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## [EU legislation and policies to address racial and ethnic discrimination](#)

Publication type [Briefing](#)

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Policy area Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity

Keyword anti-discriminatory measure | anti-racist movement | area of freedom, security and justice | common foreign and security policy | ethnic cleansing | ethnic group | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | LAW | POLITICS | politics and public safety | racial discrimination | racism | rights and freedoms | social framework | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | xenophobia

**Summary** People from racial and ethnic minority backgrounds face discrimination and its consequences on a daily basis, but the exact scale of the problem is hard to gauge owing to a lack of data and general under-reporting of racist incidents. The coronavirus pandemic saw a major increase in reports of racist and xenophobic incidents, and the crisis it triggered had a disproportionately large negative effect on racial and ethnic minority groups, in the form of higher death and infection rates. Although, since 2000, the European Union (EU) has introduced legislation to combat racial and xenophobic discrimination, the problem persists, with the need for new measures recently highlighted by the global Black Lives Matter protests. A number of studies also point to the cost of racial discrimination not only for the individuals concerned but also for society as a whole. For instance, a 2018 EPRS report argued that the loss in earnings caused by racial and ethnic discrimination for both individuals and societies amounts to billions of euros annually. EU citizens also acknowledge this problem: a 2019 survey found that over half of Europeans believe racial or ethnic discrimination to be widespread in their country. To address racial discrimination and the inequalities it engenders, the European Commission has put forward a number of equality strategies and actions. The European Parliament, meanwhile, has long been demanding an end to racial discrimination. In recent resolutions, Parliament has called for an end to structural racism, discrimination, racial profiling and police brutality; for protection of the right to protest peacefully; for an enhanced role for culture, education, media and sport in the fight against racism; and for an intersectional approach. From 20 to 22 March 2023, Members of the European Parliament from the Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup (ARDI) will be co-hosting the second EU Anti-Racism and Diversity Week. This updates a briefing from March 2022.

[Briefing](#) [EN](#)

## [Combating hate speech and hate crime in the EU](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 07-06-2022

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Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Keyword communications | criminal law | criminal liability | disinformation | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | equal treatment | fight against crime | fundamental rights | hate speech | LAW | offence | racism | rights and freedoms | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | xenophobia

**Summary** In recent times, the European Union (EU) has witnessed a sharp rise in hate speech and hate crime, yet EU law criminalises such conduct only if related to a limited set of protected characteristics, such as race and ethnicity. The Commission, with the support of the Parliament, seeks to address this limitation by extending the list of 'EU crimes' included in Article 83 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), to cover hate speech and hate crime. This can only be done by a Council decision adopted by unanimity, with the Parliament's consent.

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## [Protection against racism, xenophobia and racial discrimination, and the EU Anti-racism Action Plan](#)

Publication type [Study](#)

Date 24-05-2022

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Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law | Evaluation of Law and Policy in Practice

Keyword action programme | BUSINESS AND COMPETITION | coronavirus disease | epidemic | health | human rights | LAW | management | racism | rights and freedoms | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | xenophobia

**Summary** This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the LIBE Committee, provides an analysis of the distinctive features of racism, xenophobia and racial discrimination in the EU and selected EU Member States. It further examines various forms of racism, xenophobia and racial discrimination and their target groups and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The study assesses anti-racism policies and legislation to determine effectiveness of the national and EU legislation and measures envisaged in the EU Anti-racism Action Plan on eradication of racism, xenophobia and racial discrimination. The study identifies gaps that need to be filled and provides recommendations on how to create engagement at all levels to achieve meaningful change and equality.

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## [The role of culture, education, media and sport in the fight against racism](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 02-03-2022

Author KATSAROVA Ivana

Policy area Culture | Education

Keyword antisemitism | communications | cultural policy | culture and religion | education | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | education policy | equal treatment | ethnic discrimination | ethnic group | LAW | mass media | POLITICS | politics and public safety | public awareness campaign | racism | rights and freedoms | social affairs | social framework | social integration | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | sport | xenophobia

Summary Discrimination based on racial and ethnic origin is still widespread in the EU. Action to combat racism, xenophobia, antisemitism and related intolerance rests on an established legal framework dating back more than two decades. This includes the Racial Equality Directive and the Council Framework Decision on Racism and Xenophobia.

