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Dear FRA's Management Board,

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
Vienna

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Attached please find our specific suggestions to the Draft Work Programme for 2027, as endorsed by FRA's Management Board. We hope that our feedback and insights will help to ensure that the plans are as relevant and impactful as possible.

Our specific suggestions affect the Work Area (C) in cluster No. II) Fundamental rights in people's daily lives. The proposed new Action C.7 is the following:

Work Area C - Equality, Non-Discrimination, Hate crime and Hate Speech

Action C.7: Participation and Empowerment of the 65+ Generation:

Description of activities FRA work aims at empowering the 65+ generation, incentivising their participation so that their voices can be heard in the EU and in their national governments. The 2015 Eurobarometer survey on discrimination shows that discrimination or harassment because of old age is the most frequently mentioned type of discrimination: 42 % of Europeans perceive discrimination due to old age (being over 55 years old) as "very" or "fairly" widespread in their country. The agency will continue to explore how the protection and promotion of fundamental rights of elder people and 65+ generation participation can strengthen democratic processes. This work will be developed in consultation with the European CSO's. With a view to helping the agency take account of 65+ generation perspectives on fundamental rights in the EU, (with particular reference to Article 25 of the EU Charter) will create the Elder Advisory Panel serves as a platform for consultation with 65+ generation, including those at risk of language discrimination.

Description

Planned in 2027			
ID	Type	Description	Budget
C.7.1	Technical resources and data	Start of the Elder Advisory Panel Establish and test the IT resources.	30,000
C.7.2	Stakeholder outreach	Elder Advisory Panel meetings and consultations Organisation of two in-person meetings and ongoing online engagement to ensure that 65+ generation voices inform FRA priorities and outputs.	30,000
C.7.3	Expert contributions	Analytical inputs Supporting the Commission's working groups on language equality, in particular by analyzing Member State data on the English language proficiency of people aged 65 and over.	15,000
			<i>Total Budget for Action C.7: from EU Budget €75,000</i>