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Don't knock on the wrong door: [CharterClick!](#)

A user-friendly tool to detect violations falling within the scope of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights

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1 What's Going On?

It is with great pleasure that we open this second Newsletter by recalling that the *CharterClick!* Project is mentioned in the [2014 Report on the application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights](#) adopted by the Commission on 8 May 2015 (cf. point 3.4 on “Charter awareness raising”, p. 14).

The trust on our idea and efforts are a strong incentive to make our best to fulfill the Commission's expectations.

The team of the *CharterClick!* Project is now working on three main issues:

- the collection of cases decided by the ECJ, national courts and national human rights bodies concerning the application of the EU Charter of fundamental rights, which will be uploaded in the Project's Database (see [Newsletter 1](#) for detailed information on the Database and the Project itself);
- the progressive elaboration of the Project's Website (see point 2 below);
- the collection of the experience of the European national human rights bodies with the EU Charter through an *ad hoc* questionnaire (see point 3 below).

The Steering Committee will convene on 25.09.2015 in Florence, in order to discuss the units' progress as regards the collection of cases. It will also take decisions concerning the Project's next activities and events,

notably the elaboration of the Admissibility Checklist and the organization of the conference on the application of the Charter by the national human rights bodies (European University Institute, March 2016).

2 The New Website of the *CharterClick!* Project is Online

ITTIG, the Project's partner charged with the elaboration of the online platform that will support all the Project's deliverables, has recently launched the new version of the Project's website. We invite you to visit it at <http://www.charterclick.eu>!

The website structure reflects our idea of how the *CharterClick!* Platform should look like at the end of the Project. The website's contents, by contrast, will change as long as the Project's activities proceed, photographing the state of the art.

During the first phase, which will run from February 2015 to March 2016, the website will primarily host information concerning the Project itself, notably its [Description](#), its [Background](#), the [Working Phases and Timeline](#), the [Outputs](#), and the [Consortium](#).

The [Events](#) section will be used to advertise the training and dissemination events that will be organised within the Project.

Through the [Send us a Decision!](#) section, anyone interested in contributing to the development of the *CharterClick!* Database can raise our attention on additional cases concerning the EU Charter that could be included therein (on this, see also point 4 below).

During the second phase, which will begin in April 2016, the toolkit (namely, the [Admissibility Checklist](#), the [Database](#), the [Practical Guidelines](#) on the application of the Charter, and the [Document on the Best Practices](#) of the National Human Rights Bodies) will be progressively made available on this website, in the [Outputs](#) section.

Upon the Project's completion (January 2017), the main contents of the website will be the four tools above, by then in their definitive version.

3 The Questionnaire on the Application of the Charter by the National Human Rights Bodies (NHRBs) in the EU

NHRBs have a prominent role to play in the application of the EU Charter to the benefit of victims of fundamental rights violations. As reported by the [Fundamental Rights Agency](#), NHRBs from different Member States have started to rely on the Charter in their everyday activity.

Nevertheless, a comprehensive knowledge about their activity is still lacking, as well as about instruments through which they can learn from each other. Linguistic and time constraints, but also limited financial resources, are serious obstacles to the spontaneous creation of a process of cross-fertilisation.

The *CharterClick!* team has elaborated a questionnaire that aims at collecting evidence on the current use of the Charter by NHRBs. Thanks to the collaboration of the European Commission, the Fundamental Rights Agency, the European Ombudsman and EQUINET, the questionnaire has been disseminated to many NHRBs throughout the EU, mostly ombudspersons and equality bodies.

The gathered data will serve as a basis for statistical overview and qualitative analysis focused on the description of best practices. In particular, on March 2016 the evidence collected will be discussed in a conference at the European University Institute, with the participation of the representatives of all the Beneficiaries and the Associated Partners.

The resulting document will then be uploaded on the dedicated section of the Project Website. By shedding light on the day-to-day use of the Charter by NHRBs, the document will favour a process of mutual learning and cross-fertilisation between these bodies themselves.

Furthermore, the questionnaire is meant at obtaining the suggestions of the said NHRBs on tools that may help them to improve the use of this instrument. Drawing on their experience in the field, the team of the *CharterClick!* Project will better tailor the toolkit created within the Project to the actual needs of such Bodies. The achievement of this ultimate objective is of crucial importance in order to bolster the application of the EU Charter, to the benefit of victims of fundamental rights violations.

Should you wish to receive and fill the questionnaire, please submit your request to the Project mail address (charterclick@dsg.unifi.it).

4 We Want You! How You May Help Us To Achieve Our Objectives

CharterClick! is expected to become an important instrument to assist national judges, legal practitioners and national human rights bodies in the application of the EU Charter. The success of the Project very much depends on the contribution of the prospected users of the tools that will be realised within it. These tools must target the actual needs of their users. Therefore, we strongly encourage all those who work in the field of the protection of fundamental rights to help us achieving the objectives of the *CharterClick!* Project.

Are you aware of a decision involving the application of the EU Charter that is not already in our Database? Send it to us! If the decision fits with the purposes of the Project, we will include it in the Database in accordance with our model of presentation of decisions.

In particular, we are interested in the following decisions:

- national follow-up of preliminary rulings of the ECJ concerning the application of the EU Charter;
- other national decisions (other than follow-up) where the EU Charter played a role;
- decisions of the national human rights bodies where the EU Charter played a role.

You are invited to send a pdf version (or the link to the full-text, when freely available on-line) to the mail address charterclick@dsg.unifi.it, together with the form available [here](#).

Do you work for a national human rights body and have not yet received the questionnaire under point 3? Please send a message to charterclick@dsg.unifi.it and we will immediately forwarding you a copy of it.

The *CharterClick!* team would also very much appreciate any efforts in disseminating the knowledge of the *CharterClick!* Project, for instance by forwarding this Newsletter to any person, institution or body that may be interested in our activities.

Should you wish additional information on the Project, do not hesitate to contact us!

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We thank you very much for the attention and we hope you will follow our activities.

The *CharterClick!* team