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Dear colleagues,

Following up on our [joint statement](#) on the implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union as well as the first annual Charter exchange which took place on 24 September 2020, and with many thanks to FRA for taking again the lead in 2021, we would like to invite you to our second Charter exchange to be carried out at our regular meeting on 24 September 2021.

For the sake of preparing the exchange we kindly invite you to communicate directly to FRA ([REDACTED] and [REDACTED]) with Frontex in cc by 10 September the following:

- Any relevant updates to the table shared last year (attached). Please use track-changes and mark any new information **in yellow** so that FRA can provide a consolidated updated version of the table for our meeting. The table provides a rough overview of Charter related practices in our agencies.
- Any Charter related topic you would like to present at the meeting so to allow for an exchange of practices and experiences. Topics could include concrete examples how an issue related to fundamental rights was solved or a presentation of new mechanisms or procedures that aim at protecting and promoting fundamental rights.
- Any fundamental rights related training needs that emerged in your agency or any experience with training that was recently provided by or to your staff. Providing this kind of information will allow to map existing training needs as well as available experience to address these needs.

We trust that our exercise can contribute to a better implementation of fundamental rights. In March this year the Council of the European Union stressed that the protection of fundamental rights and Union values cannot be taken for granted and that it “requires a collective effort from all actors concerned, namely Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies, national, regional and local authorities, including law enforcement authorities, legislators, judges and prosecutors, other legal practitioners, universities and legal practitioners’ training schools, national human rights institutions (hereinafter ‘NHRIs’), equality bodies and civil society organisations”. The ministers also recalled that all EU agencies “are bound by the Charter and that they should be exemplary in this context”. Finally, the Council underscored in the same [Council conclusions](#) “that the work undertaken by Union agencies is often fundamental rights-sensitive” and stressed the importance of “adequate training of staff and monitoring of their activities”.

Many thanks for taking your time to enquire internally how you would like best to contribute to our second annual Charter exchange.

Kind regards,

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