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EU ANTI-RACISM ACTION PLAN 2020-2025

“The right to health of People of African Descent”

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Introduction

The 1st **EU anti racism action plan**

- adopted in **September 2020**
- a **key initiative**

For this presentation,

- Highlighting of **some of the major accomplishments**
- Focus on **certain actions** (by Anti-Racism team)



Features



The EU anti racism action plan

- Recognition of **different forms of racism**, incl. anti-black racism
- Recognition of **structural racism**
- **Intersectional approach** to be taken
- **Equality** to be **mainstreamed** into all EU policy areas (EU Pillar of Social Rights, EU4Health programme, etc.)
→ **better use** of all the existing tools and measures

Legal protection



- **Racial Equality Directive** (since 2000)
- Non-discrimination in access to healthcare services = **Basic principle of health law and of medical ethics**
However, there is a need to strengthen the EU equality legal framework
- Publication of EC study (Nov. 2022)
➔ To fill this gap, adoption in May 2024 of the **Directive on standards for equality bodies (2024/1499)**
- **Useful role of Equality Bodies for victims of discrimination**

Member States



Legislation needs to be backed up by policy measures: to **tackle inequalities in health on grounds of ethnicity**

- EU level actions encompassing initiatives in cooperation with MSs
- Maximisation by MSs of the possibilities offered by EU funding programmes under the **Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)** and **Next Generation EU**.
- In the 2021-2027 programming period, EU funds promote, *i.a.*, equal access to **health- and social care** for all, in particular for disadvantaged groups.

Member States



Joint work with MSs for making a racism-free EU a reality:

- **Adoption of NAPARs** by the end of 2022
- 2021: creation of Subgroup of Member States experts
 - **Common Guiding Principles**
 - **Monitoring checklist + reporting tool**
 - **Compendium of good or promising practices** of Member States.
- 2024: **Stand-alone action plan** for several Member

Equality data



To address **health disparities among racial and ethnic minority groups**

- Collect and use data to build evidence that informs decision-making and action on **key social determinants of health**

Aware of the **practical challenges in the national contexts**

Equality data



To assist Member States in making informed policy choices:

- 2021: the Subgroup of Member States experts on equality data
 - **Guidance note on the collection and use of equality data based on racial or ethnic origin.**
 - Guidelines belonging to the tools used by the NAPARs Subgroup.

Civil society Organisations



- strengthened participation of civil society organisations
- reaching out to and engaging more with civil society actors on the ground. **Healthcare professionals?**
Transcultural skills?
- 2021: Permanent Anti-Racism Civil Society Forum as consultation mechanism.
Nevertheless, **challenges** for civic participation



Progress report



EC reporting regularly on the implementation of the EU ARAP 2020-2025 and of its national implementation.

- 2023: **targeted stakeholder consultation**, incl. EPHA's response.
- There is a **need for further progress: safe and inclusive spaces** for all.

The report will provide **guidance to Member States**
To be published hopefully before the end of 2024.



Conclusion

EU action in the field of public health needs to **respect the competences of Member States**

=> **individuals may enjoy an unequal level of protection** depending on their geographical location.

EC **major steps** in its approach to anti-racism (acknowledgement of **structural racism**)

Role of the **IDPAD** to tackle racial inequalities for

Black people at EU and national level



Conclusion

EC **major steps** in its approach to anti-racism
(acknowledgement of **structural racism**)

- Role of the **IDPAD** to **tackle racial inequalities** for **Black people** at EU and national level

EC is determined to help create a **true Union of Equality**



THANK YOU!

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