

Statement on the Mandate and Work of the EU Coordinator on Anti-Racism

Strong political engagement from European Union Executive and Member States' political leadership will lead to concrete initiatives that will help deliver racial justice in Europe. The new EU Coordinator on Anti-Racism should be leading all the work on the topic within the European Commission, ensuring the meaningful participation of civil society and other stakeholders and engage with national and local levels. The creation of this new role is an important development that can lead to the successful implementation of the Anti-Racism Action Plan (ARAP) [see civil society [Open Letter](#) to Commission on the ARAP].

A. A clear mandate and roadmap for the EU Coordinator on Anti-Racism

The Coordinator and their team (hereafter, the Coordinator) should be responsible for implementing the ARAP. More specifically, the following elements should be part of the Coordinator's mandate:

- 1. National Action Plans against Racism (NAPAR)** - The Coordinator should actively work with the European Commission's subgroup on NAPAR to develop common principles in 2021 and to support Member States to meet their reporting obligations in 2022 including with the meaningful involvement of national civil society organisations. A Council Recommendation should be adopted to strengthen this framework.
- 2. Mainstreaming of racial equality** - The Coordinator should be the primary contact point for mainstreaming racial justice in the different Directorates-General with the Task Force on Equality supporting their work.
- 3. Support to anti-racism civil society and human rights defenders** - The Coordinator should closely monitor the situation of anti-racist human rights defenders on the ground in the Member States and ensure support from the political leadership for relevant civil society and human rights defenders.

B. A constant and participatory body for civil society organisations

The success of the Coordinator's work will be limited if it is not supported by a permanent body facilitating structured dialogue with civil society organisations led by racialised groups and organisations working on issues related to racial justice and equality. This body would be responsible for the bi-annual meetings proposed in the ARAP and regular meetings with civil society organisations and other groups. The body could also facilitate regular contact and meaningful involvement in policy processes, especially through linking experts and groups with various Directorates-General to ensure knowledge sharing, training and mainstreaming.

C. Coherent organisational structure on racial equality with additional resources

The appointment of the Coordinator is an opportunity for the EU to implement an internal restructuring that will lead to coherence between policy aims and organisational structure. This will be key if the EU intends to tackle structural racism and mainstream racial justice across all policies areas and for all racialised groups, including those at the intersections of different grounds of discrimination. An organisational restructuring will also lead to better coordination, decision-making and monitoring of progress. Additional financial resources should be allocated to work on racial equality, including for the Coordinator and for their work with civil society organisations.

Signatories

1. European Network against Racism (ENAR)
2. Equinox Initiative for Racial Justice
3. European Roma Grassroots Organisations Network (ERGO)
4. Institute Circle
5. NGO RomanoNet
6. Migrant Tales
7. Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organisations
8. Greek Forum of Migrants
9. Trans United Europe
10. Roma Active Albania
11. Changemakers Lab
12. European Network of Women of African Descent
13. Public Institution Roma Community Centre
14. European Youth Forum
15. AO Public Association of Roma women and Girls from Moldova “Moldsolidaritate”
16. KISA - Action for Equality, Support, Antiracism
17. Velferdsalliansen EAPN Norway
18. Roma Association Utrecht
19. Instituto de Asuntos Culturales, España
20. Roma advocacy and research centre Skalica, Slovakia
21. In IUSTITIA
22. Stichting Ocan
23. Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)
24. Refugee Legal Support (RLS)
25. The Czech Helsinki Committee
26. HumanRights360
27. Büro zur Umsetzung von Gleichbehandlung e.V. (BUG)
28. Movimento SOS Racismo

29. Pavee Point Traveller & Roma Centre
30. International Federation of Resistance Fighters (FIR)
31. Centre for Peace Studies
32. Regional Roma Educational Youth Association - RROMA
33. Paveepoint Traveller and Roma centre
34. ADVANCING TOGETHER
35. International Roma Women Network Phenjalipr
36. Povod Institute
37. Roma and Travellers Mediation Center (Centre de Médiation des Gens du Voyage et des Roms)
38. Een Andere Joodse Stem
39. Àltera
40. Minderhedenforum vzw
41. Fair Trials
42. BIBI AMKA Woman wake up
43. Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice
44. ASOCIACIÓN NACIONAL PRESENCIA GITANA
45. European Network on Religion and Belief
46. Latvian Human Rights Committee
47. Central Council of German Sinti and Roma
48. Collective Against Islamophobia in Belgium (CCIB)
49. SIEMPRE - Latin American Women and Girls Networking
50. Federation of Roma Associations in Catalonia - FAGiC - FAGiC
51. Waterford Integration Services
52. Unge for Menneskerettigheder
53. Asoc. Nacional Presencia Gitana
54. "ANTIGONE" - Information and Documentation Centre on Racism, Ecology, Peace and Non Violence
55. Balkan LGBTQIA
56. Africa Solidarity Centre Ireland
57. Asociación Musulmana por los Derechos Humanos (AMDEH)
58. Pan African Movement for Justice
59. Implementation Team of the International Decade for People of African Descent-Spain
60. Africa-Europe Diaspora Development Platform
61. European Anti-Poverty Network
62. Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe CCME
63. Africa Solidarity Centre CLG
64. Anti-Racist Forum ry
65. Center for Intersectional Justice
66. Advocacy and Human Rights Centre
67. Network for Children's Rights