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## [Holocaust denial in criminal law: Legal frameworks in selected EU Member States](#)

Publication type Briefing

Date 26-01-2022

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Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Keyword comparative analysis | comparative law | crime against humanity | criminal law | criminal law | economic geography | ethnic discrimination | EU Member State | European Convention on Human Rights | GEOGRAPHY | international affairs | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | LAW | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | racism | research and intellectual property | rights and freedoms | sources and branches of the law | xenophobia

Summary The Holocaust ('Shoah' in Hebrew) – the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and mass murder of Jews, whom the Nazi regime and its collaborators sought to annihilate along with other persecuted groups, such as Roma and Sinti – took place in Europe. It is therefore not surprising that a trend to address negationism – i.e. unfounded theories questioning certain historical events – by means of criminal law, originated in Europe. With time, the scope of criminalisation has been extended to cover not only the Shoah, but also other internationally recognised crimes. Such prohibition is, however, not without controversy as it may interfere with fundamental rights, such as freedom of expression and academic freedom. The Council of Europe has played a major role in addressing Holocaust denial, in particular through the case law of the European Court of Human Rights pertaining to the limits of freedom of expression. The Court has consistently excluded negationism from the protection of the European Convention on Human Rights, pointing to the antisemitic nature of the prohibited statements and qualifying them as abuse of rights. In the European Union (EU), a 2008 Framework Decision on racism and xenophobia sought to align national legislation on historical denialism. Yet, national laws still differ in many respects, such as the definition of offences and the range of historical events, the memory of which they serve to protect. This Briefing looks at criminal provisions in 17 selected EU Member States: Belgium, Czechia, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia. It attempts to identify the main elements of the criminal conduct and of the corresponding punishment. The following EPRS policy analysts have contributed to the country analyses: Piotr Bąkowski (Poland), Carmen-Cristina Cirlig (Romania), David De Groot (Netherlands), Micaela Del Monte (Luxembourg and Portugal), Angelos Delivorias (Greece), Fabiana Fracanzino (Spain and Italy), Fruzsina Fuzesi (Hungary), Vilma Karvelyte-Shetty (Lithuania), Karoline Kowald (Austria), Katrien Luyten (Belgium), Hendrik Mildebrath (Germany), Marketa Pape (Czechia), Anja Radjenovic (Slovenia), Branislav Stanicek (Slovakia), and Sofija Voronova (France). This is an update of a Briefing published in September 2021.

Briefing [EN](#)

## [Research for CULT Committee - The role of culture, education, media and sport in the fight against racism – policy recommendations](#)

Publication type Briefing

Date 12-11-2021

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Policy area Culture | Education

Keyword anti-racist movement | communications | culture | culture and religion | education | education | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EU programme | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | LAW | mass media | POLITICS | politics and public safety | racism | rights and freedoms | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | sport

Summary This document includes recommendations developed based on a study on 'The role of culture, education, media and sport in the fight against racism': to provide the Members of the European Parliament's Committee on Culture and Education (CULT) with expertise for an own-initiative report (INI) on "The role of culture, education, media and sport in the fight against racism" (concomitant expertise).

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## [Research for CULT Committee - The role of culture, education, media and sport in the fight against racism](#)

### [- Background Analysis](#)

Publication type [Study](#)

Date 31-10-2021

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Policy area Culture | Education

Keyword action programme | anti-racist movement | BUSINESS AND COMPETITION | communications | cultural policy | culture and religion | education | education | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | human rights | LAW | management | mass media | POLITICS | politics and public safety | racism | rights and freedoms | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | sport

Summary The study concludes that the EU Anti-racism Action Plan 2020-2025 reflects the diversity of remedy measures identified in the specialist literature. Despite of the limited steering and monitoring within EU programmes of their contribution to the fight against racism, except for the CERV programme, there is a significant share of projects that are addressing racism related topics, also reflecting a diversity of remedy measures. There is a need for further building on existing good practices / incentives developed by programmes and implementing institutions.

