

**Question for written answer E-004184/2026
to the Commission**

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Subject: The loss of structural EU funding threatens ENAR's continued operation and its network of over 140 anti-racist organisations

The loss of structural EU funding threatens the continued operation of the European Network Against Racism (ENAR) and its network of over 140 anti-racist organisations. This decision comes despite the Commission's commitments under the EU strategy for civil society¹ and its anti-racism strategy² to combat structural racism and strengthen independent civil society.

Against this background:

1. How does the Commission justify the decision by the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) to end ENAR's structural funding as proportionate relative to concerns regarding operational capacity, given ENAR's track record, and EACEA's acceptance of its 2025 technical and financial reporting, and were less restrictive alternatives considered, including conditional funding, additional monitoring or shorter funding periods? If not, why were they not considered?
2. How does the Commission reconcile this decision with the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights' findings on persistent racism and its commitments to supporting anti-racism organisations, protecting civic space and ensuring meaningful civil-society participation given the largest anti-racism network in Europe has been defunded?
3. What safeguards can the Commission identify to demonstrate that the decision was taken independently of any political or institutional pressure relating to ENAR's anti-racism advocacy, including pressure from political or institutional actors within or around EU institutions?

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¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025DC0790>.

² https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/combating-discrimination/racism-and-xenophobia/anti-racism-strategy_en.