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**Question for written answer E-002952/26
to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission's 'anti-racism' strategy: towards a presumption that European societies are racist?

The Commission's strategy entitled 'Union of Equality: Anti-Racism Strategy 2026-2030' extends the fight against so-called structural racism to all public policies: education, the media, the police, justice, public statistics, recruitment and digital platforms.

The strategy is based on an ideological concept that is not defined in EU law and predicates that European societies are structurally racist. It also provides for the compilation of statistics based on ethnic origin, training on 'unconscious bias', enhanced monitoring of online content and increased funding for NGOs advancing this approach.

Paradoxically, while the Commission claims to combat all forms of racism, it never mentions anti-white racism.

1. On what legal basis does the Commission intend to promote the concept of 'structural racism', which does not exist in the Treaties or in EU law?
2. How will it ensure that the strategy will not lead to increased surveillance of opinions expressed online or to the collection of ethnicity data counter to fundamental freedoms?
3. Why is anti-white racism not included in a strategy meant to combat all forms of racism?

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Answer given by Ms Lahbib on behalf of the European Commission

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The European Union is founded as a Union of Equality, grounded in the values of human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, non-discrimination, the rule of law and the respect for human rights, as set out in the Treaties and the Charter of Fundamental Rights ⁽¹⁾. Upholding the EU's foundational values demands a Europe that is free from racism.

The EU Anti-Racism Strategy 2026-2030 constitutes — alongside the other equality strategies ⁽²⁾ — a core policy to build the Union of Equality and responds to the European Parliament's call for a long-term approach on combatting racism ⁽³⁾.

The strategy addresses all forms of racism, focusing on historically marginalised groups, facing persistent discrimination, while underlining the structural nature of racism, which perpetuates barriers in employment, housing, healthcare and education. While the term structural racism does not appear in the Treaties, structural inequalities are well documented.

The strategy tackles racism comprehensively, indicating targeted measures to combat racial discrimination. This includes the protection from illegal racist hate speech, offline or online, by implementation of relevant EU legislation, such as the framework Decision against racism and xenophobia ⁽⁴⁾ and the Digital Services Act ⁽⁵⁾, containing safeguards to protect freedom of expression. The Commission remains committed to upholding equality for all.

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⁽¹⁾ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/treaty/char_2012/oj/eng.

⁽²⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/topics/equality-and-inclusion_en.

⁽³⁾ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:JOC_2023_161_R_0003.

⁽⁴⁾ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec_framw/2008/913/oj/eng.

⁽⁵⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2065/oj/eng>.