



Concluding remarks:

Does the new architecture allow for the definition of a coherent global vision?

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General points

- Mixture practioners & academics. Very fruitful
- Necessary to take a distance from the short term activities
- New HR architecture: opportunities
- New developments:
 - General principles on HR apply to all external policies (TUE, Title V, General Provisions on the Union's external action)
 - General principles of HR apply to all policies via Charter on Fundamental Rights, Role of Court of Justice
 - Accession ECHR: Strasbourg Court will also be competent for CFSP
 - More focus on internal fundamental rights development ie EU Accession to Convention on Disabilities
 - Increased role of the EP (and national parliaments)
- Issue of coherence internal/external policies
 - Credibility – practice what we preach.
 - Beware different (legal) instruments/& policy set up for internal & external policy
 - External “pressure” to be seen as an opportunity to improve our own standards.

Risk of Ego (euro) centrism

- ⇒ Value based policy (& we export our values)
- ⇒ Beware “self-contained regime” of HR
- ⇒ More on UN & other international organisation agendas
- ⇒ Need to explain much better our “sui generis” structure
- ⇒ But we should not self-deprecate
- ⇒ Recognition of positive role & influence

Organisational Structure

1. Coherence of policies – internal/external and also between various branches of external policies

- Use the group on Fundamental Rights
- Create an Interservice group for mainstreaming of HR
- Adherence of international conventions by EU Members & possibly the EU.
- Annual meeting on HR on internal issues similar to the one organised annually with NGOs for external relations
- See role of Fundamental Rights Agency

2. Role of Member States

- Need for Brussels-based COHOM
- Idea of looking at co-financing on HR with MS
- Do not forget HR issues of national competence & consider also issue of national Parliaments
- See how to pressure accountability of MS = burden sharing

3. Efficiency “workload”

- Strong political message on importance of HR to counter “banalisation” & prominence of geographic policy compared to thematic.
- Clout of the HR structure in EAS
- HR focal points in geographic Directorates
- Develop argumentaires (values/interests.....)
- Working methods (i.e. statements)
- Expertise
- Assessment (what works or not)

4. International System

- Monitoring to be developed
- Better use of the system (proactivity)

5. Role of NGOs

- To provide data (cf refugees)
- Meetings in Brussels
- Importance of local NGOs
- Beware GONGOS (Government NGOs)
- “Informal” briefings

6. EU Delegations

- Training in HR
- Complementarity/Brussels
- Guidance from Brussels
- Burden sharing with MS locally

7. Transparency

- Explanations
- “Aria Style” briefings



Conclusions:

Time to review/rethink HR policy (nature, priorities, how)