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**FRALEX – EU Fundamental Rights Agency: Independent Legal Experts**

<b>Summary</b>			
<p>On 1 March 2007, the <i>European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights</i> (FRA) was established on the basis of Council Regulation 168/2007. According to Article 2 of the Regulation, its objective is to provide the relevant institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Community and the Member States with assistance and expertise relating to fundamental rights in order to support them when they take measures or formulate courses of action within their respective spheres of competence to fully respect fundamental rights.</p> <p>In this context the Agency launched in July 2007 an international call for tenders with the aim to identify highly qualified legal experts in the field of fundamental rights in all Member States of the European Union. The role of the legal experts is to collect relevant data, particularly official statistical data and information on case law, as well as examples of good practice and report to the Agency according to specific guidelines common for all EU Member States. These reports will constitute the necessary background material for comparative analyses and European level reports to be developed by the Agency. The BIM is responsible for the collection and analysis of the Austrian data and merges the country-specific reports.</p>			
<b>Countries</b>	Austria, EU Member States		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>Senior legal expert</i>	Manfred Nowak	
	<i>Legal experts (dignity, freedoms, equality, solidarity, citizens' rights, justice)</i>	Kerstin Buchinger, Marta Hodasz, Julia Kozma, Alexander Lubich, Walter Suntinger and ad hoc contributors	
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	Human European Consultancy, NL	<b>Partner organisations</b>	One expert team per EU Member State
<b>Starting/end date</b>	November 2007 to November 2008 (prolongable)		
<b>Funded by</b>	EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)		

## Assistance to the Management Board of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency

### Summary

On 1 March 2007 the *European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights* (FRA) was established through Council Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 of 15 February 2007. It is built on the former *European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia* (EUMC) in Vienna. The Agency's objective is to provide the relevant institutions and authorities of the EU and its member states with assistance and expertise relating to fundamental rights when implementing the Community law.

Above and beyond giving advice to institutions and Member States, FRA is in charge of the collection and analysis of comparable information and data on the fundamental rights situation and its development in the EU, as well as in developing methods and standards to improve the quality and comparability of data at EU level. The Agency's main tasks further comprise the realisation and promotion of scientific research and surveys as well as co-operation with civil society and awareness-raising, aimed at the establishment of a network through a Fundamental Rights Platform.

On 23 January 2008 the Council adopted a Multiannual Framework for the Agency according to which FRA will primarily be engaged in the following issues: racism, xenophobia and intolerance, all forms of discrimination, compensation of victims, the rights and protection of children, asylum, immigration and integration, visa and border control, the right to democratic participation in the EU, data protection and respect for private life, and last not least access to efficient and independent justice.

Hannes Tretter is the Austrian independent member of the Management Board (MB) of FRA, which is in charge of the formulation of a Multiannual Framework Programme for the Agency, the determination of FRA's annual work programme and budgeting, the adoption of the annual report and the appointment and dismissal of the Agency's director. In his function as vice chair of the FRA MB Hannes Tretter is also member of the Executive Board, which prepares the decisions of the MB and consults the director.

In the exercise of these functions the scientific assistance provided by the BIM is essential, with regard to research on and suitable preparation of issues and questions in the context of the tasks of FRA and the MB. Additionally it includes the organisation and professional managing of "Round Table" discussions in Austria, the coordination of scientific institutions, NGOs, political actors and public authorities, as well as the dissemination of information on FRA's activities amongst the latter and the public.

Homepage: <http://eumc.europa.eu/eumc/index.php>

<b>Country</b>	Austria		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>Vice Chair of FRA Management Board</i>	Hannes Tretter	
	<i>Scientific and administrative assistance</i>	Astrid Steinkellner	
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights – Research Association	<b>Partner organisation(s)</b>	-
<b>Starting/ end date</b>	Ongoing since September 2007		
<b>Funded by</b>	Republic of Austria – Federal Chancellery		

## Juristras – The Strasbourg Court, Democracy and Human Rights of Individuals and Communities

<b>Summary</b>	
<p>The Juristras project studies the relationship between courts and politics, between judicial review of human rights at the supranational level and domestic politics and policies in Europe. Specifically, it aims at exploring processes of human rights litigation and state implementation of judgments of the <i>European Court of Human Rights</i> (ECtHR), as well as the effects of the latter in national legislative reform in a number of EU Member States and Associate Candidate States, whereas the BIM focuses on the Austrian situation.</p> <p>The project tries to examine under what conditions Strasbourg Court judgments, that find state authorities to have breached provisions of the “European Convention on Human Rights” (ECHR), promote broader domestic reforms or policy-changes and expand justice for individuals and communities. It specifically focuses on the Court’s growing jurisprudence pertaining to the civil rights of individuals and communities and their participation in the public sphere in a democratic setting. Such case law has primarily grown out of specific categories of cases brought to the ECtHR in which individuals claim a violation of their right to privacy and family life, religious freedom and conscience, freedom of expression, assembly and association, or discriminatory treatment. In the course of research, best practices concerning the establishment or improvement of national and European mechanisms for addressing human rights claims and resolving disputes between individual rights and state interests will be identified. Moreover, policy recommendations concerning the rights of religious and ethnic minorities, the combating of discrimination and the protection of personal privacy will be formulated in the course of the project.</p>	
<b>Countries</b>	Austria, Greece, Great Britain, Italy, Turkey, Bulgaria, Germany, Romania
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>Project leader (BIM)</i> Hannes Tretter
	<i>Researchers</i> Astrid Steinkellner, Barbara Liegl, Kerstin Buchinger
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, GR
<b>Partner organisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, AT</li> <li>• University of Kent, UK</li> <li>• Università degli Studi di Siena, IT</li> <li>• Yildiz Technical University, TR</li> <li>• Foundation Centre for Liberal Strategies, BG</li> <li>• Université Libre de Bruxelles, BE</li> <li>• Universität Bielefeld, DE</li> <li>• Romanian Academic Society, RO</li> </ul>
<b>Starting/end date</b>	September 2006 to August 2009
<b>Funded by</b>	European Commission, Research Directorate-General, 6 <sup>th</sup> Framework Programme

