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Subject: New liaison office for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

On Thursday 28 August 2025, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) announced the opening of a liaison office in Brussels to bolster its cooperation with the EU institutions, Member States' permanent representations in Brussels, civil society and stakeholders based in the European capital.

According to Agence Europe, the mission of the new office 'is to facilitate dialogue and exchange, to contribute rapidly to policy developments and to raise the profile of FRA's work through events, information sessions and professional meetings'.

It added that the office would enable it to develop partnerships, be more responsive to needs on the ground and support the protection of fundamental rights throughout the EU. FRA's communications adviser, Friso Roscam Abbing, was appointed head of the liaison office.

1. How much is this liaison office costing?
2. Will the premises be used only by the liaison office or shared with one or more EU bodies, and if it is to be shared, how will the other body (or bodies) be selected?
3. Can the Commission say what 'contribute rapidly to policy developments' means, if not intervening in an area outside its competence?

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