
FRA consultation with Fundamental Rights Platform organisations on the impact of measures taken to contain the COVID-19 pandemic (2020)

General questions (3311)

Looking back over the past year – would you say that the impact of measures taken to contain the COVID-19 pandemic on your operations and activities since March 2020 was: (136723)

Type: (L/list-radio)

(A1) - Negative

Could you briefly provide up to three examples (max 2000 characters each)? (136724)

Type: (T/text-long)

The day-to-day working of our office had to move to all-virtual with little notice, which changed in many ways the way the office operates and scope of work (e.g., face to face meetings with other organisations and EU institutions are not possible). However, as we are an organisation that represents the frontline nurses from the EU and Europe (about 3 and 6 million nurses, respectively), our concerns increase daily that measures taken to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus are insufficient, with the number of hospitalised patients and/or needed care on the rise. That is increasingly making more difficult the working conditions of the nursing workforce who is under heavy stress and at risk of being infected by the virus.

Looking ahead - how worried are you that the measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic will continue to impact negatively on your operations and activities in the coming 6 months?

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Type: (L/list-radio)

(A1) - Very worried

Could you briefly outline up to three major concerns (max 2000 characters each)? (136728)

Type: (T/text-long)

The frontline nursing workforce is already under extreme pressure, always at the risk of being COVID-19 infected, and the dropout rates in the profession are very high (up to 30%). The EU institutions should support more frontline nurses and tackle as a union the shortages of nurses. The EU need to invest in nurses.

Challenges (3312)

How often has your organisation experienced any of the following practical challenges as a direct result of measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic since March 2020? (136731)

Type: (F/array-flexible-row)

Often - A2

Ensuring continuity in the provision of regular services to your beneficiaries (136732)

Every time - A1

Increased demand on your services (136733)

Prefer not to say - A5

Financial difficulties* (136734)

Never - A3

Keeping current staff employed (136735)

Rarely - A6

Psychological impact on staff and volunteers conducting their work (136736)

Never - A3

Reduced work contribution by volunteers (136737)

Often - A2

Cancellation or postponement of activities/events/campaigns, etc. (136738)

Never - A3

**Legal problems with keeping deadlines, e.g. for the implementation of contracts or grants
(136739)**

Rarely - A6

Lack of State support in connection with COVID-19 related measures (136740)

To what extent has the work of your organisation suffered from any of the following restrictions which were introduced in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic? (136742)

Type: (F/array-flexible-row)

Not at all - A3

Restrictions on (online) access to decision-makers and reduced possibilities for participation in decision-making (online) (136743)

Do not know - A4

Restrictions of physical access to beneficiaries, e.g. older persons, asylum seekers, monitoring protests etc. (136744)

Do not know - A4

Restrictions on protests/demonstrations requiring physical presence (136745)

Significantly - A1

Challenges with holding general assemblies or board meetings requiring obligatory physical presence (136746)

Do not know - A4

Reduced access to court proceedings (136747)

Did your organisation suffer from any other restrictions which were introduced in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic? If so, please specify (max 2000 characters). (136748)

Type: (T/text-long)

Do you think that measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic, despite their impact on your work, are overall justified? (136749)

Type: (L/list-radio)

(A1) - Yes

Do you think that measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic, despite their impact on your work, are overall proportionate? (136779)

Type: (L/list-radio)

(A2) - No

Addressing challenges (3313)

If your organisation is engaged in monitoring or scrutinising the impact of emergency measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic on human and fundamental rights, please briefly summarise the activities and any outcomes (max 2000 characters). (136752)

Type: (T/text-long)

The EFN is closely monitoring the evolution of the pandemic in Europe with the cooperation of its Membership (composed of National Nurses Associations from across all EU countries). It has collected frontline data on measures taken by the national Governments that may be of support of the nursing profession - however, in most cases, these are far from sufficient. With these data, the EFN has composed reports and other pieces of information that it has disseminated online via its communication channels as well as at meetings with high-level officials from the European Commission. The goal of these activities is to raise awareness on the need to urgently support the nursing profession as well as try to co-design concrete actions for this purpose with decision-makers.

If your organisation is involved in strategic litigation concerning the impact on human and fundamental rights of emergency measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic (or if you are aware of any strategic litigation about such measures by other organisations), please briefly summarise the case(s) and outcome(s) with reference to any judgment (max 2000 characters).

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Type: (T/text-long)

Can you please outline up to three good practice examples how civil society organisations in your country are supported to overcome COVID-related challenges (max 2000 characters each)?

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Type: (T/text-long)

Can you please outline up to three good practice examples on measures taken by your organisation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that could be helpful for other organisations (max 2000 characters each)? (136757)

Type: (T/text-long)

Our organisation has collected data from the national frontlines on how COVID-19 has affected the frontline nursing profession and drafted a series of best practices to be upscaled. Moreover, it also lobbied the EU institutions on the need to "transfer" nursing professionals from countries in which the pandemic was not affecting so hard to countries more affected.

Can you please outline up to three specific measures that could best support civil society and its activities during the COVID-19 pandemic (max 2000 characters each)? (136760)

Type: (T/text-long)

International and governmental institutions should inject funds into civil society organisations working at the frontline against the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the case of the EFN, EU institutions should grant the EFN and its Membership with funds and/or projects that tackle the current needs of the nursing profession.

About your organisation (3314)

Where does your organisation mainly work (or is based in)? (136763)

Type: (L/list-radio)

(A1) - EU level / umbrella organisation

Which of the following term describes best your organisation (categories as per FRA

Founding Regulation, Art. 10)? (136764)

Type: (L/list-radio)

(A1) - Non-governmental organisation