## Reflexive Governance in the Public Interest

<b>Summary</b>			
<p>The research project focuses on emerging institutional mechanisms which seek to answer the question of market failures by means other than command-and-control regulation imposed in the name of the public interest. It seeks to identify these new mechanisms, to evaluate them and to make institutional proposals for an improved form of governance.</p> <p>The network consists of five sub-networks; the BIM experts are involved in the sub-network "Fundamental Rights Governance". The question this sub-network seeks to address is whether, in the present situation of fundamental rights policy, fundamental rights may contribute effectively to the definition of the public interest in the European Union, and if not, which mechanisms ought to be invented to make that contribution effective, and thus to ensure the mutual reinforcement of fundamental rights and the provision of services of general economic interest towards increased social and territorial cohesion.</p> <p>The BIM experts focus their research on questions concerning the policy field of anti-discrimination. National and EU-wide procedures, mechanisms and policies which existed and exist in the field of anti-discrimination and equal treatment are analysed. The aim is to arrive at a better understanding of what may have gone wrong and may be improved, and in the end contributes to the development of the hypothesis of reflexive governance.</p>			
<b>Countries</b>	EU Member States		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>Overall coordination of the sub-network</i>	Olivier de Schutter (Université catholique de Louvain)	
	<i>Austrian project lead</i>	Manfred Nowak	
	<i>Researchers</i>	Marta Hodasz, Katrín Wladasch, Barbara Liegl	
	<i>Experts of the sub-network</i>	Albert Andronico, Catherine Barnard, Gráinne de Búrca, Paul de Hert, Bart de Schutter, Olivier de Schutter, Simon Deakin, Serge Gutwirth, Rick Lawson, Antonio Lo Faro, Manfred Nowak, Veerle van den Eeckhout, Kees Waaldijk	
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	Université catholique de Louvain, BE	<b>Partner organisations (Sub-network)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Universiteit Leiden, NL</li> <li>• European University Institute, Florence, IT</li> <li>• Université catholique de Louvain, BE</li> <li>• University of Cambridge, UK</li> <li>• Vrije Universiteit Brussel, BE</li> <li>• University College London, UK</li> </ul>
<b>Starting/ end date</b>	June 2005 to June 2008		
<b>Funded by</b>	European Commission, DG Research, 6 <sup>th</sup> Framework Programme		

## Training Curriculum on Fundamental Rights for Judgeship Trainees

<b>Summary</b>			
<p>In cooperation with the <i>Federal Ministry of Justice</i>, the <i>Association of Austrian Judges</i> (Department „Fundamental Rights“) and two other Austrian human rights institutes, the BIM is developing a human rights curriculum for judgeship trainees.</p> <p>In the course of this project, a script is being drafted as the basis for several fundamental rights seminars that will be held for the target group of judgeship trainees. The seminars will be based on a tandem-principle, in which human rights experts from the three institutes involved together with senior judges, will introduce the trainees into fields of national law that are notably linked to diverse fundamental and human rights issues. The curriculum as such has a strong focus on the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the “European Convention on Human Rights” and the “EU Charta of Fundamental Rights”, e.g. the right to liberty and security, the right to a fair trial, the right to respect for private and family life, freedom of expression and the prohibition of discrimination.</p>			
<b>Country</b>	Austria		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>Project leader</i>	Hannes Tretter	
	<i>Legal researcher</i>	Astrid Steinkellner, Marta Hodasz, Kerstin Buchinger	
	<i>Legal researcher (Internship)</i>	Christoph Tschohl	
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights	<b>Partner organisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Association of Austrian Judges (Department Fundamental Rights)</li> <li>• Federal Ministry of Justice</li> <li>• Austrian Human Rights Institute (ÖIM), Salzburg</li> <li>• European Training Centre for Democracy and Human Rights (ETC), Graz</li> </ul>
<b>Starting/ end date</b>	Ongoing since April 2007		
<b>Funded by</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federal Ministry of Justice</li> <li>• Association of Austrian Judges (Department Fundamental Rights)</li> </ul>		

## Strengthening the Principles of Human Rights in Austrian Development Cooperation

<b>Summary</b>			
<p>In December 2007, the BIM won the tender for a new phase of a framework agreement with the <i>Austrian Development Agency (ADA)</i>. It aims at strengthening the principles of human rights, democratisation and good governance in the work of the ADA and the <i>Ministry of European and International Affairs (BMeiA)</i>. Four main topics are part of the framework agreement: consultancy regarding policy related questions, support at the project and programme level, capacity building and the electronic documentation of data relevant to development cooperation. The first half of 2007 was still busy with the former framework contract. Expert studies on programme and project level were elaborated, as well as parts of ADA strategy papers in the field of human rights such as a strategy document in the field of reintegration (conflict prevention and peace building) and a number of background studies regarding the cross-section topics of children's rights and rights of disabled persons. The BIM also cooperated with ADA in the elaboration of the "Austrian National Action Plan for the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 on women, peace and security". In the field of capacity building, the BIM successfully completed an initiative together with FIAN (<i>FoodFirst Information and Action Network</i>), ETC Graz (<i>European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy</i>) and KommEnt. The BIM Team trained staff of Austrian development NGOs in the application of the human rights approach, in order to enable them to use it in programming, project development and implementation. The newly won tender focuses on the elaboration of strategies regarding the existing guidelines, in order to put them into practice – with the integration of the international structures of the Austrian Development Cooperation. Advisory services focus on the new aid modalities, such as budget support and human rights/good governance and targeted advice in the field of conflict prevention and „Demobilisation, Disarmament and Reintegration“ (DDR), as well as „Security System Reform“ (SSR).</p>			
<b>Country</b>	Austria, Austrian Development Cooperation target countries		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>Coordination Development Cooperation</i>	Barbara Kühhas	
	<i>Scientific researcher (director)</i>	Manfred Nowak	
	<i>Scientific researchers</i>	Karin Lukas (CSR, disability rights – until summer 2007), Claudia Hüttner (disability rights – since summer 2007), Helmut Sax (children's rights), Walter Suntinger (human rights), Dorota Gierycz (conflict prevention), Andrea Sölkner (peacebuilding), Peter Hazdra (security)	
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights	<b>Partner organisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FoodFirst Information and Action Network (FIAN)</li> <li>• Gesellschaft für Kommunikation und Entwicklung (KommEnt)</li> <li>• European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (ETC), Graz</li> </ul>
<b>Starting/ end date</b>	Since 1998 New framework agreement: December 2007 to May 2010		
<b>Funded by</b>	Austrian Development Agency (ADA)		