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### [Fighting discrimination in sport](#)

Publication type [Briefing](#)

Date 09-07-2021

Author KATSAROVA Ivana

Policy area Culture

Keyword discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation | economic analysis | ECONOMICS | ethnic discrimination | EU Charter of Fundamental Rights | EU institutions and European civil service | EU programme | EU statistics | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | Eurostat | LAW | POLITICS | politics and public safety | public awareness campaign | racism | rights and freedoms | sexual discrimination | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | sport | Treaty on European Union | Treaty on the Functioning of the EU

Summary Even though the European Union (EU) has built an extensive framework of legislation, instances of racism and homophobia in sport are still rife. Interestingly, Eurostat surveys reveal that the feeling of discrimination is more widespread than actual discrimination. Although there are some variations, discrimination in sport very frequently involves stigmatisation on the basis of external characteristics such as skin colour, body shape and gender. Data from 2017 show that some 3 % of respondents claimed to have experienced racist violence in the previous year, with another 24 % being exposed to racist harassment in that period. Worryingly, the results of a 2018 poll confirm that the vast majority of respondents (90 %) perceive homo/transphobia to be a problem in sport, with gay men feeling homophobia to be a bigger problem than lesbian/gay women and bisexual people. Action against discrimination at EU level is grounded in an established EU legal framework, based on a number of Treaty provisions – in particular Articles 2 and 3 of the Treaty on European Union, and Articles 10, 19 and 67(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. The general principles of non-discrimination and equality are also reaffirmed in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU. This legal arsenal is completed by a number of directives and framework decisions – such as the Racial Equality Directive, the Victims' Rights Directive and the Framework Decision on Combating Racism and Xenophobia, to name but a few – aimed at increasing individual protection. The objectives of the sports strand of the Erasmus+ programme include combatting violence, discrimination and intolerance in sport and providing funding for various projects such as the setting up of LGBTQI+ sports clubs in central and eastern Europe, increasing inclusion in sport, and by bringing together partners who traditionally face barriers to participation, such as women, the LGBTQI+ community and people with disabilities. In addition, since 2016, the European Commission has supported the Council of Europe in promoting safety and security at sports events. In recent years, the Gay Games and the European Gay and Lesbian Multi-Sports Championships have helped raise awareness, build self-esteem and change perceptions based on prejudice.

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### [Jewish communities in the European Union](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 23-01-2020

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Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice | Culture | Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity | Human Rights

Keyword antisemitism | code of conduct | communications | demographic analysis | demography and population | education | education | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EP resolution | EU Charter of Fundamental Rights | EU institutions and European civil service | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights | European Union law | fight against crime | history of Europe | international affairs | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | Internet | Jew | LAW | racism | rights and freedoms | social affairs | social framework | social media | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | teaching | teaching | Treaty on European Union

Summary The Jewish population in the EU has been diminishing in recent decades, and has witnessed an increase in acts of anti-Semitism and anti-Jewish violence in recent years. In defence of its values, including respect for minorities, the EU undertakes and funds actions to counter anti-Semitism. This is a further updated version of an 'at a glance' note published in January 2019.

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## [Scaling up Roma Inclusion Strategies; Truth, reconciliation and justice for addressing antigypsyism](#)

Publication type Study

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Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Keyword ethnic discrimination | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | LAW | racism | rights and freedoms | Roma | social affairs | social framework | social integration | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the LIBE Committee, aims to promote a better understanding of the Roma minority and communities' situation in the EU. The study explores concrete proposals to upscale the post-2020 Roma framework strategy via a Rule of Law, Democracy and Fundamental Rights (DRF) Periodic Review/Mechanism and a Truth and Reconciliation Process at the EU level. It proposes ways to strengthen the role of the European Parliament in ensuring democratic accountability and the right to truth and effective justice for past and current human rights violations.

