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ENAR announces three new board members and extends board leadership

New board members will enhance the European Network Against Racism's governance and strengthen the network's mission towards a more inclusive Europe

Brussels, Belgium – The European Network Against Racism today announced three new board members during the organisation's General Assembly. Member organisations also voted to extend the board chair and vice-chair who will continue to support the Network's mission towards a more inclusive Europe for all.

"We're thrilled to be expanding our board with three new members who will bring further diversity in expertise and representation to our governance, and invaluable insight to our work," said **ENAR Director, Kim Smouter**. "We have worked diligently to ensure ENAR's board and leadership represents a variety of anti-racism experts from around Europe, and the newest board members are no exception."

ENAR also extended **Karen Taylor, Lead of Political Communion at Each One Teach One**, as its board chair. Taylor will be joined by **Ghislain Vedeux, President at Conseil Représentatif des Associations Noires**, whose mandate extension as vice-chair was also confirmed. Taylor and Vedeux have served on the ENAR board since 2019.

"I am personally delighted to welcome such a strong group of anti-racist activists as new board members, and I look forward to serving with each of them in the coming year," said **Karen Taylor**, ENAR chair. "I'm also very pleased that the Network reconfirmed the mandates of Ghislain Vedeux and myself for the next chapter of our work. We look forward to continue our work in advancing ENAR's mission, and are committed to building a more inclusive Europe for all racialised communities."

The new board members began their three-year terms with ENAR effective May 21, 2022 and can serve a maximum of two terms. The three new board members are:

- Zlakha Ahmed, Apna Haq (UK) Executive Director
- Giulia Lola Frova, Il Razzismo è una brutta storia (IT) Projects and Communications Lead
- Nyanchama Okemwa, Hand in Hand Against Racism (BE) Consultant and Campaign Coach

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Notes to editors:

- The European Network Against Racism (ENAR aisbl) stands against racism and discrimination and advocates equality and solidarity for all in Europe. We connect local and national anti-racist NGOs throughout Europe and voice the concerns of ethnic and religious minorities in European and national policy debates.