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Study on the legal framework applicable to racist or xenophobic hate speech and hate crime in the EU Member States (JUST/2011/EVAL/FW/0146/A4)

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ABBREVIATIONS

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AG Attorney General
ECRI Council of Europe Committee against Racism and Related Intolerance
ENAR European Network Against Racism
EU European Union
FRA Fundamental Rights Agency
NAPAR National Action Plan Against Racism
NCPE National Commission for the Promotion of Equality
NGO Non-Governmental Organization
No. Number
S.L Subsidiary Legislation
TV Television
1 GENERAL INTRODUCTION

The objective of the country study is to provide the European Commission with updated information on the legally binding and non-binding rules adopted and institutions set up by Malta to fight against racist or xenophobic hate speech and hate crime based on a racist or xenophobic motivation, with a view to evaluating the added value and impacts of Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law (Framework Decision) in the Member States.

The country study is also aimed at providing factual information on the practical implementation of the existing legal and institutional frameworks by presenting data on the number and type of cases relating to the offences covered by the Framework Decision which have been reported to and dealt with by competent national authorities.