

**The impact of the Racial Equality Directive of the EU**

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(Council Regulation (EC) 168/2007 of 15 /02/2007)

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**Topics**

- Experiences of ethnic discrimination
- Evidence of underreporting
- Awareness in the population with a special focus on potential victims of discrimination

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# Projects on Impact of the Racial Equality Directive

- EUMIDIS: large scale survey
- The impact of the Racial Equality Directive: views of trade unions and employers in the European Union
- The application of the Racial Equality Directive: legal comparative report based on FRALEX material

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## EUMIDIS

- EUMIDIS stands for EU Minorities and Discrimination Survey
- Eurobarometer surveys cover the whole population, but EUMIDIS focuses on ethnic and national minorities.
- 23500 face-to-face Interviews in all 27 Member States
- Per State two minority groups were selected with the help of RAXEN: for statistical reasons minimum 5% of the total population (Samples of around 500 individuals);

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EU-MIDIS - GROUPS SURVEYED	
<b>Austria</b>	Immigrants, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees
<b>Belgium</b>	Immigrants, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees
<b>Bulgaria</b>	Immigrants, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees
<b>Croatia</b>	Immigrants, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees
<b>Czech Rep.</b>	Immigrants, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees
<b>Denmark</b>	Immigrants, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees
<b>Germany</b>	Immigrants, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees
<b>Greece</b>	Immigrants, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees
<b>Hungary</b>	Immigrants, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees
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<b>France</b>	Immigrants, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees
<b>Italy</b>	Immigrants, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees
<b>Latvia</b>	Immigrants, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees
<b>Lithuania</b>	Immigrants, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees
<b>Malta</b>	Immigrants, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees
<b>Netherlands</b>	Immigrants, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees
<b>Poland</b>	Immigrants, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees
<b>Portugal</b>	Immigrants, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees
<b>Romania</b>	Immigrants, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees
<b>Slovakia</b>	Immigrants, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees
<b>Spain</b>	Immigrants, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees
<b>Sweden</b>	Immigrants, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees
<b>UK</b>	Immigrants, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees, Travellers, Roma, Travellers, Refugees

