



# Factors which enable or hinder the protection of human rights: Challenges in internal and external policies of the European Union

## Workshop WP 2

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FRAME is an interdisciplinary, four-year FP7 project on 'Fostering Human Rights Among European (External and Internal) Policies' aiming to cast European Human Rights Policies from a comprehensive, multi-actor and global perspective. FRAME is a collaborative project of 19 academic partners and approximately 100 researchers from the EU and abroad.

In order to grasp the complex challenges that human rights governance is facing today, FRAME is addressing key cultural, economic, historical, legal, political, religious, social and technological factors that may enable or hinder the protection of human rights in the context of internal and external policies of the EU.

The workshop will bring together policy makers and experts, who, with point of departure in preliminary findings derived from research on the selected factors, will identify and discuss key gaps in, and challenges to, the protection of human rights in relation to the EU's internal and external policies.

### PROGRAMME

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8:45 – 9:00	<b>Registration</b>
9:00 – 9:10	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> Dr. Eva Maria Lassen, Danish Institute for Human Rights
9:10 – 9:30	<b>Challenges in internal and external policies of the European Union: A COHOM-perspective</b> (title to be confirmed) Ms. Friederike Tschampa, Human Rights and Democracy Directorate, European External Action Service (EEAS) and Alternate Chair of the EU Council Working Party for Human Rights, COHOM

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9:30 – 10:30	<p><b>PANEL 1: Technological factors</b>  <i>Self-regulation and human rights</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Anja Møller Pedersen, Danish Institute for Human Rights</li> <li>- Mr. Joe McNamee, European Digital Rights</li> <li>- To be announced</li> </ul>
10:30 – 10:45	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>
10:45 – 11:45	<p><b>PANEL 2: Legal factors</b>  <i>The Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) and Human Rights</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Anja Møller Pedersen and Dr. Peter Vedel Kessing, Danish Institute for Human Rights</li> <li>- Dr. Sari Kuovo, Policy Officer, Crisis Management and Planning Directorate, European External Action Service</li> <li>- Malcolm Evans, Professor of Public International Law and the University of Bristol, Chair of the UN Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture</li> </ul>
11:45 – 12:45	<p><b>PANEL 3: Religious factors</b>  <i>Religious minorities under pressure</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Eva Maria Lassen, Senior Researcher, Danish Institute for Human Rights</li> <li>- Dr. Malcolm Evans, Professor of Public International Law and the University of Bristol, Chair of the UN Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture</li> <li>- A member of European Parliament Intergroup on Freedom of Religion or Belief and Religious Tolerance (TBC)</li> </ul>
12:45 – 13:45	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
13:45 – 15:15	<p><b>PANEL 4: Ethnic factors</b>  <i>a) Effective monitoring of national equality bodies – a need for standards?</i>  <i>b) Opportunities and Pitfalls of Anti-discrimination policies in the European External Action Service</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Mandana Zarrehparvar, Senior Advisor, Danish Institute for Human Rights</li> <li>- Dr. Monika Mayrhofer, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights</li> <li>- Mr. Niall Crowley, Independent EU expert on equality</li> <li>- An expert from European External Action Service (TBA)</li> </ul>
15:15 – 15:30	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>
15:30 – 16:30	<p><b>PANEL 5: Economic factors</b>  <i>Human rights content of EU bilateral development agreements</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Hans-Otto Sano, Senior Researcher, Danish Institute for Human Rights</li> <li>- An expert from DG DEVCO – EuropeAid (To be announced)</li> <li>- To be announced</li> </ul>
16:30 – 16:45	<p><b>Concluding observations</b></p>