Study [EN](#)

## [Outcome of the meetings of EU Heads of State or Government, 13-14 December 2018](#)

Publication type Briefing

Date 20-12-2018

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Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice | Budget | Economics and Monetary Issues | Internal Market and Customs Union

Keyword climate change policy | common foreign and security policy | communications | disinformation | economic geography | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU finance | EU institutions and European civil service | Eurogroup (euro area) | Europe | European construction | European Council | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | GEOGRAPHY | international affairs | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | LAW | monetary relations | multiannual financial framework | negotiation of an agreement (EU) | political geography | racism | rights and freedoms | single market | summit meeting | United Kingdom | withdrawal from the EU | xenophobia

Summary The meetings on 13-14 2018 of EU Heads of State or Government dealt with a more comprehensive agenda than originally foreseen. The European Council set a timeline for the negotiations of the MFF, assessed the implementation of its comprehensive approach to migration, and announced an in-depth discussion on the Single Market for next spring. On external relations, it discussed the upcoming summit with the League of Arab States, expressed its concern regarding the escalation at the Azov Sea, welcomed progress in the field of security and defence and addressed disinformation. Additionally, EU Heads of State or Government issued conclusions on climate change, fight against racism and xenophobia, as well as citizens' dialogues and citizens' consultations.

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## [Combating anti-Muslim hatred in the EU](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 28-11-2018

Author PRPIC Martina

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice | Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity

Keyword civil society | culture and religion | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EU Charter of Fundamental Rights | European construction | European Convention on Human Rights | EUROPEAN UNION | exchange of information | fundamental rights | human rights | information and information processing | international affairs | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | Islam | LAW | Muslim | POLITICS | politics and public safety | racism | religious discrimination | religious symbol | rights and freedoms | social framework | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | xenophobia

Summary Discrimination against minorities is against EU values and principles. However, research shows that discrimination against Muslims is becoming more common, and that it is increasingly supported by some political parties. EU secondary legislation on the issue is limited, and even grounds and areas of discrimination that are already covered need more work to ensure comprehensive protection. Nonetheless, several key legislative proposals are not making any progress, much to the regret of the European Parliament.

At a Glance [EN](#), [FR](#)

## [Equality and the Fight against Racism and Xenophobia](#)

Publication type Study

Date 28-03-2018

Author VAN BALLEGOOIJ Wouter

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice | Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity | Security and Defence

Keyword anti-discriminatory measure | economic geography | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | equal pay | EU Charter of Fundamental Rights | EU institutions and European civil service | EU law | EU Member State | European construction | European Convention on Human Rights | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights | European Union law | gender equality | GEOGRAPHY | international affairs | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | LAW | personnel management and staff remuneration | racism | rights and freedoms | secondary legislation | xenophobia

Summary This study specifically focuses on EU action and cooperation concerning equality and the fight against racism and xenophobia. Despite existing EU legislation and action it argues that there are still significant gaps and barriers to equal treatment and to adequate prevention and prosecution of, and compensation for, hate crimes within the European Union. The impact of the gaps and barriers identified – in action and cooperation – at EU level are assessed both in terms of economic impact and their impacts on economic rights and freedoms. To address these gaps and barriers, the study provides some options for EU action in the field.

Study [EN](#)

## [Research for CULT Committee - EU funding for cultural work with refugees: current practice and lessons learned](#)

Publication type In-Depth Analysis

Date 06-11-2017

External author Rasoul Nejadmehr

Policy area Culture | Education | Forward Planning

Keyword aid to refugees | civil society | cooperation policy | cultural heritage | culture and religion | economic geography | EU Member State | gender equality | GEOGRAPHY | integration of migrants | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | LAW | migration | national identity | POLITICS | politics and public safety | racism | rights and freedoms | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | xenophobia

Summary This study is an overview of publically funded cultural projects with refugees as target group. These projects are analysed in the light of two interconnected challenges in contemporary Europe, the challenge of good governance of cultural diversity and refugees' aspiration to a good life in Europe. It asks the fundamental question of what it is to live a good life together in Europe today and how cultural interventions can contribute to this aspiration.

