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In line with Article 17 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), the Commission engages in a dialogue with religious and non-confessional organisations. However, it does not finance any project aiming at promoting Islam or any other religion. The Anti-Racism Strategy 2026-2030 refers to the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme (CERV)¹, adopted in 2021 as one of the main instruments for supporting anti-racism and anti-discrimination initiatives. Under its equality, rights, and gender equality strand, the programme focuses on combating inequalities and discrimination based inter alia on race, religion or belief, including anti-Muslim hatred. EU funding is awarded based on clear eligibility, exclusion, selection and award criteria. The Commission carries out rigorous selection processes. While most projects funded over the past five years address all forms of racism, seven projects address more specifically the fight against anti-Muslim hatred². Among these, only the project RADAR is still under implementation³.

The Financial Transparency System⁴ (FTS) provides all requested information on recipients of EU funding and the Funding and Tenders Portal⁵ provides all requested information on funded projects.

The Commission respects the principle of subsidiarity in all its actions, including when it comes to the Anti-racism Strategy⁶, which is a Communication to the European Parliament and the Council presenting the strategic objectives of the Commission in combatting racism within the EU. Similarly, as regards the integration of migrants, the Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021-2027⁷ and the Strategy on Migration and Asylum⁸ focus on supporting Member States' actions in this area, in line with the rules of Article 79(4) TFEU.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/692 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (OJ L 156, 5.5.2021, p. 1); ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/692/oj>.

² 101049389 EMPATHY, 101049611 TRUST, 101052153 SALAAM, 101083556 SKIN, 101084984 ECO, 101144544 EMPOWERYOUTH, 101214068 RADAR.

³ The project RADAR started on 1st October 2025.

⁴ <https://ec.europa.eu/budget/financial-transparency-system/index.html>.

⁵ <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>.

⁶ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Union of Equality: Anti-Racism Strategy 2026-2030, COM/2026/12 final.

⁷ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, The European Economic and social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Action plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021-2027, COM/2020/758 final.

⁸ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council European Asylum and Migration Management Strategy, COM/2026/45 final.