

***National Report for Malta  
Study on the legal framework applicable to racist or  
xenophobic hate speech and hate crime in the EU  
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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

<	Less Than
>	More Than
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.

