



# UNAI MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS 2013-2014

## Universitat Pompeu Fabra

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During the 2013-14 reporting period, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF) engaged in a number of activities that underscore its on-going commitment to UNAI and its principles. The following example stands out as particularly notable:

In 2014, the Universitat Pompeu Fabra was awarded a Jean Monnet Information and Research Activities grant by the European Union to promote knowledge, reflection, and debate on EU law. These funds went towards an expanded exploration of the impacts of fundamental rights and free movement upon families in the European Union. The Treaty of Lisbon strengthened the role of fundamental rights in the EU by rendering the Charter legally binding. Cases concerning family matters have reached the European Court of Justice with increasing frequency since the Treaty's passing. As a result, fundamental rights—and family rights, in particular—have been of foremost concern to scholars of European law.

This project analysed the main developments and challenges in this field, such as a new material conception of the equality principle, the definition of the family, the right to respect for family life, the enforcement of social rights, and the free movement of family members within and from outside the EU. Thus, the main goal of UPF's project was to create forums for interaction aimed at: a) furthering civil society's understanding at large, b) engaging experts in critical thinking and debate, c) enhancing information and knowledge about EU law and its impacts on families among judges and public officials, and d) promoting joint transnational activities and structural links among academic institutions from different European Member States.



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