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Federal Commission against racism

Federal Commission against Racism FCR



The Federal Commission against Racism FCR combats and prevents all forms of racial, ethnic, religious or cultural discrimination. It promotes better understanding between people of different nationality and ethnicity. The FCR is politically neutral and independent in its outreach.

The FCR in brief

- Is an independent extra-parliamentary commission;
- Was established by the Federal Council in 1995 following the ratification of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the adoption of the criminal provision on racial discrimination (Art. 261^{bis} of the Swiss Criminal Code);
- Comprises 15 members expert in the field of racism, and a secretariat affiliated to the General Secretariat of the Federal Department of Home Affairs;
- Is one of the main players in the fight against racial discrimination in Switzerland;
- Provides a link between the state and civil society in matters relating to racism.

The FCR's mandate and activities

Prevention and awareness-raising

- The FCR supports and launches prevention measures and campaigns.

Analysis, research and monitoring

- The FCR analyses racial discrimination from a scientific and ethical perspective;
- It promotes research in sectors that relate to its mandate;
- It reports to international organisations on racial discrimination in Switzerland.

Information, consulting and expertise

- The FCR responds to questions from organisations and citizens facing issues of discrimination;
- It is a contact for the media;
- It provides expertise on issues and consultations raised by the Federal Council or by the federal departments.

Public relations and recommendations

- The FCR takes a public position on racism-related issues;
- It draws up proposals and recommendations on measures against racism.

The FCR's main areas of action (2020–2023)

- Dealing with hate speech and racial discrimination online and in social networks
- Prevention of racial discrimination in schools and for young people
- Prevention of racial discrimination in the media
- Prevention of racial discrimination in politics

FCR services and publications

TANGRAM

Once a year the FCR publishes TANGRAM, a journal focusing on racism studies and analyses in Switzerland. In each edition, TANGRAM takes an in-depth look at a specific topic, helping to raising public awareness of discrimination issues. www.ekr.admin.ch

Collection of legal cases

The FCR manages a database containing the rulings and judgments made under Article 261^{bis} of the Criminal Code by the different legal authorities in Switzerland, dating back to 1995. The database is available to interested members of the public and to law specialists researching cases pertaining to the anti-racism penal provisions. www.ekr.admin.ch

Political agenda on racism and anti-racism efforts

The FCR's political agenda provides an overview of the main political items of business addressing racism at national level, including any motions in Parliament relating in particular to groups discriminated against on the basis of their ethnic background, origin, religion or skin colour. www.ekr.admin.ch

Annual monitoring on racist incidents in Switzerland

Each year the FCR, in conjunction with the association humanrights.ch, publishes a collection of the cases registered and dealt with by the Network of Consulting Services for Victims of Racism. The publication also periodically reports on the general situation regarding racial discrimination in Switzerland. www.network-racism.ch

FCR partners

- Service for Combating Racism (SCRA)
- Federal Commission on Migration (FCM)
- Cantonal and communal specialist services and integration delegates
- Institutions and associations tasked with combating racism and discrimination
- Inter-cantonal conferences (education, justice and police, social services, social assistance)
- Political parties and members of parliament
- Executive and legislative bodies
- Media
- Employee and employer associations
- Sports representatives
- Specialist higher education institutions

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