## Poverty Reduction and Human Rights in Macedonia

<b>Summary</b>			
<p>The overall objective of activities of the BIM in Macedonia is the implementation of the project <i>Human Rights and Poverty Reduction in Macedonia</i> through piloting the “Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights Approach in Poverty Reduction Strategies” of the <i>UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights</i> (OHCHR). A bottom-up approach from the local to the national level is pursued.</p> <p>At local level, BIM is conducting various activities in seven pilot municipalities aimed at strengthening the capacity of local self-government (LSG) and the main stakeholders (LLGs) to include vulnerable and poor people in the elaboration of the local development strategies, primarily through: the implementation of a baseline study on poverty in the selected municipalities; the elaboration of a set of tools at disposal of the <i>United Nations Development Programme</i> (UNDP); organisation of trainings and workshops on the elaborated tools; organisation of Peer Discussion Groups (PDGs) with the representatives of the most marginalized social groups; funding of micro-projects to ensure the implementation of the <i>Human Rights Based Approach</i> (HRBA) in the elaboration of local development plans. During 2007 five local development plans could be finalised with the human rights approach, and in all municipalities the pilot projects started up successfully. At central level BIM has effectually facilitated technical assistance to the elaboration of the “Joint Inclusion Memorandum” (JIM) – a strategic document referring to the main challenges and political measures related to poverty and social exclusion, which the Macedonian government needs to adopt in the EU accession process. BIM cooperates closely with the <i>Ministry of Labour and Social Politics</i> who is also in charge of civil society participation. This approach means a real innovation within the EU accession process. The gathering of relevant data at regional and national level is fostered, and technical assistance for using the human rights approach is given. In a participatory manner mechanisms and indicators for human rights which are relevant to poverty reduction and greater social inclusion are developed.</p>			
<b>Country</b>	Republic of Macedonia		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>General coordination</i>	Barbara Kühhas	
	<i>Project manager</i>	Filippo Unterhofer	
	<i>Local human rights expert</i>	Ninoslav Mladenovic	
	<i>Junior professional assistant</i>	Mirije Sulmati	
	<i>Administrative assistant</i>	Jagoda Strasevska	
	<i>International experts</i>	Katrin Wladasch, Michaela Moser, Manfred Nowak, Helmut Sax, Eric Mallier	
	<i>National experts</i>	Albert Musliu, Ramiza Sakip, Elizabeta Kunovska, Verica Trajkova, Jasminka and Friscik Gordana Trenkoska, Zvonko Zavreski, Vasilka Dimoska, Milena Stevanovic	
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights – Research Association	<b>Partner organisation</b>	United Nations Development Programme – Macedonia
<b>Starting/ end date</b>	August 2006 to July 2008		
<b>Funded by</b>	Austrian Development Agency		

### Inclusive Tanzania – Inclusive Education and Political Participation of Persons with Disabilities through Empowerment and Capacity Building

<b>Summary</b>			
<p>The collection and documentation of lessons learnt and good practice examples is an integral part of the project <i>Inclusive Tanzania – Inclusive education and political participation of people with disabilities through empowerment and capacity building</i>. This project is carried out by <i>Light for the World – Christoffel Development Cooperation</i> in cooperation with the <i>Information Centre on Disability (ICD)</i> in Tanzania and has a four year timeframe.</p> <p>BIM will accompany the implementation process for the purpose of the collection of good practice examples within this project to document and analyse the experiences of this pilot project in order to share them with other stakeholders in international development.</p>			
<b>Country</b>	Tanzania		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>Project coordination (Light for the World)</i>	Katharina Noussi	
	<i>Researchers (BIM)</i>	Karin Lukas, Claudia Hüttner	
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	Light for the World – Christoffel Development Cooperation	<b>Partner organisation</b>	Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights
<b>Starting/ end date</b>	November 2006 to June 2010		
<b>Funded by</b>	Light for the World – Christoffel Development Cooperation		

## Business and Human Rights – The Human Rights Responsibilities of Companies, States and the International Community

<b>Summary</b>			
This research project analyses the human rights responsibility of companies from a political and legal perspective, looking at possible legal grounds for establishing a direct human rights responsibility of businesses, as well as assessing legal activities of states and international organisations to regulate corporate behaviour. In addition, voluntary business initiatives (corporate social responsibility initiatives) within the EU and on an international scale are analysed from a human rights perspective. The results of this study were presented in April 2007, and will be published in 2008.			
<b>Country</b>	Austria		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>Authors</i>	Karin Lukas, Franz-Josef Hutter	
	<i>Project leader</i>	Hannes Tretter	
	<i>Research support</i>	Kristian Henk, Astrid Steinkellner	
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights	<b>Partner organisation(s)</b>	-
<b>Starting/ end date</b>	February 2005 to April 2007		
<b>Funded by</b>	Jubilee Fund of the Austrian National Bank (OeNB)		