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## [Research for CULT Committee - EU funding for cultural work with refugees: towards the next programme generation](#)

Publication type In-Depth Analysis

Date 06-11-2017

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Policy area Culture | Education | Forward Planning

Keyword aid to refugees | artistic creation | civil society | cooperation policy | cultural heritage | culture and religion | distribution of EU funding | economic geography | education | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | educational exchange | EU finance | EU Member State | EU programme | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | gender equality | GEOGRAPHY | integration of migrants | international law | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | LAW | migration | national identity | political asylum | POLITICS | politics and public safety | racism | rights and freedoms | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | xenophobia

Summary This briefing analyses the EU's current programmes 2014-2020 that support cultural work with refugees in Europe and provides case studies of EU-funded projects in this field. It offers feedback from these projects, recommendations on the future programme generation, and suggests actions for the CULT Committee and its Members in order to inform and influence the future EU programme generation beyond 2020.

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## [Research for CULT Committee - Why cultural work with refugees](#)

Publication type In-Depth Analysis

Date 06-11-2017

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Policy area Culture | Education | Forward Planning

Keyword aid to refugees | artistic creation | civil society | cooperation policy | cultural heritage | culture and religion | economic geography | EU Member State | gender equality | GEOGRAPHY | integration of migrants | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | LAW | migration | national identity | POLITICS | politics and public safety | racism | rights and freedoms | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | xenophobia

Summary Cultural work with refugees has a long history. It is a contentious area. Instrumental approaches to cultural work with refugees raise significant issues. This briefing outlines the contentions, provides a theoretical basis for the work, gives leading examples of cultural work with refugees, including work that promotes intercultural understanding and work that promotes fear. It outlines key findings and recommendations, which have a substantial focus on ethical engagement, aesthetic importance and societal wellbeing.

In-Depth Analysis [EN](#)



## [Area of freedom, security and justice:Untapped potential](#)

Publication type Briefing

Date 27-10-2017

Author VAN BALLEGOOIJ Wouter

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice | Private international law and judicial cooperation in civil matters

Keyword area of freedom, security and justice | corruption | criminal law | EU visa policy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | external border of the EU | family migration | international law | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | justice | LAW | migration | organised crime | political asylum | political framework | POLITICS | politics and public safety | public prosecution | racism | refugee | rights and freedoms | rule of law | Schengen Agreement | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | terrorism | xenophobia

Summary Since the entry into force of the 1997 Treaty of Amsterdam, the EU offers its citizens an area of freedom, security and justice (AFSJ). In this area, the free movement of persons should be ensured in conjunction with appropriate measures with respect to external border controls, asylum and migration, as well as the prevention and combating of crime. Since then, the Union has adopted its own Charter of Fundamental Rights, and the European Parliament has been fully engaged in shaping the AFSJ as a co-legislator. Two decades later, however, the Union and its Member States still face major challenges in delivering this objective. Problems have been identified in upholding democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights, ensuring a high level of security (notably in the fight against corruption, organised crime and terrorism), protecting external borders, guaranteeing the right to asylum and developing a common migration policy. Surveys show that citizens expect the EU and its Member States to deliver in these areas, notably in the area of migration and the fight against terrorism and fraud. In October 2016, the Parliament's Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) Committee requested the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) to produce a 'Cost of Non-Europe Report' on the AFSJ. This paper contains an overview of the existing gaps and barriers in the main policy areas covered by the AFSJ, and assesses their economic impacts as well as impacts at individual level on fundamental rights and freedoms. It also assesses options for action at EU level that could address those gaps and barriers, together with an estimation of their potential cost and benefits.

