

National Round Table

The Council of the European Union adopted on 29 June 2000 Directive 2000/43/EC, “implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of racial or ethnic origin” and on 27 November 2000 Directive 2000/78/EC, “establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation”.

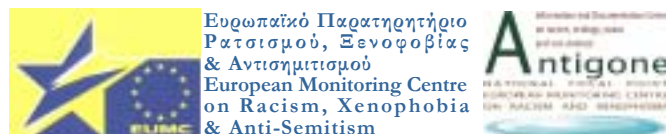
The aim of these two Directives is to combat phenomena of discrimination, racism and intolerance in the member states.

The European Union is founded upon the principles of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as the state of law. All member states share and respect these founding principles, as they are guaranteed by the European Convention for the protection of human rights and the national constitutions.

Discrimination on racial or ethnic ground may well undermine the very existence of the Union, but also the achievement of a high standard of living and social protection, as it constitutes a threat to social cohesion and solidarity. Persistent discrimination may also undermine the development of the European Union as an area of freedom, security and justice.

The member states must transpose the Race Directive 2000/43/EC at the latest by 19 July 2003 and the Equality in Employment Directive 2000/78/EC at the latest by 2 December 2003 and therefore it is necessary for their content to be disseminated widely.

The European Monitoring Centre in co-operation with their National Focal Point, the Information and Documentation Centre Antigone wish to initiate through this Round Table an open and public debate on the content and transposition of the two Directives.

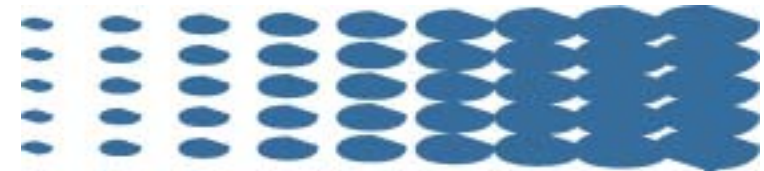


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Combatting discrimination, racism and xenophobia

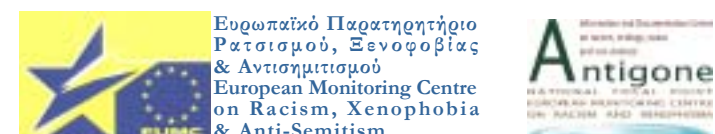
The Transposition of the Race and Equality Community Directives



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Monday, 2 December 2002

- 16.00 Registration
- 17.00 Welcome Address
Prof. Nikiforos Diamantouros, Ombudsman
Prof. Alice Yotopoulou-Marangopoulou, President NCHR
Bob Purkiss, Chairperson EUMC Executive Board
- 17.30 Opening Speech: Beate Winkler, Director EUMC
The role and function of the EUMC and the RAXEN network

SESSION A'

The transposition of Directives 43/2000/EC and 78/2000/EC

Chair Prof. Petros Stangos

- 18.00 Mihalis Vrontakis, Vice President of the Council of State: The transposition of the Race and Equality Directives.
- 18.30 Adam Tyson, European Commission, DG Employment & Social Affairs: The Race and Equality Directives.
- 19.00 INTERVENTIONS – DISCUSSION
- 19.45 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION B'

Immigrants: Models and practices of social inclusion and exclusion

Chair Mr. Nikolaos Frangakis

- 20.00 Martin Baldwin Edwards, Mediterranean Migration Observatory: Immigration, discrimination and xenophobia in the Southern EU member states.
- 20.20 Yanna Kourtovic, Network for Social Support for Immigrants and Refugees: Immigrants and social exclusion.
- 20.45 INTERVENTIONS – DISCUSSION
- 21.30 End of session

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In order to facilitate discussion we would like to ask anyone wishing to make a specific statement to send us, by e-mail or fax, up to one A4 page and we will photocopy it and make it available at the Secretariat during the meeting. Otherwise during the discussion, statements and interventions will be limited to 3' so as to allow more people to speak.

Tuesday, 3 December 2002

SESSION C'

Roma: Models and practices of social exclusion and inclusion
(Chair Prof. George Kaminis, Deputy Ombudsman)

- 14.00 Fr. Stamou: The Integrated Action Plan for the Greek Roma
- 14.20 Ath. Gotovos, Professor of Education, University of Ioannina: Roma children education
- 14.40 Maria Dimitriou and Ioannis Georgiou: Greek Roma and social exclusion
- 15.00 INTERVENTIONS – DISCUSSION
- 16.00 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION D'

Religious and ethnic minorities: Models and practices of social inclusion and exclusion
(Chair Prof. Ioannis Petrou)

- 16.15 Ioannis Ktistakis, lawyer, EEDAP: Religious and ethnic minorities in Greece
- 16.45 Prof. Dr. Francesco Margiotta Broglio, EUMC Management Board: Religious freedom, theory and practice
- 17.15 INTERVENTIONS – DISCUSSION
- 19.00 End of session

Simultaneous translation from and to English – Greek will be provided