### OMV Gap Analysis – Support of OMV in the Implementation of its Human Rights related Corporate Social Responsibility Strategy

<b>Summary</b>			
<p>In this project, BIM and <i>HumanRightsConsulting Vienna</i> support the Oil &amp; Gas company OMV in implementing its human rights strategy. The first and second phase of the project – analysis of pertinent business and human rights standards and a compilation of human rights standards relevant for OMV – have been completed. In the third phase, this compilation (the “OMV Human Rights Matrix”) will be tested and implemented in selected OMV countries. Implementation steps will include training for OMV management and targeted measures for OMV bureaus in the regions. The first successful test of the matrix has been done in Tunisia, the second country of implementation will be Pakistan.</p>			
<b>Country</b>	Austria		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>Researchers, consultants</i>	Karin Lukas, Anton Lorenz, Walter Suntinger, Alfred Zauner	
	<i>Project Leader</i>	Manfred Nowak	
<b>Contact person</b>	Karin Lukas, <a href="mailto:karin.lukas@univie.ac.at">karin.lukas@univie.ac.at</a>		
<b>Lead organisation</b>	HumanRightsConsulting Vienna	<b>Partner organisation</b>	Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights – Research Association
<b>Starting/ end date</b>	April 2006 to December 2007		
<b>Funded by</b>	OMV		

## Pilot Project on Quality Assurance for First Instance Asylum Proceedings in Austria

<b>Summary</b>			
<p>In December 2006, the BIM initiated a quality assurance project financed by the <i>European Refugee Fund</i> and the <i>Austrian Ministry of the Interior</i>. During a period of twelve months, the quality of 70 first instance proceedings has been analysed on the basis of specific criteria which had been developed beforehand. Subsequently, the findings of this analysis were scientifically edited. The project was implemented by members of the BIM in cooperation with members of the <i>Federal Asylum Office</i>. Moreover, the project team was supported by a steering committee consisting of representatives of UNHCR, the Red Cross (ACCORD), the Independent Federal Asylum Tribunal, the Ministry of the Interior, the Federal Asylum Office and the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights. In the course of a follow-up project, which is granted until June 2008, recommendations will be drafted in order to provide solutions to the shortcomings that had been identified through the analysis.</p>			
<b>Country</b>	Austria		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>Project leaders, researchers</i>	Kerstin Buchinger (BIM), Ina Kadlec (BAA)	
	<i>Researchers</i>	Margit Ammer, Barbara Linder (both BIM), Gerald Dreveny, Michaela Frank (both BAA)	
	<i>Steering committee</i>	Karl Hutter (BM.I), Andrea Jakober (ACCORD/Rotes Kreuz), Manfred Nowak (BIM), Harald Perl (UBAS), Christoph Pinter (UNHCR), Wolfgang Taucher (BAA)	
	<i>Project monitoring (BIM)</i>	Manfred Nowak, Fiona Steinert	
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights	<b>Partner organisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Austrian Federal Asylum Office,</li> <li>• The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)</li> <li>• ACCORD/Red Cross</li> <li>• Independent Federal Asylum Tribunal</li> <li>• Austrian Ministry of the Interior</li> </ul>
<b>Starting/ end date</b>	January to December 2007 (follow-up project until June 2008)		
<b>Funded by</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European Refugee Fund</li> <li>• Austrian Ministry of the Interior</li> </ul>		

## EU-Twinning: Strengthening Institutions in the Fight against Trafficking in Human Beings

<b>Summary</b>			
The aim of this project was to strengthen the capacities of Turkish institutions in the fight against trafficking in human beings, to improve Turkish anti-trafficking legislation and to develop a sustainable comprehensive anti-trafficking strategy, involving all relevant actors from the Turkish government and civil society. BIM contributed to this project mainly in the field of victims' assistance and protection. A series of research, training and awareness raising activities were carried out.			
<b>Country</b>	Turkey		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>Project leaders</i>	Uwe Wilhelms (Berlin Criminal Police Agency), Mehmet Tokgöz (Turkish National Police)	
	<i>Project leader (BIM)</i>	Bärbel Uhl	
	<i>Project management (BIM)</i>	Angelika Kartusch (until May 2006), Kerstin Buchinger (until November 2006), Marion Kirsch, Marion Kipiani	
	<i>Resident Twinning Advisor</i>	Andreas Reinhardt (Berlin Criminal Police Agency)	
	<i>Short Term Experts</i>	11 experts	
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	Berlin Criminal Police Agency, DE	<b>Partner organisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, AT</li> </ul> Beneficiary organisation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Turkish Ministry of Interior, TR</li> </ul>
<b>Starting/ end date</b>	January 2006 to July 2007		
<b>Funded by</b>	European Commission		

**EU-Twinning: Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in Croatia**

<b>Summary</b>			
<p>The main focus of this Twinning project is to improve the practical implementation of existing laws and programmes aimed at combating trafficking in human beings (THB) and protecting victims of THB and to contribute to a more efficient fight against organised crime in Croatia.</p> <p>A crucial target is to enhance the cooperation between the Croatian Police and the State Attorney's Office in detecting cases of THB – in particular committed by organized criminal groups – as well as on enhancing the cooperation among law enforcement agencies, responsible institutions in the framework of social welfare, NGOs and international organisations with a view to protect and support victims of THB. The project also aims at enhancing the implementation of anti-trafficking strategies and action plans according to European standards with the full involvement of civil society. Finally, the project will address prevention, education and awareness-raising regarding trafficking, not only among police officers, judges, prosecutors, lawyers, social workers, but also among the general public.</p> <p>The Croatian partner institutions are the <i>Governmental Office for Human Rights</i> (as coordinating body), the <i>Ministry of the Interior</i>, especially the Organized Crime Department, the <i>State Attorney's Office</i> and the <i>Ministry of Health and Social Welfare</i>. The <i>German Foundation for International Cooperation</i> (IRZ) functions as junior partner.</p>			
<b>Country</b>	Croatia		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>Project leaders</i>	Hannes Tretter (BIM) Luka Mađerić (Croatian Governmental Office for Human Rights)	
	<i>Project management (BIM)</i>	Claudia Hüttner	
	<i>Resident Twinning advisor</i>	Carmen Prior	
	<i>Mid term experts</i>	Bärbel Uhl (BIM), Hans-Dieter Hilken (IRZ)	
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, AT	<b>Partner organisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• German foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ), DE</li> <li>Beneficiary organisations (HR):</li> <li>• Governmental Office for Human Rights</li> <li>• Ministry of the Interior</li> <li>• Ministry of Health and Social Welfare</li> <li>• State Attorney's Office</li> </ul>
<b>Starting/ end date</b>	April 2006 to July 2008		
<b>Funded by</b>	European Commission		

