Update on the project Forgotten women project and roundtables.

* ***“Forgotten women project”*.** The purpose of this joint ENAR EWL project is to support with data ENAR’s broader advocacy strategy. The first phase is a research phase which will help to document discrimination against Muslim women via desk and field research at national and local level. The research team is composed of Chris Allen, European research team coordinator, Asmaa Soliman, national researcher for Germany, Giulia Dessi, national researcher for Italy, Marjorie Moya, national researcher for France, NGO Faith Matters, national research team for United Kingdom, Nina Manojlovic, national researcher for Denmark. Preliminary drafts have been delivered to the European research team coordinator and will be reviewed by the steering group of the project and the Secretariat.
  + ***European comparative report.*** Chris Allen is drafting the European comparative report based on the national drafts. On February 2015, in order to get a comprehensive picture of the situation and opportunities for change at EU level, ENAR Secretariat set up meetings for him and ENAR project coordinator, with European stakeholders, including European Commission officials dealing with fundamental rights, equal treatment legislation and gender equality; EWL’s director and Equinet. These interviews will feed into the European report.
  + ***The national roundtables.*** The aim of the roundtables is to foster cross-group partnership and develop alliances between the anti-racist and feminist movements in order to better address the intersectional discrimination affecting Muslim women (gender, race, class and religion). The format of the roundtables was established with CEJI (A Jewish contribution to an inclusive Europe) and European Women’s Lobby (EWL) based on a non-formal education in order to ensure the active participation of members of organisations present at the event. To date, four roundtables have been organised so far: Italy, France, Germany, and Denmark. The roundtables also aim to finalise the report by helping the national researcher to complete some sections with inputs from participants. As the debunking-myth document about Muslim women is also being finalised, the session on stereotypes during the roundtables also contributed to finalise it.
  + ***Advocacy meetings during the roundtables:*** several advocacy meetings were organised before or after the roundtables to present the projects and its key findings as well as to raise the issue of intersectional discrimination. In Italy, the project team met the national anti-discrimination office (UNAR). The Italian government is currently working on the national plan against racism where ten working groups are settled to work on grounds of discrimination. In France, the project team met the *DILCRA* **(**Délégation Interministérielle à la Lutte Contre le Racisme et l'Antisémitisme- Interministerial delegation against Racism and anti-Semitism), the Défenseur des Droits (independent body for equal rights) and the Ministry for Women affairs. In Berlin, the team met one member of the national office of migration. These meetings also allowed to identify advocacy opportunities for the project.