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## EU'S ANTI-RACISM STRATEGY BLIND ON IMMIGRATION

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The European Commission's updated Anti-Racism Strategy has drawn sharp criticism from civil society, who say it failed to target anti-immigrant rhetoric.

The new strategy, published on Tuesday (20 January), follows an EU anti-racism action plan in place between 2020 and 2025, which was launched shortly after protest waves across Europe under the "Black Lives Matter" banner.

Almost six years later, the political climate has dramatically shifted. With far-right parties on the rise across Europe, racist behaviour has become increasingly normalised – as recently seen in the Portuguese presidential election.

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