## Teaching Materials for High School Students on Trafficking in Women and Young People

### Summary

For their geographic position, Italy, Poland and Austria are situated on the main transit routes for trafficking women and young people for the purpose of sexual exploitation, in particular from Eastern to Western Europe. They are countries of destination, Poland is in addition a country of origin. Several initiatives have been developed in these countries to fight against trafficking in human beings. Still, there exists a big gap in the area of high school education. Because of the complexity of the phenomenon of trafficking, it is very difficult for high school teachers – in terms of content and methodology – to develop courses on the issue.

The project aimed at raising awareness of high school teachers and students for the topic of trafficking by developing a comprehensive educational package (toolkit) for schools, based on a human rights approach.

The toolkit contains:

- a brochure on how to use the toolkit
- a manual for teachers on human rights and trafficking in its European dimension
- a teacher's guide with some methodological instructions for trainers including examples of activities and modules to be contained in lectures
- a user-friendly illustrated booklet for students
- a legal pocket compilation with references to the main human rights instruments on trafficking at regional and international level
- a pocket book with a guide to the most important international human rights instruments regarding trafficking
- three national reports (Poland, Italy, Austria) with a detailed analysis of trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation in each country based on interviews with experts

The toolkit "Human Rights and Trafficking in Women and Young People – An Educational Toolkit for Teachers and Students" has been published in May 2007 in English, German, Italian and Polish and is available for download via this link:

[http://www.centrodiritiumani.unipd.it/a\\_attivita/daphne/toolkit\\_en.asp?menu=attivita](http://www.centrodiritiumani.unipd.it/a_attivita/daphne/toolkit_en.asp?menu=attivita)

<b>Countries</b>	Poland, Italy, Austria		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>Coordination, researcher</i>	Dina Nachbaur	
	<i>Project leader</i>	Hannes Tretter	
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<b>Starting/ end date</b>	May 2006 to May 2007		
<b>Funded by</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European Commission, Daphne</li> <li>• Regione del Veneto, IT</li> </ul>		



## Trafficking in Human Beings – Protection of Victims’ Rights in Criminal Proceedings and beyond

<b>Summary</b>			
<p>This project aims at the sensitisation of judges, prosecutors and police officers in order to meet the rights and needs of victims of trafficking in human beings and at increasing their knowledge of relevant European standards as well as their ability to implement them. Furthermore, judges, prosecutors and representatives of NGOs in Romania and selected EU member states (assumed to be target countries for trafficked Romanian citizens) shall have the possibility to make contacts and exchange experience concerning the involvement of victims in legal procedures and assistance to victims.</p> <p>In the course of the project, a symposium on “Victim Rights in Criminal Proceedings and European Standards” was held in Vienna in February 2007 in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice. Between October 2007 and June 2008 five trainings are being held in Romania.</p>			
<b>Countries</b>	Romania, Germany, Netherlands, Austria		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>Coordination for the BIM and research</i>	Barbara Unterlerchner, Dina Nachbaur (until May 2007)	
	<i>Project leader</i>	Hannes Tretter	
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, AT	<b>Partner-organisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• German foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ), DE</li> <li>• General Prosecutor’s Office, RO</li> <li>• AFI Pro Familia, RO</li> <li>• La Strada International, NL</li> </ul>
<b>Starting/end date</b>	December 2006 to June 2008		
<b>Funded by</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European Commission, Justice and Home Affairs, AGIS</li> <li>• Federal Ministry of Justice, AT</li> <li>• Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSZE)</li> <li>• City of Vienna – Magistrate Department for Foreign Affairs, AT</li> </ul>		

## Support of the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture

<b>Summary</b>			
<p>On 1 December 2004, Manfred Nowak was appointed <i>UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment</i> by the Chairperson of the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva. This independent expert function is of an honorary nature.</p> <p>In addition to dealing with complaints from torture victims, their families and NGOs on a daily basis, the support work for the Special Rapporteur consists in extensive preparation and follow-up work in relation to fact finding missions carried out all over the world. In 2007, Manfred Nowak and his team conducted in total four missions to Nigeria, Togo, Sri Lanka and Indonesia in order to assess the situation regarding torture and conditions of detention in these countries and to offer his cooperation in eliminating the practice of torture. In his function as Special Rapporteur, Manfred Nowak acted also as one of seven experts and mandate-holders in the "Expert Group on the situation of human rights on Darfur". This Expert Group was mandated by the UN Human Rights Council to ensure effective follow-up to and foster the implementation of resolutions and recommendations on Darfur in cooperation with the Sudanese Government. In December 2007, the UN Human Rights Council decided not to extend the mandate of the Expert Group.</p>			
<b>Country</b>	-		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>UN Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment</i>	Manfred Nowak	
	<i>Research assistants</i>	Julia Kozma, Roland Schmidt, Isabelle Tschan, Elizabeth McArthur (until June 2007)	
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights	<b>Partner organisation(s)</b>	-
<b>Starting/ end date</b>	Ongoing since January 2005		
<b>Funded by</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> <li>• Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs</li> </ul>		