Briefing [EN](#)

## [EU action against anti-Semitism and Islamophobia](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 07-01-2016

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Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice | Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity

Keyword antisemitism | area of freedom, security and justice | common foreign and security policy | culture and religion | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | human rights | Islam | LAW | POLITICS | politics and public safety | racism | religious discrimination | religious fundamentalism | rights and freedoms | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | terrorism | xenophobia

Summary Recent years have witnessed growing trends of anti-Semitism as well as a sharp increase in incidents and attacks directed towards members of the Muslim community. Attacks against Jewish communities in Toulouse, Brussels, Paris and Copenhagen, and verbal and physical violence against Muslim communities have shown the need for additional measures. Please click here for the full publication in PDF format

At a Glance [EN](#)

## [The European Legal Framework on Hate Speech, Blasphemy and its Interaction with Freedom of Expression](#)

Publication type Study

Date 15-09-2015

External author Milieu Ltd.

Policy area EU Law: Legal System and Acts | Evaluation of Law and Policy in Practice | Human Rights | Social Policy

Keyword anti-discriminatory measure | case study | crime against individuals | criminal law | documentation | drafting of EU law | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | electronic commerce | equal treatment | EU Charter of Fundamental Rights | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | freedom of expression | freedom of religious beliefs | LAW | marketing | political framework | POLITICS | politics and public safety | racism | rights and freedoms | rule of law | speech | terrorism | TRADE

Summary At the request of the LIBE committee, this study provides an overview of the legal framework applicable to hate speech and hate crime on the one hand and to blasphemy and religious insult on the other hand. It also evaluates the effectiveness of existing legislation in selected Member States and explores opportunities to strengthen the current EU legal framework, whilst fully respecting the fundamental rights of freedom of expression and freedom of thought, conscience and religion. The study also provides the European Parliament with guidelines on dealing with hate speech within the EU institutions.

Study [EN](#)

## [Situation of the Roma in the EU: recent developments](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 11-11-2011

Author BAKOWSKI Piotr

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Keyword criminal law | economic geography | ethnic discrimination | Europe | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | France | GEOGRAPHY | LAW | national implementing measure | political geography | racism | removal | rights and freedoms | rights of minorities | Roma | social affairs | social framework | social integration | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary Whereas the EU institutions have promoted further integration of the EU's largest minority, recent months have seen numerous incidents involving violence against Roma, as well as the adoption of state measures, which allegedly discriminate against them.

At a Glance [EN](#)

## [Religious Freedom in Turkey: Situation of Religious Minorities](#)

Publication type In-Depth Analysis

Date 18-03-2008

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Policy area Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity | Human Rights

Keyword antisemitism | Asia and Oceania | economic geography | Europe | freedom of religious beliefs | GEOGRAPHY | LAW | political geography | racism | religious discrimination | religious group | rights and freedoms | rights of minorities | social framework | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | Türkiye

In-Depth Analysis [EN](#)

## [Progress Made and Existing Gaps in the Field of Judicial co-operation in criminal matters](#)

Publication type In-Depth Analysis

Date 05-11-2007

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Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Keyword approximation of laws | criminal law | criminal law | criminal proceedings | data protection | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | information and information processing | information technology and data processing | judicial cooperation in criminal matters in the EU | justice | LAW | mutual recognition principle | racism | rights and freedoms | xenophobia

Summary The briefing note provides an overview of the progress made and existing gaps in the field of judicial co-operation in criminal matters.  
It first reviews perceived difficulties with the pillar structure and examines the amendments that the Reform Treaty - due to be formally adopted at the European Council in December 2007 - would introduce. The different approaches to co-operation at a European level, i.e. mutual legal assistance, mutual recognition and approximation are also analysed.  
A particular emphasis is placed on current legislative proposals and other developments, such as the current state of play of the European Arrest Warrant, Eurojust and the European Judicial Network in criminal matters.  
Finally, the EU external relations in the field of judicial co-operation in criminal matters are also briefly mentioned.

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