



# Fundamental Rights Forum

Vienna,  
20-23 June 2016

Rights, Respect, Reality:  
the Europe of Values in Today's World

Programme

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## Practical details

Due to limited space and budget, registration will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis.

The conference will be held in English. French and German interpretation will be provided for all **plenary** sessions.

Dear Ms GJERSKOV,

I have the pleasure to invite you to a ground-breaking human rights gathering that will take place in Vienna from 20 to 23 June 2016. The cutting-edge **Fundamental Rights Forum 2016** will bring together policy makers, opinion leaders, and grassroots workers in an innovative and interactive manner to debate new pathways to address Europe's fundamental rights challenges.

In 2016, the Forum will focus on the issues of refugee protection, inclusion and the digital age.

The Forum offers a major platform to reaffirm the commitment to fundamental rights as the foundational value of the European Union. The Forum will be attended by over 420 leading decision-makers and experts from EU institutions, EU member state governments and parliaments, international organisations, business, academia and civil society, the arts, media and professional groups; as well as, of course, rights holders.

The Forum is organised in cooperation with the European Parliament, the European Commission, the Netherlands Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the Austrian Government, the Council of Europe, the EEA & Norway Grants and the City of Vienna under the patronage of the Austrian President, Heinz Fischer.

KEY SPEAKERS include:

- **Frans Timmermans**, First Vice President of the European Commission
- **Zeid Ra'ad Zeid al-Husseini**, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
- **Nils Muižnieks**, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
- **Mary Robinson**, former President of Ireland and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
- **Vaira Vike-Freiberga**, former President of Latvia
- **Steve Howard**, IKEA corporate innovator and Chief Sustainability Officer

- **Benjamin Barber**, US political theorist
- **Gianfranco Rosi**, Winner of the Golden Bear 2016 at the Berlin International Film Festival
- and many other leading decision-makers and experts.

Each day the Forum will approach human rights promotion and protection from forward-looking perspectives that can make a difference: rights based governance (Day 1); empowering rights holders (Day 2); and fundamental rights compliant sustainable growth (Day 3).

I look forward to welcoming you and engaging with you during what promises to be a stimulating conference in these challenging times.

**Michael O’Flaherty, Director**

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**  
for the Forum

You are kindly asked to register for the Forum by **Friday 20 May 2016** at the latest. Please note that the registration does not automatically guarantee your participation in the Forum. FRA will keep you informed via email after you have completed your registration.

For more information please consult the [website of the Forum](#) or contact the FRF team at [frf@fra.europa.eu](mailto:frf@fra.europa.eu).