

## Reality of Racism in Denmark

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Racism is the discrimination based on someone's race or ethnicity. This is the antithesis of inclusivity. And a truly inclusive societies main point is to minimize this exclusion.

Though the problems are still running rampant with a new study showing that over half of the black people in the EU face discrimination not only on the street but also at work. The problems don't stop their black people in the EU are disproportionately homeless and/or can't afford heating in their house, at a nearly 10 to 20 percent difference compared to the rest of the general public. Even trying to find a house or accommodation can be difficult as around 30% experience discrimination in the housing market.

But what are actual concrete solutions to this? Well, there's multiple organizations who've compiled lists of what EU countries can do. And I've decided to highlight a couple of things I found which are important to the points I raised.

- Properly enforce racial discrimination legislation.
- Identify and record hate crimes, and to consider bias motivation as a cause when determining penalties.
- Proper bodies that directly deal with discrimination have the proper tool and funding to help combat discrimination.

This was all very doable and I'm glad that the EU finally is shining some light on this topic. And if the EU works together with other organizations this can quickly become easy to fight against.