

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN DIMENSION COMMITMENTS October 2014

ENAR calls for a more strategic approach of OSCE to the fight against specific forms of racism

- Recognise Islamophobia, Afrophobia, Anti-Gypsyism and Anti-Semitism as specific forms of racism, deriving from Europe's history of colonial abuse and repeated persecutions and that need to be addressed politically to improve the lives and protect the rights of groups affected
- Adopt a Ministerial Council decision on the collection of comparable, reliable and disaggregated data on racist crimes (on the model of OSCE Permanent Council Decision No. 607 in which participating States have agreed to collect reliable data on anti-Semitic crime)
- Appoint a Personal Representatives of the Chairmanship-in-Office on Afrophobia
- Support the adoption of national action plans to promote the inclusion of key victimized groups such as People of African Descent and Black European and Muslims (on the model of the Action Plan on Improving the Situation of Roma and Sinti adopted by the OSCE participating States - Maastricht MC Decision 03/2003)

ENAR recommends the following elements to be put in place by participating States, in order to ensure the success and efficiency of the national action plans:

- **Recognition:** Politically recognise specific forms of racism and the consequences of past abuses.
- **Equality data collection:** Collect comparable sets of data on structural racism and discrimination in respect to EU data protection safeguards, and in order to support equality, social inclusion and non-discrimination policies.
- **Participation and empowerment:** Involve key victimized groups in the design, implementation and evaluation of policy initiatives. Support for the full participation of affected groups in public life, stimulation of their active citizenship and development of their human resources are therefore essential.
- **Gender perspective:** Support projects that document the impact of these forms of racism on women and thereby affect gender equality standards.

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