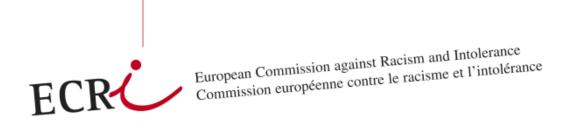


European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)

The independent human rights monitoring body of the Council of Europe in the field of combating racism and intolerance

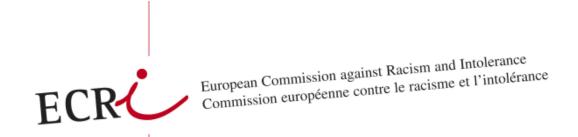




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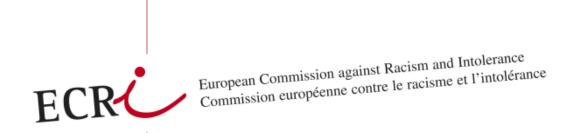
- Independent human rights monitoring body
- Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, antisemitism and intolerance.
- ECRI is composed of independent and impartial members. There is one member for each member State of the Council of Europe.





- Activities
- 1. Country-by-country monitoring
- 2. Work on general themes
- 3. Relations with civil society





1. Monitoring

Preparation of country monitoring reports:

- all Council of Europe member States, on an equal footing
- □ five-year cycles, covering 9 to 10 countries per year
- fourth round of monitoring work (2008-2012)



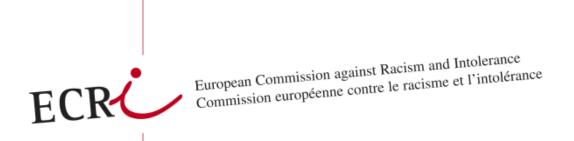
2. Work on general themes

Elaboration of General Policy Recommendations (GPR) to assist national policy-makers

- GPR N° 1: Combating racism
- GPR N° 2: Specialised bodies at national level
- □ GPR N° 3: Roma/Gypsies
- GPR N° 4: Surveys on potential victims' perceptions
- GPR N° 5: Islamophobia

- GPR N° 6: Internet
- GPR N° 7: Effective legislation
- GPR N° 8: Anti-terrorist measures
- GPR N° 9: Antisemitism
- GPR N° 10: Education
- GPR N° 11: Policing
- □ GPR N° 12: Sports

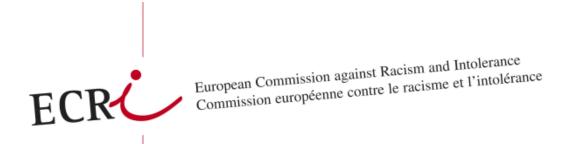




3. Relations with civil society

- National Round Tables
- Seminars with national specialised bodies to combat racism and racial discrimination

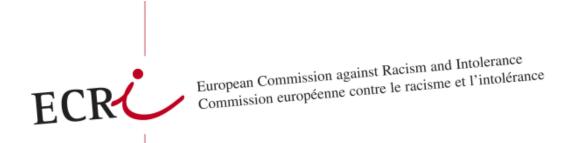




Positive measures to foster integration

- Integration is a two-way process involving efforts and mutual recognition of the majority and minority groups.
- Reduce factual inequalities and create equal opportunities
- Positive measures in the field of language
 - Language lessons
 - Interpretation and translation

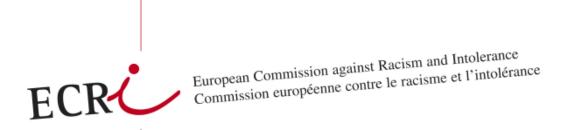




Obligatory integration measures

- From a « right to integrate » to a « duty to integrate »
- Access to rights conditional on compliance with certain requirements
 - Language/civic education exam
 - Participation in courses

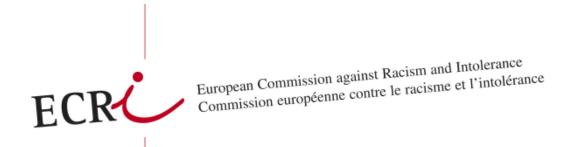




Obligatory integration measures

- ECRI's approach
 - Discrimination based on nationality
 - Necessity and proportionality
 - Climate of opinion
- Necessary precautions
 - □ Evaluate usefulness of the measure to achieve integration
 - Monitor the actual access to rights
 - Transparency in testing procedures
 - Possibility for judicial recourse

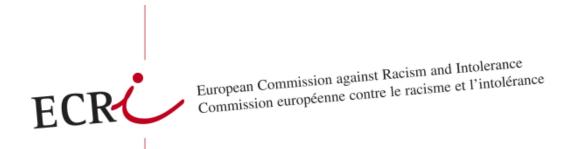




Language requirements

- Social rights
 - Differential treatment of lawful residents
 - Focus on incentives instead
- Residence permits
 - □ Provide assistance to pass language examination





Language requirements

- Family reunification
 - Tests in countries of origin possibly counterproductive
 - Adjust legislation
- Naturalisation
 - □ Provide assistance to pass language examination





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