Human Rights has launched on 22 May its newly-designed Internet site (www.echr.coe.int). The website of the Court has been revamped in order to give users better access to a wider range of information relating to the organisation of the Court, its activities and case-law. New features include an enhanced search option, dynamic news feeds and more comprehensive information on the Court and the Registry. The website will be regularly updated and items will be added or developed over the next few months.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION NEWS



EU Citizenship: Commission proposes 12 new actions to boost citizens' rights

The European Commission has today unveiled a new push to reinforce EU citizens' rights with a series of actions to tackle obstacles that citizens still face in their everyday life. The 2013 EU Citizenship Report sets out 12 concrete ways to help Europeans make better use of their EU rights, from looking for a job in another EU country to ensuring stronger participation in the democratic life of the Union. Eurobarometer surveys on citizenship (IP/13/119) and electoral rights (IP/13/215), a series of [direct Citizens' dialogues](#) with national and European politicians as well as a large numbers of queries from the public about EU rights received through the Europe Direct information service confirm that more needs to be done. The Commission is responding to these concerns.

The [EU Citizenship Report 2013](#) announces **12 new actions in six areas** to strengthen citizens' rights:

1. Removing obstacles for workers, students and trainees in the EU
2. Cutting red tape in the Member States
3. Protecting the more vulnerable in the EU
4. Eliminating barriers to shopping in the EU
5. Promoting the availability of targeted and accessible information about the EU
6. Strengthening citizens' participation in the democratic process

The EU Citizenship Report forms the centerpiece of the 2013 European Year of Citizens and also takes stock of progress since the first Citizenship Report in 2010 (see [IP/10/1390](#) and [MEMO/10/525](#)) - with the Commission delivering on the 25 action items announced in October 2010.

NGO'S NEWS



AMNESTY
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Report 2013: world increasingly dangerous for refugees and migrants

Amnesty International said that the rights of millions of people who have escaped conflict and persecution, or migrated to seek work and a better life for themselves and their families, have been abused. Governments around the world are accused of showing more interest in protecting their national borders than the rights of their citizens or the rights of those seeking refugee or opportunities within those borders. The excuse that human rights are 'internal affairs' has been used to block international action to address rights emergencies such as Syria. The UN Security Council – entrusted with global security and leadership – continue to fail to ensure concerted and unified political action.

It was often harder for refugees to cross borders than it was for the guns and weapons that facilitated the violence that forced such people from their homes. However, the UN's adoption of an Arms Trade Treaty in March 2013 offers hope that shipments of weapons that may be used to commit atrocities may at last be halted.

The European Union implements border control measures that put the lives of migrants and asylum-seekers at risk and fails to guarantee the safety of those fleeing conflict and persecution. Around the world, migrants and asylum-seekers are regularly locked up in detention centers and in worst case scenarios are held in metal crates or even shipping containers.

The rights of huge numbers of the world's 214 million migrants were not protected by their home or their host state. Millions of migrants worked in conditions amounting to forced labour - or in some cases slavery-like conditions - because governments treated them like criminals and because corporations cared more about profits than workers' rights. Undocumented migrants were particularly at risk of exploitation and human rights abuse.

EMYN NEWS



Training course "Youth work: New approaches – New Opportunities"

Representatives of 27 non-governmental organizations, youth workers and activists from Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Russia, Georgia, Poland, Finland, Armenia and Romania have taken part in the training course from 16 to 22 April. The project aimed to develop youth work on intercultural learning and social inclusion by raising competences of youth workers in using modern non-formal education tools and recourses including e-learning and social networks.

More information [here](#)