

Forgotten women: the impact of Islamophobia on Muslim women

An ENAR-EWL project

This project, through a unique and innovative **joint effort between the anti-racist (ENAR) and feminist (EWL) movements**, is a key step in a broader advocacy strategy that aims to get the Member States of the European Union to adopt specific strategies on the inclusion of Muslims and to demonstrate the need for an improved implementation of EU equality law.

The project aims to:

1. Document the disproportionate effect of Islamophobia on Muslim women
2. 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)
3. Counter stereotypes about Muslim women and promote positive messages
4. Provide analysis to improve the implementation of equality law in cases of discrimination against Muslim women

The project will take place in 5 countries, chosen to get a representative picture of the situation of Muslim women in the European Union: **Italy, the United Kingdom, France, Germany and Denmark**. It will last from **September 2014 to September 2015**.

Key tools:

- ◆ 5 national reports and 1 European comparative report providing overview of the legislation, practices, debates and opinions related to Muslim women's experience of discrimination in employment and of racist violence/speech, and 6 factsheets highlighting the main findings
- ◆ 5 national stakeholders roundtables to discuss the research findings
- ◆ 1 European advocacy meeting to inform and influence policy and legislative developments affecting Muslim women
- ◆ 1 debunking myths publication to deconstruct common stereotypes about Muslim women
- ◆ 1 video clip of Muslim women's testimonies

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The European Network Against Racism (ENAR) is the only pan-European anti-racist network that combines advocacy for racial equality and facilitates cooperation among civil society anti-racist actors in Europe.

The European Women's Lobby (EWL) is the largest umbrella organisation of women's associations in the European Union, working to promote women's rights and equality between women and men across Europe and beyond.