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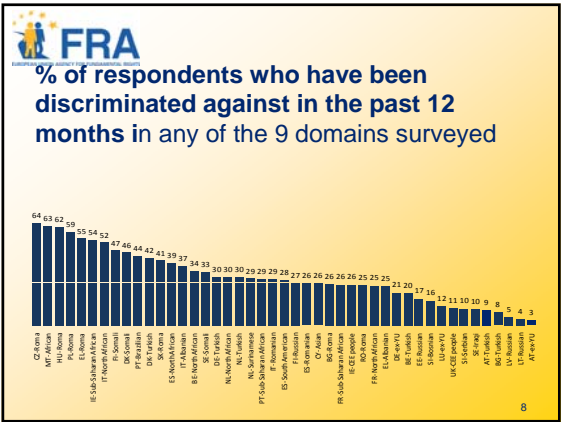
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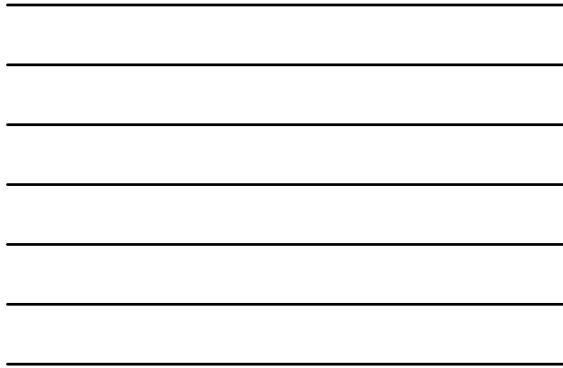
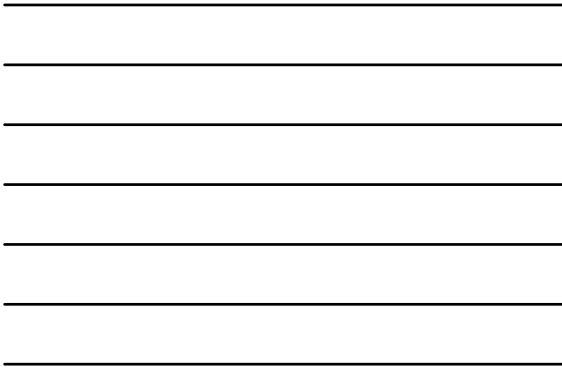
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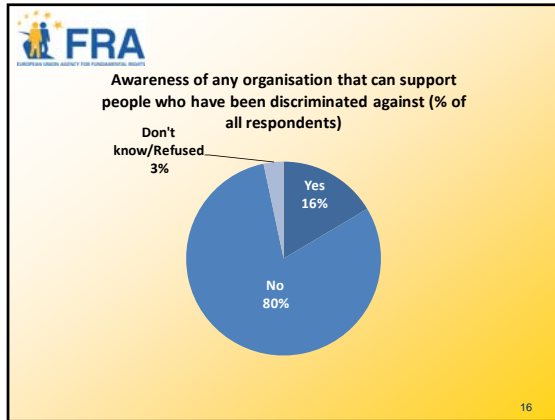
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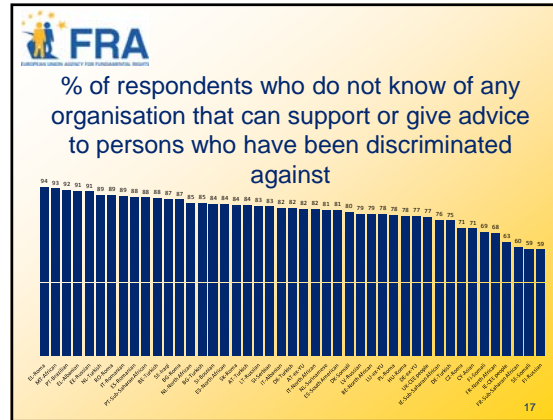
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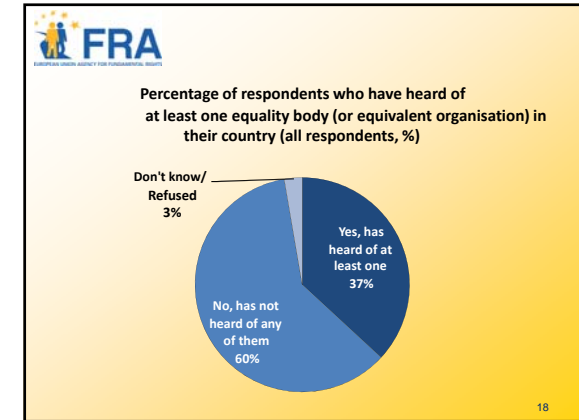
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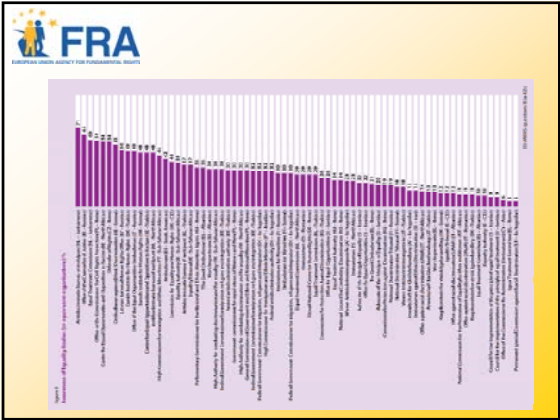
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Good practices

- Power of equality bodies to issue sanctions: this power is given to equality bodies in BG, CY, HU and RO. It is important to sanction discrimination visibly to persuade victims that discrimination is taken seriously.
- Power of equality bodies to litigate on behalf of victims: Belgium, Bulgaria, Finland (Ombudsman for Minorities), Denmark (Board of Equal Treatment), Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, Sweden, and the UK
- Assistance to victims at local level: HU, IE, NL, UK and SE have systems to provide assistance to victims of discrimination at local level.
- public interest litigation (actio popularis): this power gives the possibility to equality bodies to be proactive in the fight against discrimination. It is especially important in cases where victims remain unidentified (see Feryn case of CJEU). Such a power is given to equality bodies in Belgium and Hungary.

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