

## Training for Members

### Racial (in)Justice and the Criminal Legal System: (Re)Centering the Dehumanised, Black People and People of African Descent

**Date:** 21-23 September 2023 (*arrival on 21 September, departure on 23 September afternoon*)

**Location:** Brussels, Belgium

Often, we talk about racism at a surface level. However, we have not yet managed to fully understand and respond to it at a systemic and institutional level. As a result, it remains a fundamental barrier which prevents us from navigating cultural, social, and racial differences, and truly enjoying our inherent diversity. It also remains a crucial topic which requires much attention across various perspectives, narratives and lived experiences. This training will look at the experiences and narratives of Black people and people of African descent with a specific focus on the criminal legal system to explore and analyse the question of racial (in)justice in Europe. The decolonial and abolitionist frameworks will be used to guide this training. This is because they focus on: a) re-humanizing the dehumanised, b) acknowledging positionality, c) encouraging us to collectively re-imagine a more humane and socially just world by reducing harm and improving well-being.

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#### Training modules:

1. Ideological underpinnings of the European Legal System.
2. Mapping systemic racial injustice: from the trans-Atlantic slave trade, colonialism to present day Europe.
3. Looking at the 'universal' centre beyond the (post)colonies: historical legacies, attitudes, and narratives in Europe today.
3. Policing, criminalization and law enforcement: Black people and people of African descent.
4. Systemic racism in everyday reality.
5. Disconnecting from racial injustice and seeking affirming alternatives: decoloniality and abolitionism.

At the end of the course the participants should have a clearer **understanding of how systemic racism and the law operates in reference to BppAd**. You will **gain tools for how to apply decolonial and abolitionist strategies** against systemic racism within your own lives and advocacy work.

## Registration

**Apply** through [Glue Up till 20 August 2023](#). Please get in touch with [pia@enar-eu.org](mailto:pia@enar-eu.org) with any questions.

Although we welcome all applications, the training specifically focuses on the **experiences and narratives of Black people and people of African descent, and we would like to prioritise individuals of those backgrounds for the training**. We especially encourage young anti-racist activists to join us.

Registration is open for **one representative per organisation**. ENAR will cover the accommodation expenses and travel costs within Europe for that representative. Please make sure that the membership fee for your organisation is paid in order to participate in the training.

There is no participation fee for the event. However, please be aware that participants should purchase their own travel tickets and reimbursement will be done after the event and presentation of the original documents.

As ENAR we aim to ensure that financial constraints are not a barrier for your participation. Should you face difficulties in prepaying your ticket, kindly inform us as soon as you register. This way we can make the necessary arrangements in time. Please do not hesitate to contact Pia at [pia@enar-eu.org](mailto:pia@enar-eu.org) and Irene at [irene@enar-eu.org](mailto:irene@enar-eu.org).

## Code of Conduct

ENAR is dedicated to creating and protecting safer spaces for people, online and residentially. We strive to treat people with dignity, decency, and respect, and to build a community for everyone, free of intimidation, discrimination, or hostility — regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, nationality, origin, age, disability, or physical appearance. We do not tolerate harassment in any form. This Code of Conduct embodies our commitment to uphold these principles and outlines our expectations and our response. We also hope that this policy will promote values of equality, well-being, and respect, and will enable each of us to contribute to an atmosphere of positive and constructive friendliness and safer and inclusive shared spaces.

By registering to this meeting, you confirm your agreement with ENAR's code of conduct at ENAR meetings and events. You can download the full document [HERE](#).

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