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Council adopts Multiannual Framework for the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights

The Council adopted today, without discussion, a decision establishing the Multiannual Framework for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights for 2013-2017 ([10449/12](#)).

According to the regulation establishing the Agency¹, the thematic areas of its activity shall be determined by a five-year Multiannual Framework adopted by the Council. The Agency shall carry out the above-mentioned tasks within these thematic areas, and each year its Management Board will adopt the Agency's work programmes on that basis.

The decision includes the following thematic areas:

- access to justice;
- victims of crime, including compensation to victims;
- information society and, in particular, respect for private life and protection of personal data;

¹ Art. 5 [Regulation \(EC\) No 168/2007](#)

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- Roma integration;
- judicial cooperation, except in criminal matters;
- rights of the child;
- discrimination based on sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age or sexual orientation;
- immigration and integration of migrants, visa and border control and asylum;
- racism, xenophobia and related intolerance.

In June 2012 the Council reached political agreement on the text and decided to transmit the text to the European Parliament for its consent. The Parliament gave its consent on 13 December 2012. The decision will enter into force on the twentieth day after its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union and shall be applicable retroactively from 1 January 2013.

More information: <http://fra.europa.eu/>