## Commentary on the Convention against Torture (CAT-Commentary)

Summary			
<p>The purpose of this project is the compilation of a "Commentary on the UN Convention against Torture". The initiative for this publication was taken by the <i>Oxford University Press</i> (OUP), which invited Manfred Nowak in 2003 to research the Convention in the framework of the "Oxford Commentaries on International Law". Elizabeth McArthur has joined the project as a co-author in 2004. In 2007, the book reached its final stage by delivering the documents to OUP. The publication is scheduled for May 2008.</p> <p>The "Commentary on the Convention against Torture" is the first attempt ever to provide an in-depth analysis of all substantive, organisational and procedural provisions of the Convention. It approaches the topic article by article, and is based on a thorough analysis of the "travaux preparatoires", as well as the practice of the <i>Committee against Torture</i> in the State reporting, individual complaints and inquiry procedures. It further covers the drafting history of the provisions of the "Optional Protocol against Torture". The book is intended to be a useful guide to academics, students and practitioners who wish to have a quick access to particular aspects of the Convention. The compilation of the work profited significantly from the appointment of Manfred Nowak to the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture in 2004.</p> <p>While the principal authorship remains with Manfred Nowak and Elizabeth McArthur, the scope of research and work demanded an increased involvement of other contributors in 2007. Kerstin Buchinger, Julia Kozma, Roland Schmidt and Isabelle Tschan played a major role in the writing process of the book, which eventually became with more than 1500 pages far more comprehensive and voluminous than anticipated.</p> <p>For further information see:  <a href="http://www.oup.com/us/catalog/general/subject/Law/PublicInternationalLaw/GeneralPublicInternationalLaw/?view=usa&amp;ci=9780199280001">http://www.oup.com/us/catalog/general/subject/Law/PublicInternationalLaw/GeneralPublicInternationalLaw/?view=usa&amp;ci=9780199280001</a></p>			
<b>Country</b>	Austria		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>Authors</i>	Manfred Nowak, Elizabeth McArthur	
	<i>Contributions</i>	Kerstin Buchinger, Julia Kozma, Roland Schmidt, Isabelle Tschan	
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	-	<b>Partner organisation(s)</b>	-
<b>Starting/ end date</b>	January 2004 to December 2008		
<b>Funded by</b>	The Austrian Science Fund (FWF)		

## Assistance to the Human Rights Advisory Board and its Visiting Commissions at the Austrian Ministry of the Interior

<b>Summary</b>			
<p>The <i>Human Rights Advisory Board</i> (HRAB) is entitled to advise the <i>Federal Minister of the Interior</i> in questions of the protection of human rights and also to promote the consequent and systematic orientation of law enforcement authorities towards human rights.</p> <p>The accompanying monitoring of cases of detention of individuals in the premises of law enforcement authorities is generally done by six commissions all over Austria. The office of the commissions Regional Appeal Court Vienna 2 and 3 is located at the BIM.</p> <p>Homepage: <a href="http://www.menschenrechtsbeirat.at">www.menschenrechtsbeirat.at</a></p>			
<b>Country</b>	Austria		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>Legal assistant HRAB</i>	Caroline Paar (on maternity leave), Dominik Hofmann (since March 2007)	
	<i>Coordination, Commissions Vienna 2 and 3</i>	Iris Golden	
	<i>Director, Commission Vienna 2</i>	Manfred Nowak	
	<i>Director, Commission Vienna 3</i>	Karl Dvorak	
	<i>Members, Commission Vienna 2</i>	Marijana Grandits, Elisabeth Hofmann, Vera Pfersmann, Walter Suntinger, Monika Vyslouzil, Alfred Zauner	
	<i>Members, Commission Vienna 3</i>	Karin Busch-Frankl, Irene Etzersdorfer, Elisabeth Friedrich, Anton Landsiedl, Helfried Haas, Bernhard Painz	
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights – Research Association	<b>Partner organisation</b>	Human Rights Advisory Board (HRAB)
<b>Starting/ end date</b>	Ongoing since July 2000		
<b>Funded by</b>	Federal Ministry of the Interior		

## EU-Twinning: Support to more Efficient, Effective and Modern Operation and Functioning of the Administrative Court of the Republic of Croatia

<b>Summary</b>			
<p>The overall objective of this project is to support the modernisation towards an efficient, transparent and independent Croatian judiciary and to contribute to the rule of law by strengthening the capacity of the administrative jurisdiction to provide quick and efficient judicial relief.</p> <p>The project contributes to the better implementation of administrative law and to the improved enforcement of decisions of the Administrative Court. Within the framework of the project, a new Law on Administrative Dispute will be drafted.</p> <p>A further objective of the project is the improvement of operations at the Administrative Court and the strengthening of internal capacities. The project conducts a functional review of the Court and draws up recommendations for improvement as well as a management strategy. A consultation structure between the Administrative Court and the Croatian administrative bodies will be set up. The project further contributes to the professional training of judges and advisors through the organisation of training seminars. Additionally, the project supports the introduction of an improved electronic and manual case management system.</p> <p>The BIM participates in this project as Junior Partner to the <i>German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ)</i> which coordinates project inputs from the side of the participating EU Member States.</p>			
<b>Country</b>	Croatia		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>Project leaders</i>	Eckart Hien (IRZ), Ivica Kujundžić (Administrative Court, Croatia)	
	<i>Project leader (BIM)</i>	Hannes Tretter	
	<i>Project management (BIM)</i>	Marion Kirsch	
	<i>Resident Twinning advisor</i>	Klaus Hage (Administrative Court Minden)	
	<i>Short term experts</i>	10 experts	
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ)	<b>Partner organisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, AT</li> </ul> Beneficiary organisation (HR): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of Justice and Administrative Court</li> </ul>
<b>Starting/ end date</b>	September 2007 to November 2008		
<b>Funded by</b>	European Commission		

