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The Commission is committed to fight racism and hatred in the EU¹.

The Commission condemns hate crime and terrorist acts and relies on the national authorities to investigate and prosecute them. The Commission supports the protection of places of worship, including mosques² through different means, such as information tools³ to enhance awareness, security and funding under the Internal Security Fund⁴ for transnational and inter-religious projects to help places of worship, faith leaders and communities to maximise their preparedness.

In 2024, the Commission published an independent research report on ‘The legal framework to combat anti-Muslim hate in the European Union’⁵, drafted by the European network of legal experts in gender equality and non-discrimination. The report brings together key case law and presents findings on legislation with a disproportionate impact on Muslim communities and persons.

The 2008 Framework Decision⁶ prohibits public incitement to violence or hatred based on race, colour, ethnicity and religion. The Commission first put in place a Coordinator on combatting anti-Muslim hatred in 2015. One of the Coordinator’s key roles is to work for better recording, investigation and prosecution of anti-Muslim hate crime. The 2020-2025 EU anti-racism action plan⁷, which covers anti-Muslim hatred, triggered the adoption of national action plans against racism. The upcoming anti-Racism strategy will continue to galvanise Member States action against anti-Muslim hatred, while EU funding under the Citizens, Equality, Rights, and Values programme is an important tool to fund projects fighting all forms of racism.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52023JC0051>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52017DC0612>.

³ https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/whats-new/publications/eu-quick-guide-support-protection-places-worship_en#:~:text=This%20guide%20aims%20at%20helping%20smaller%20and%20medium-sized,altering%20the%20nature%20and%20purpose%20of%20the%20space.

⁴ https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders/find-funding/eu-funding-programmes/internal-security-fund_en.

⁵ <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/b5006e58-d15e-11ef-be2a-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>.

⁶ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=LEGISSUM:l33178>.

⁷ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/combating-discrimination/racism-and-xenophobia/eu-anti-racism-action-plan-2020-2025_en.