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### NEWS REPORT

**Country:** France  
**Title:** National Action plan to fight against racism and anti-Semitism  
**Date:** 21 April 2015  
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**Context**  
**Issue at stake:** National Action plan to fight against racism and anti-Semitism  
**Ground of discrimination:** Race, origin, religion  
**Source:** French Government  
**Field:** All

### Content

**Policy development:** On 19 April 2015 the Prime Minister, together with the National education minister, the Justice Minister, the Minister of Interior, the Minister of Culture, State secretaries in charge of digital information, Urban management policy and the Inter-ministerial Delegate to the Fight Against Racism and Anti-Semitism (Délégué interministériel à la lutte contre le racisme et l'antisémitisme – DILCRA), Mr Gilles Clavreul, announced the National Action plan to fight against racism and anti-Semitism.

The plan foresees 40 measures and a budget of 100 Million Euros over 3 years, to be implemented under the supervision of the DILCRA who will have to report annually to the National consultative Human Rights Commission, the Economic and Social Council and European Authorities competent on human rights.

Twenty-five million euros per year will be used for actions in the suburbs in the context of the national urban management's policy against discrimination and racism.

The fight against racism and anti-Semitism is declared 'National Great Cause' for 2015, which will lead to a national communication campaign, financed initiatives by anti-racist NGOs, and mobilisation around the diffusion of counter discourses to fight hate speech on the internet.

A specific action plan is to be implemented in the national education program. Offences related to hate speech will be simplified, reformed and transferred from the law of 1881 on the press which imposes a very strict procedural framework, to the common legal regime of the penal code which is much more accessible to victims. Measures will also be taken to improve safety around places of worship and confessional schools.

The repression of hate crime on the internet will be reinforced, and internet hosts will be required to hold a legal representation in France.

Finally, after a number of initiatives on the part of Members of Parliament which have never been followed by the government, the Prime minister announced that a bill will be presented to create a class action for victims of discrimination. There have been no indication on its content or timeframe but there is informal information indicating that a text could be proposed before the end of May.

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