## Protection against Discrimination in Practice – Training & Awareness Raising regarding the Access to Goods and Services

<b>Summary</b>			
<p>Within the project nine training events have been held in different cities across Austria. The conferences and workshops dealt with the obligation to equal treatment irrespective of ethnic origin in access to goods and services resulting from the implementation of the EU race equality-directive 2000/43/EC. One focus was on the training of actors in professions providing access to goods and services, e.g. housing. On the other hand, the project aimed at empowering persons potentially affected by discrimination, in line with the aims of the European Year of Equal Opportunities for All in 2007.</p> <p>The main goals of this project were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• clarification of concepts like discrimination, equal opportunities, equal treatment;</li> <li>• legal framework;</li> <li>• concrete action in institutions.</li> </ul> <p>The events were carried out in co-operation with the anti-racism NGO ZARA, who provided trainers for their team of professional experts. In total the trainings and conferences held under the slogan “Added value-diversity” reached a target group of about 400 persons working in the service sector in Austria.</p>			
<b>Country</b>	Austria		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>General coordination</i>	Simon Felbar	
	<i>Experts</i>	Marta Hodasz, Kerstin Buchinger	
	<i>Project folder</i>	Katharina Köhler	
	<i>Evaluation</i>	Barbara Liegl	
	<i>Public relations, support for trainers (ZARA)</i>	Karin Bischof	
	<i>Trainers</i>	8 trainers	
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights	<b>Partner organisation</b>	ZARA (Zivilcourage und Anti-Rassismus-Arbeit)
<b>Starting/end date</b>	November 2006 to October 2007		
<b>Funded by</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European Commission - EU Action Programme to Combat Discrimination</li> <li>• Austrian Federal Ministry of Economy and Labour</li> </ul>		

## EU-Twinning: Enforcement of Equal Opportunity Policies and the Effective Implementation of Anti-discrimination Law

<b>Summary</b>			
<p>The overall objective of this Twinning light project was to promote equal treatment of all persons without discrimination on any grounds in the Hungarian society.</p> <p>For this purpose the project aimed at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• supporting the enforcement of equal opportunity policies and the effective implementation of the anti-discrimination law through the capacity development of the <i>Equal Treatment Authority</i> (ETA);</li> <li>• clarifying the anti-discrimination policy of the Hungarian Government and making it more consistent and effective;</li> <li>• developing an overall strategy for the ETA for co-ordinating, strengthening and implementing the anti-discrimination policy based on best practices of other EU Member States.</li> </ul> <p>These goals were pursued by a variety of project activities ranging from the elaboration of specific reports and a guidebook to a number of training sessions as well as three study visits for Hungarian officials working in the fields of equal opportunities and anti-discrimination. The development of policy coordination mechanisms and cooperation procedures constituted an important aim throughout the project.</p> <p>The project concluded with the elaboration of a guidebook which integrates the knowledge gained by both the Beneficiary Country and Member States experts throughout the project and intends to provide practical guidance to the members of the ETA in their day-to-day work. This guidebook can be downloaded in English and Hungarian from the BIM website.</p>			
<b>Country</b>	Hungary		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>Project leaders</i>	Hannes Tretter, Edit Rauh (Hungarian Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour)	
	<i>Project management at BIM</i>	Susanne Fraczek	
	<i>Short Term Experts</i>	13 experts	
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, AT	<b>Partner organisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Austrian Ombud for Equal Opportunities, AT</li> </ul> Beneficiaries (HU): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour</li> <li>• Equal Treatment Authority</li> </ul>
<b>Starting/ end date</b>	December 2006 to August 2007		
<b>Funded by</b>	European Commission		

**RAXEN Focal Point for Austria****Summary**

The *European Union Agency on Fundamental Rights* (FRA) – the former *European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia* (EUMC) – collects information on racism, xenophobia, and antisemitism in the EU Member States. The *Racism and Xenophobia Network* (RAXEN) is set up for this purpose and is made up of so called “Focal Points”.

In 2006, the coverage of the five main areas selected by the EUMC, which was begun in 2001, respectively 2003, was continued

- changes in legislation concerning migrant and autochthonous minorities,
- racist and xenophobic incidents,
- racism and discrimination in employment,
- racism and discrimination in education,
- racism and discrimination in housing

and expanded to a new area, namely

- racism and discrimination in health and social services.

Key activities in 2007:

- The „National Data Collection Report Austria“ summarises the most important trends evident from quantitative and qualitative data in the five areas mentioned above.
- Bimonthly bulletins cover significant developments in anti-discrimination legislation and introduce recently published statistics and research reports.

Project homepage: <http://www.univie.ac.at/bim/focalpoint>

<b>Country</b>	Austria		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>Researchers</i>	Marta Hodasz, Katharina Köhler, Barbara Liegl	
	<i>Director of the Focal Point, feedback and project lead</i>	Hannes Tretter (until September 2007), Barbara Liegl (since October 2007)	
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights – Research Association	<b>Partner organisation</b>	ZARA (Zivilcourage und Anti-Rassismus-Arbeit)
<b>Starting/ end date</b>	RAXEN 7: February 2006 to January 2007 RAXEN 8: April 2007 to March 2008		
<b>Funded by</b>	EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)		



