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## **Council adopts financing programmes in the area of justice and fundamental rights 2014-2020**

The Council adopted today without discussion two regulations establishing the financing programmes in the area of justice and fundamental rights within the framework of the Multiannual Financial Framework for the period 2014-2020.

### **Justice programme**

The first regulation concerns the **Justice programme** (PE-CONS 90/13), a funding programme aiming to support actions with European added value in the area of judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters and judicial training. Accordingly, the programme will support actions to facilitate, promote and support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters; judicial training; access to justice for all and initiatives in the field of drugs policy as regards judicial cooperation and crime prevention aspects not covered by other funds.

The financial envelope for the implementation of the programme for 2014-2020 is set at EUR 377,6 million .

Ireland has decided to take part in this instrument. The United Kingdom and Denmark will not participate.

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## **Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme**

The second regulation concerns the **Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme** (PE-CONS 89/13) which is the successor to the three existing programmes: Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, Daphne III and the "Antidiscrimination and Diversity" and "Gender Equality" sections of the Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity (PROGRESS).

The new programme aims to contribute to the creation of an area where the rights of persons, as enshrined in the Treaty of the Functioning of the European Union and in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, are respected, promoted and protected. Accordingly, the programme will support actions in the areas of Union citizenship, non-discrimination on grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance; prevention and combating violence against children, young people and women, protection of victims and groups at risk; data protection; rights of the child and consumer and business rights in the internal market.

The financial envelope for the implementation of the programme 2014-2020 is set at EUR 439,4 million

At horizontal level the two programmes aim to streamline and simplify access to funding in these fields and accordingly the regulations set out specific indicators to assess and measure the achievement of those objectives.

Both regulations will enter into force on the day following that of their publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. The two proposals were presented by the Commission on 21 November 2011.