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The European Commission is very concerned about the resurgence of antisemitism across Europe, as shown by recent national data as well as by the Fundamental Rights Agency 2018 survey, which found that 89% of European Jews perceive an increase in antisemitic sentiment over the past 5 years. The 2019 Eurobarometer, which polls the general European population, shows that 1 in 2 Europeans are aware that antisemitism is a problem in their country.

In 2019, the fight against antisemitism in particular is considered a priority under the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme promoting non-discrimination and equality. This priority allows for a special focus on initiatives proposing concrete measures preventing and combating antisemitism online and offline.

Additionally, the European remembrance strand of the Europe for Citizens Programme also supports projects commemorating the victims of the crimes of totalitarian regimes in Europe.

Notwithstanding the need for scientific research on antisemitism, the collection of data of antisemitic incidents is a task which is carried out by the Member States and in some countries dedicated Non-Governmental Organisations. The EU Agency for Fundamental Rights compiles the data in accordance with Article 4 of Council Regulation No.168/2007 in its annual reports.

In order to achieve durable change on the ground for Jewish communities, commitments taken at EU level, such as the "EU Council Declaration on the fight against antisemitism" adopted unanimously on 6 December 2018, must translate into policy changes in the Member States in areas of their responsibility such as security of Jewish premises, education, Holocaust remembrance, data collection of incidents, the use of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition, and training for law enforcement agencies. To support Member States' efforts, the Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality initiated in March 2019 a process within the High Level Group on Racism and xenophobia.