**Note on Shadow report theme for ENAR January 2017 Board meeting**

**ENAR Shadow reports**

ENAR’s Shadow Reports are a compilation of information and data collected by our member organisations and other researchers. They are produced yearly since 2001 to fill the gaps in the official and academic data on the implementation of EU equality law in practice and on the reality of racism on the ground.

Because of the lack of equality data in most EU countries, capturing discrimination is no easy task. The information we gather provides the vital perspective of those that either are or work directly with those affected by racism. We use the data among others for advocacy purposes, for shedding light on an issue that’s not on the EU’s agenda, to support our members’ work at national level and to verify our assumptions.

**Recent process changes**

Until 2013, ENAR shadow reports were general updates on racism in most of EU member States, covering many areas such as health, employment, education, access to good and services, migration and integration. There was one report per country, as well as one European comparative report written by external consultants. In 2011 and 2012, the Shadow report had a dedicated focus on a specific form of racism (Islamophobia and Afrophobia).

In 2012, the then Board decided to narrow down the focus of the Shadow reports to employment and racist crime, with a possibility for national researchers to report on specific national issues in a 5 page brief on general developments.

In 2013, the Employment Shadow report was written externally by a consultant in a process overviewed by the team. All national reports were reviewed by a dedicated Shadow Report editor, hired for half a year.

As the process was time consuming and not satisfactory in terms of quality, the Board then decided to internalized the shadow report by recruiting a Shadow Report Officer, part of the team. The 2013/2014 racist crime Shadow Report process did not include national reports.

The 2014/2015 shadow report was on Afrophobia and included 20 country briefings.

The upcoming Shadow report will be on migration policies’ impact on groups at risk of racism.

**Proposed themes**

Some of the themes on which the next shadow report could focus include:

1. **Employment.** This would mean an update to the 2013 report, which would be easier to do for the 28 countries. This would suppose however that employment remains a focus of the organisation in terms of strategic planning.
2. **Ethnic profiling**. This could fit our recent focus on security but could mean restricting the reporting to a limited number of countries and including more observational/participatory research.
3. **Assessment of Race Equality policy, data and practice gaps**. This would attempt to establish areas and indicators of state performance on implementation EU law in key areas such as education, employment, policing and criminal justice. Interesting idea from a communication’s perspective but could remain overly complex and vague in practice.
4. **Discrimination affecting Black women**. Using an angle similar to the Forgotten Women research on Muslim women, this research would fill in gaps on women of African descent in Europe (limited number of countries). This could also mean more participatory research. However, unlike the Forgotten Women’s project, there are less concrete ideas of advocacy demands.
5. **Far right and elections**. This would comprise an up to date state of play of parties promoting racism, xenophobic ideas, policies and practices. This information could be quickly out of date however and there may already be similar publications. Detailed analysis of the elections may be limited to the countries where elections have taken place in 2016/2017.
6. **Education to historical abuses/civic education and racism**. This is very topical and we lack an overview of practices for advocacy purposes. However, this is not a strong focus of ENAR and would require external expertise to ensure a thorough assessment of practice.
7. **Update on racist crime**. This would be an update of the 2013/2014 report, covering all 28 countries. Racist crime seems to remain high on our priority list.
8. **Antigypsyism.** This is a subject areas that was proposed for the 2017 Shadow Report but the Board agreed that we should look at anti-migrant racism instead. It could be of interest to cover Antigypsyism in the shadow report for 2018 but there will be limited added value for ENAR to produce a report. The FRA have recently published data on their findings on Roma. CEPS in partnership with ENAR will be publishing their research into Antigypsyism in 2017 and ENAR will also be publishing a book in 2018.
9. **Counter-terrorism and racism**. To be considered for 2018 when we would have more data on implementation of new law and measures.