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ENAR appoints Co-Director to lead on Policy, Advocacy and Network Development

ENAR has appointed Ojeaku Nwabuzo to join Kim Smouter as part of a Co-Directorship for the leading pan-European voice against racism.

Ojeaku has worked for the European Network Against Racism for almost a decade. Appointed with a strong mandate from the board as the Director (Policy, Advocacy, and Network Development), Ojeaku joins ENAR Director (General), Kim Smouter, to lead the anti-racism movement towards a more inclusive Europe for all.

"In my role, I will endeavour to advocate for racial justice through legislative and policy reform. The priority for us over the coming years will be to contribute to safe and secure lives for racialised people in Europe, and build a dynamic and resilient anti-racism network – a movement for racial equality and justice in Europe" said **ENAR Director, Ojeaku Nwabuzo**.

Ojeaku brings significant experience to her new role, having worked as a researcher and policy analyst in both the UK and Brussels, with a focus on racial injustice in the criminal legal system. Through her work on the issues of violence, intolerance, as well as contemporary systemic (structural and institutional) racism, the new Director will devote a large portion of her mandate to ensure racialised groups are protected from being criminalised in Europe - whether through systems and structures, or if they are migrants or part of the diaspora. To achieve these objectives, Ojeaku intends to consider perspectives of intersectionality as well as legacies of colonialism, imperialism, and other relevant historical contexts.

"The anti-racism movement is in an important phase right now. We've been buoyed by the Black Lives Matter uprising in 2020 but it is essential that we do not let that momentum drop. It will be my honour to work with our members around Europe over the next years, and ensure that their voices are heard," concluded **Ojeaku**.

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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.