**Elective Course of Lectures on “Protection against Discrimination”**

<b>Summary</b>			
<p>Following an initiative of the <i>Chamber of Labour</i> and in co-operation with the <i>Ombud for Equal Treatment</i> and the <i>Law Faculty of the University of Vienna</i>, the BIM experts designed a concept for an elective course of lectures on “Protection against Discrimination”. The elective course will be offered for the first time in the winter term 2008/2009 at the Law Faculty of the University of Vienna. The course aims to provide students with comprehensive knowledge of anti-discrimination and equal treatment legislation. Furthermore, the course shall enable graduates to work with the current anti-discrimination legislation in their future jobs and to take part in debates on the further development of anti-discrimination policy.</p> <p>The current concept encompasses six lectures/seminars. One of the first lectures will elaborate on questions concerning equality, equal treatment and non-discrimination from the point of view of the international and European human rights system. Another lecture will deal with relevant EU law. The further lectures will focus on the legal situation in Austria. Practical relevance of the course will be guaranteed through the involvement of practitioners and experts as well as through the implementation of sensitivity exercises and a moot court.</p>			
<b>Country</b>	Austria		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>Project leader</i>	Martina Thomasberger (Chamber of Labour, Vienna) Hannes Tretter (BIM)	
	<i>Experts</i>	Katharina Köhler, Kerstin Buchinger, Barbara Liegl, Marta Hodasz	
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<b>Lead organisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chamber of Labour Vienna</li> <li>Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights</li> </ul>	<b>Partner organisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Vienna, Law Faculty</li> <li>Ombud for Equal Treatment</li> </ul>
<b>Starting/ end date</b>	Ongoing since May 2007		
<b>Funded by</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chamber of Labour</li> <li>University of Vienna</li> </ul>		

## Domestic Violence from a Human Rights Perspective – Prevention and Protection of Violence against Women and Children in Austria

<b>Summary</b>			
<p>This study analyses domestic violence in Austria in its legal and factual dimension from a human rights perspective. Particular attention is paid to specific women's rights and child rights standards and the implications both for prevention as well as effective protection of victims of violence.</p> <p>The study in particular pursues the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How has the international and European human rights / women's rights / child rights framework developed recently with respect to violence in the family (see also, e.g. the recent 2006 UN Studies on Violence against Children and Violence against Women)?</li> <li>• What are the binding legal obligations for Austria?</li> <li>• How is Austria complying with its international obligations?</li> <li>• What are the areas in most pressing need of reform in Austria beyond the existing Law on Protection against Violence, in particular considering the specific needs of children and particular social groups such as migrants?</li> <li>• What is the added value of a rights-based approach to prevention and protection from violence?</li> </ul>			
<b>Country</b>	Austria		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>Coordinator, legal researcher and co-author of the study</i>	Angelika Kartusch (until June 2006), Dina Nachbaur (since June 2006)	
	<i>Legal researcher and co-author of the study</i>	Helmut Sax	
	<i>Project leader</i>	Manfred Nowak	
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights	<b>Partner organisation(s)</b>	-
<b>Starting/ end date</b>	September 2004 to July 2007		
<b>Funded by</b>	Anniversary Fund for the Promotion of Scientific Research and Teaching of the Austrian Central Bank		

**polis – Centre for Citizenship Education in Schools**

<b>Summary</b>			
<p><i>polis – Centre for Citizenship Education in Schools</i> supports teachers in putting citizenship education into practice at schools. The Centre provides teaching materials, acts as information and consultation platform, offers formation and continuing education for teachers as well as workshops for students. Apart from knowledge transfer activities the Centre also engages in awareness raising and sensitisation for all issues concerning politics, democracy, human rights, consumer education, sustainable development as well as the strengthening of social skills.</p> <p><i>polis</i> was initiated by the <i>Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture</i> at the <i>BIM – Research Association</i> in 2006. The Centre emerged from the <i>Service Centre for Human Rights Education</i> (since 1997 at the BIM) and the <i>Service Centre for Civic Education</i> (since 2002 at the BIM).</p> <p>Main tasks of <i>polis</i> are, among others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance of the website <a href="http://www.politik-lernen.at">www.politik-lernen.at</a></li> <li>• Publication of a monthly information brochure for teachers „<i>polis</i> aktuell“</li> <li>• Purchase, publishing und distribution of teaching materials on civic education</li> <li>• In-service teacher trainings</li> <li>• Organisation of workshops for school classes</li> <li>• Organisation of events, e.g. Education for Democratic Citizenship Action Days, Austrian School Quiz</li> <li>• Coordination of a teachers' network</li> <li>• Consultation and support of teachers</li> <li>• Administration of a school fund “Learning and Living Democracy”</li> </ul>			
<b>Country</b>	Austria		
<b>Persons involved</b>	<i>Director</i>	Patricia Hladschik, Sabine Mandl (parental leave)	
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights – Research Association	<b>Partner organisation(s)</b>	-
<b>Starting/ end date</b>	Established in February 2006, mandated until the end of 2009  Emerged from the <i>Service Centre for Human Rights Education</i> (since 1997) and the <i>Service Centre for Civic Education</i> (since 2002)		
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## European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation (E.MA)

<b>Summary</b>			
<p>The <i>European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation</i> (E.MA) is a one-year, inter-university and inter-disciplinary postgraduate programme. The programme aims at educating experts in the field of human rights and democratisation and to prepare them for their future work in international organisations, such as the EU, UN, OSCE and NGOs.</p> <p>During the first semester, which is taught in Venice, the students receive a comprehensive introduction into the historical, philosophical, anthropological, political and legal fundamentals of international human rights. At the end of the first semester, the BIM organises a field trip to Kosovo. The students spend the summer semester in one of the 41 participating universities all over the EU, where they take part in seminars and write their master thesis.</p> <p>For further information about E.MA see:  <a href="http://www.emahumanrights.org/">http://www.emahumanrights.org/</a> bzw. <a href="http://www.eiuc.org/">http://www.eiuc.org/</a></p>			
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<b>Lead organisation</b>	European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation (EIUC)	<b>Partner organisations</b>	41 participating universities in all EU Member States
<b>Starting/ end date</b>	Ongoing since September 1997		
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