



## Background Template

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**Organisation:** ENAR – European Network Against Racism  
**Short description:**

The European Network Against Racism (ENAR) is a network of European NGOs working to combat racism in all EU member states and represents more than 600 NGOs throughout the European Union. ENAR is determined to fight racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, to promote equality of treatment between European Union citizens and third country nationals, and to link local/regional/national initiatives with European Union initiatives.

### **Background:**

Since I represent NGOs and have an ethnic minority background, my definition of a socially inclusive society in most European countries may slightly differ from the perception and experience of those who are part of the majority society or who make decisions from local to EU level.

Looking at data collected by NGOs such as ENAR as well as from other sources like ILO, OSI, FRA and ECRI, we can quickly see the barriers faced by minorities in their social participation. These include very high unemployment, concentration in socially deprived areas, but also institutional discrimination (police, public services), feeling and experiencing 2<sup>nd</sup> class status and unchallenged public debates which result in negative public perceptions, conflicts and the notion of US versus THEM.

ENAR and I believe that social justice, equality, solidarity and participation is the key to mutually integrate minorities and the majority.

Hear more about concrete measures to achieve social inclusion in the session on socially inclusive societies.

### **Resumé:**

Born in India, grew up in Pakistan, studied in Germany, USA, and London.

Member of a number of Commissions and Working Groups involved with issues like: human rights, ethnic equality anti-discrimination, Islamophobia, media diversity, social cohesion and inter-cultural living.

1999 – 2007 President of ENAR and since 2007 Chair of ENAR's Advisory Council of eminent persons

2005 – 2007 Member of the EU Commission's High Level Committee on the social and labour market integration of disadvantaged ethnic minorities

Chair of the European Platform for Jewish Muslim Co-operation

Regular contributor to the Danish and European press as well as lectures on issues concerning ethnic minorities.

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### **Recommended reading:**

- [ENARgy newsletter on specific issues such as social inclusion and equality](#)
- [Racism in Europe – ENAR Shadow Report 2008](#)
- Roma in Europe - a minority since 800 years by Bashy Quraishy
- Integration or segregation in Europe by Bashy Quraishy