

## **European Union committed to combating discrimination and intolerance**

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Through the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme 2014-2020, the EU defends the rights and freedoms that people are entitled to under EU law. There are various types of discrimination and intolerance that one may experience at one's place of work, such as those based on age, gender, race, ethnicity, impairment and/or sexual orientation. The two main objectives of this programme - to promote non-discrimination and to combat racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance – aim to address such issues.

In the last few months, the European Commission published a call for proposals for projects run by public and/or private legal entities that aim to “prevent and combat racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance”. Intolerance under this call includes: anti-Semitism; xenophobia and anti-migrant hatred; anti-Muslim hatred and intolerance; homophobia, transphobia, anti-gypsyism, Afrophobia and hate crimes against persons with disabilities.

The call supports various activities, such as exchange of best practices, the development of tools to improve responses to such crime, the provision of support to victims of hate crime, capacity building activities and strengthening cooperation between key actors.

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