



## Terms of reference of the General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance<sup>1</sup>

**Denomination:** General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance

**Term of office:** two years, renewable a maximum of once (Rule 50.7 of the Rules of Procedure).

**Subject:** it is the duty of the General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance to intervene in the areas of racism, intolerance, hate speech, racist violence and racial discrimination.

**Responsibilities:** the General Rapporteur contributes to raising awareness on the need to combat racism and intolerance, following relevant developments in Council of Europe member states. He or she shall report periodically to the Committee on the information collected and the action taken.

The General Rapporteur combating racism and intolerance also ensures the co-ordination of the Assembly's No Hate Parliamentary Alliance.

In addition, the role of the General Rapporteur is to:

- follow activities and maintain working relations with relevant Council of Europe intergovernmental and monitoring bodies dealing with racism, intolerance, hate speech, racist violence and racial discrimination, in particular the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI);
- follow activities and maintain working relations with national parliaments, the European Parliament, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations working on racism, hatred and intolerance;
- contribute to giving visibility to the work of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination in the area of combating racism, hatred and intolerance;
- follow up on relevant Assembly resolutions and recommendations, in particular [Resolution 2523 \(2023\)](#) "Institutional racism of law-enforcement authorities against Roma and Travellers", [Resolution 2457 \(2022\)](#) "Raising awareness of and countering Islamophobia, or anti-Muslim racism, in Europe", [Resolution 2447 \(2022\)](#) "Combating antisemitism in Europe", [Resolution 2443 \(2022\)](#) "The role of political parties in fostering diversity and inclusion: a new Charter for a non-racist society", [Resolution 2389 \(2021\)](#) "Combating Afrophobia, or anti-Black racism, in Europe", [Resolution 2275 \(2019\)](#) "The role and responsibilities of political leaders in combating hate speech and intolerance", [Resolution 1967](#) and [Recommendation 2032 \(2014\)](#) on "A strategy to prevent racism and intolerance in Europe", [Resolution 1968 \(2014\)](#) on "Tackling racism in the police", [Resolution 1910 \(2012\)](#) on "NGOs' role in combating intolerance, racism and xenophobia" and [Resolution 1345 \(2003\)](#) on "Racist, xenophobic and intolerant discourse in politics".

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