

## Rule 115

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The EU Framework for National Roma Strategies was presented in April 2011, welcomed in Council Conclusions in May and endorsed by the European Council on 24 June. Member States are to develop national Roma integration strategies in parallel with the EU 2020 objectives and submit these to the Commission by the end of 2011. Although the EU Framework for National Roma Strategies is the most advanced document produced by the Commission concerning improving the socio-economic inclusion of the 10-12 million European Roma, it lacks anti-discrimination targets and measures against anti-Gypsyism, which are needed now more than ever. We continue to witness growing anti-Roma sentiment (Anti-Gypsyism) and increased levels of physical violence directed towards the Roma, as has recently happened in a number of EU Member States. Racist groups, football fans, neo-nazi and far right groups are very often identified as perpetrators of racist attacks against Roma and their neighborhoods.

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