

# Data Collection & Research

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## EUMC - background

- Established in 1997 by Council Regulation 1035 in Vienna as an EU decentralised agency
  - body governed by European public law set up by an act of secondary legislation in order to accomplish a very specific technical, scientific or managerial task
- 2000 data collection and research (RAXEN)
- 2003 – European Council decision to extend its mandate to cover fundamental rights

## EUMC – Prime objective

Art. 2. 1. “ To provide the Community and its Member States with objective, reliable and comparable data at the European level on phenomena of racism, xenophobia and antisemitism in order to help them when they take measures or formulate courses of action within their respective spheres of competence”.

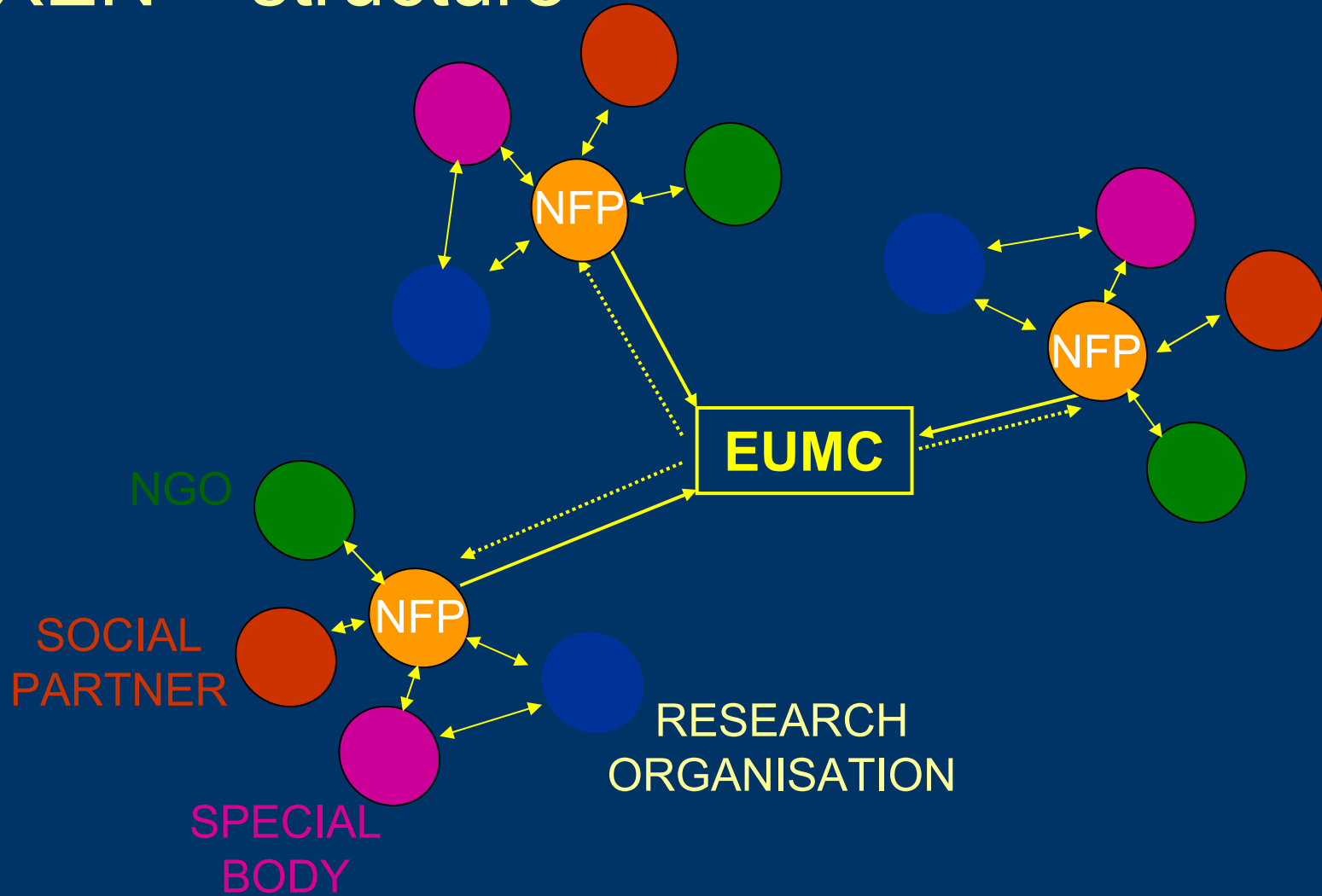
## RAXEN – background

Art 2. h. “Set up and coordinate a European Racism and Xenophobia Information Network (RAXEN) consisting of the Centre's own central unit, which shall cooperate with national university research centres, non-governmental organizations and specialist centres.”

# National Focal Points

- National Focal Points in all Member States since 2001
  - Preparation for 2004 enlargement through Phare
  - Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia and Turkey (DGEIarg)
- Consortia of research organisations, NGOs, special bodies, social partners
- Selected and contracted through open competition
- 2006 open Call for Tender (RAXEN – national experts)
- Tasked to collect data and information according to common guidelines developed by the EUMC
- Assessed internally and externally

# RAXEN – structure



# RAXEN – data

## Areas covered

- Employment
- Education
- Housing
- Legislation
- Racist crime & violence
- Health & social services

## Type of data

- Quantitative (official – unofficial)
- Qualitative (reports – research)

## Assessment - verification

- Internal
- External

# RAXEN – deliverables

## NFP data collection reports

Annual Data  
Collection Reports



Thematic Studies



RAXEN Bulletins



'Rapid Response'  
Reports



## EUMC comparative analysis

**EUMC ANNUAL REPORT**

**COMPARATIVE REPORTS**

**EUMC BULLETIN**

**OVERVIEW REPORTS**

online databases  
Organisations DataBase & InfoSheets



# Research – developing comparability

- Data comparability crucial in the EU context
- No harmonised data collection in the EU on any of the areas covered by EUMC particularly racist crime
- European Parliament recommendation (2005/2008(INI)) encouraged “the development of alternative mechanisms to collect data such as racist crime surveys”;
  - Centrally administered and thematically targeted field research aiming primarily at developing innovative and cost effective sampling methodology for scientific surveys

## “Ethnic minorities and immigrants’ experiences as victims of racially motivated crime”

- EUMC commissioned Gallup covering Austria, Belgium, Italy, Slovakia, as well as Bulgaria and Romania (DGEIag funding)
- Pilot survey launched in 2006 – results expected in 2007
- Representative sample of selected population group interviewed about their experiences as victims of crime
- Tool for MS to target policing resources effectively
- Tool for policy makers at EU and national level for targeted intervention to meet victims’ needs effectively and efficiently