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## European Institutions and Agencies

The coronavirus pandemic and fundamental rights: A year in review

### European Commission

The geographical impact of the COVID-19 crisis has been uneven and may widen regional inequalities that already existed before the pandemic.

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The Commission decides to refer Hungary to the Court of Justice over waste water treatment

### European Commission

In Hungary 22 agglomerations still do not provide all their residents with a collecting system for urban waste, which causes health risks and leads to lower environmental protection.

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The Commission adopts the EU strategic framework on health and safety at work 2021-2027

### European Commission

The Commission is renewing its commitment to update occupational safety and health rules by adopting the EU strategic framework on health and safety at work 2021-2027. It sets out the key actions needed to improve workers' health and safety over the coming years.

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Statement by European Commission President on the new Hungarian bill that discriminates against people based on their sexual orientation

### European Commission

"This bill clearly discriminates against people based on their sexual orientation. It goes against the fundamental values of the European Union. Human dignity, equality and respect for human rights."

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## A new study highlights challenges and working conditions of seasonal workers in the EU

### European Commission

According to a study published today by the European Commission seasonal workers face key challenges such as access to social protection and adequate working conditions.

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## European Economic and Social Committee's contribution to the 2022 European Commission's work programme

### European Economic and Social Committee

The COVID-19 pandemic has raised unemployment and inequalities. A strong economic base and value creation are key to generating sustainable development and maintaining the ambitious European social model.

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## Key conclusions on 2021 Long Term Care Report of the Social Protection Committee and the European Commission

### Council of the European Union

The 2021 Long-term care report, jointly prepared by the European Commission and the Social Protection Committee, provides a state of play of long-term care provision and key challenges across the EU.

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## Access to key services for children in need: Council agrees European Child Guarantee

### Council of the European Union

The Council adopts a recommendation establishing a European Child Guarantee. It aims to prevent and combat poverty and social exclusion of children in need by guaranteeing access to a set of key services by fostering equal opportunities.

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## The ROMACT Handbook

### Council of Europe

The Council of Europe issues a manual for Mayors, Local Administrations and active citizens wanting to improve the living conditions of disadvantaged communities, including Roma.

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## The coronavirus pandemic and fundamental rights: A year in review

### European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

A report focusing on the COVID-19's impact on fundamental rights has been published by FRA. It recommends to address the pandemic's socio-economic impact, protect the vulnerable and fighting racism.

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## Vaccine rollout and equality of access in the EU

### European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

This Coronavirus Bulletin focuses on equitable access to vaccines in EU Member States. It looks at two main areas: planning and prioritisation in deploying Covid-19 vaccinations.

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## Age of inequality: Youth in times of COVID-19 calls for youth participation

### European Economic and Social Committee

The Diversity Europe Group held a webinar under the banner of the Conference on the Future of Europe on the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the mental health and employability of young people.

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## Gender-based violence costs the EU €366 billion a year

### European Institute for Gender Equality

A new study breaks down the different costs of gender-based violence, with the biggest cost coming from physical and emotional impact, followed by criminal justice services and lost economic output.

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## Parliament approves rules to tackle child sexual abuse online

### European Parliament

As a result of the lockdown measures, children have been spending more time online, often unsupervised, making them more vulnerable to exploitation.

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## Porto Social Commitment to boost the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights Action plan

### Portuguese Presidency

Partners have signed up to the three 2030 global targets set in the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan.

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## European Commission

[The EC launches the European Platform on Combatting Homelessness](#)

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[Equality in the EU 20 years on from the initial implementation of the equality directives](#)

## International Organisations

[WHO pledges extensive commitments towards women's empowerment and health](#)

[Modelling the health impacts of disruptions to essential health services during COVID-19](#)

[COVID-19 pandemic leads to major backsliding on childhood vaccinations](#)

## Can children believe in us to invest in mental health?

### OECD

COVID-19 is a public health emergency, not only for older adults who have suffered from the increased risk of infections but also for children's mental health and well-being. As European governments begin developing their recovery plans, they will need to contend with the impact of the COVID-19 on children.

