

Invitation to a press briefing via video conference

Council of Europe's anti-racism body ECRI to present its annual report 2020

When: Wednesday **17 March 2021 at 2 p.m. CET** (Strasbourg time).

As the report will be officially published only on the next day, the briefing will be held **under embargo until Thursday 18 March 2021 at 9 a.m. CET**.

Who: Maria Daniella Marouda, Chair of ECRI, and Johan Friedstedt, Executive Secretary of ECRI

Where: video conference

On 17 March, the Council of Europe's anti-racism body, the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance ([ECRI](#)), will hold a press briefing via video conference to present its annual report for 2020.

Maria Daniella Marouda, Chair of ECRI, and Johan Friedstedt, Executive Secretary of ECRI will present the 2020 annual report and respond to questions from journalists.

The report outlines, inter alia, key trends and challenges in the fight against racism and intolerance that Council of Europe's member states in 2020, notably such caused by the impact of the COVID-19 crisis. It further reviews the work performed by ECRI to mitigate these challenges.

As the report will be published only the day after, **the press briefing will be held under embargo. No information from the press briefing can be published/broadcast on any media, including social media, before Thursday, 18 March 2021, 9 a.m. CET.**

Due to the limited number of connections available, in order to participate in the press briefing and to receive the technical information for the connection, journalists are required to register in advance. The briefing will be held on the **Bluejeans platform**. The presentation by the speakers and the Q&A will be in English.

To participate in the briefing and receive the link for the connection, please send your name and the title of the media you represent to the press contact below.

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The European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) is a unique human rights monitoring body which specialises in questions relating to the fight against racism, discrimination (on grounds of "race", ethnic/national origin, colour, citizenship, religion, language, sexual orientation and gender identity), xenophobia, antisemitism and intolerance in Europe; it prepares reports and issues recommendations to member States.

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