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## Civil Society

### European Public Health Alliance

[Ensuring equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines](#) | EPHA publishes new recommendations to ensure vaccine equity across the EU

[The ECDC can play a leading role in ensuring vaccine equity, says EPHA](#)

[Vaccines for all? Undocumented Migrants and Homeless People Left Behind](#) | Online discussion with EPHA, Human Rights Watch, the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants and Médecins du Monde

## EU Alliance for Investing in Children welcomes the EPSCO Council adoption of the Council Recommendation establishing the European Child Guarantee

### EU Alliance for Investing in Children

The EU has successfully set up an innovative framework which aims at breaking the intergenerational cycle of poverty and social exclusion by calling on EU Member States to guarantee access to basic rights and services for children in need such as children with disabilities and mental health issues, homeless children, children in migration or with minority ethnic origin (particularly Roma), children in the alternative (especially institutional) care system and children living in precarious family situations.

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## Nine country profiles highlight the need for greater attention to early childhood development across Europe

### First Years First Priority Campaign

Nine Country Profiles share data collected by national campaign coordinators and provide a snapshot of the current state of ECD within the country. It includes sections on six key areas – child poverty, maternal and child health and nutrition, child's safety and security, early learning including early childhood education and care (ECEC), parenting and family support, and cross-sectoral coordination for ECD.

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## Health is a fundamental right: immediate access to vaccination for undocumented people

### Human Rights 360

The health crisis has affected us all indiscriminately, however, it has mainly affected the most vulnerable groups, asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and most importantly, people without legal documents. The latter is the most vulnerable group of people, as they do not have the ability to register online for the process of vaccination and so far there is no provision for their vaccination.

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## FEANTSA and the Fondation Abbé Pierre publish our 6th Overview of Housing Exclusion in Europe

### FEANTSA

This new report is an opportunity to shed light on young people who, especially when poor, are worse affected by housing exclusion than the rest of the population, and were so even before the current health crisis.

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## Health authorities in North Macedonia ordered to provide treatment for child drug users

### European Roma Rights Centre

The Ministry of Health has been ordered to adopt a specific treatment programme for child drug users-Romani children denied their right to equal access to healthcare.

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## National Recovery and Resilience Plans: Where are the Roma?

### Eurodiaconia

In leaving out dedicated commitments to aid Roma in national recovery plans, Roma people will continue to be left behind, coping with the social and economic fallout of the crisis with limited resources and assistance.

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## Making the link: Working conditions, health, and equity

### EuroHealthNet

There are strong associations between unemployment and ill-health. However, simply having work is not sufficient: working conditions and job quality can have a significant impact on health and wellbeing.

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## Invisible Kids: Childhood statelessness in the UK

### European Network on Statelessness

Childhood statelessness in the UK is not currently adequately understood by government officials, legal practitioners, judges, politicians, policy advocates, frontline service providers, local authority staff, and others.

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[New Hungarian legislation not only fails to protect children, it puts them at greater risk of harm](#) | Eurochild

[Human Rights 360 releases its annual report](#) | Human Rights 360

## Academia

### The Lancet

[COVID-19 vaccination among Roma populations in Europe](#)

[Mass infection is not an option: we must do more to protect our young](#)

[Learning from crisis: building resilient systems to combat future pandemics](#)

[The challenges of cancer care for the LGBTQ+ community](#)

[Parental education and inequalities in child mortality: a global systematic review and meta-analysis](#)

## Events

[14th European Public Health Conference 10 – 12 November 2021, Virtual](#)

## Media

[Disaster patriarchy: how the pandemic has unleashed a war on women](#) *The Guardian*

[As the pandemic subsides, here comes the crisis](#) *Politico*

[UK health inequalities made worse by Covid crisis, study suggests](#) *The Guardian*

[Inequalities in access to COVID19 vaccines is one of the major geopolitical issues of our time](#) *Le Monde*

[COVID19-women are particularly hit by the crisis](#) *Le Monde*

[The OECD estimates the costs of mental health issues](#) *The Economist*

[Housing becomes a source of financial hardship for multiple households](#) *Le Figaro*

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