



## NEWS REPORT

**Date:** 19 July 2010  
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**Title:** *Action plan for equal treatment irrespective of race or ethnic origin published by the Danish Government*  
**Country:** Denmark  
**Context**  
**Issue at stake:** Action plan for equal treatment and respect of individuals irrespective of race or ethnic origin  
**Ground of discrimination:** racial/ethnic origin  
**Source:** Governmental Action Plan  
**Field:** All fields

### Content

**Policy development:** The Government published on 5 July 2010 an Action plan for equal treatment and respect of the individual irrespective of race or ethnic origin (*"Handlingsplan om etnisk ligestilling og respekt for den enkelte"*).

The Action Plan is an update to the 2003 government action plan to promote equal treatment and combat racism. According to the Government the action plan consists of multipronged, coordinated and targeted activities including both ongoing and new initiatives aimed at combating unequal treatment on the ground of racial or ethnic origin, promoting diversity and equal opportunities while also preserving Denmark as an open society showing respect to individuals and leaving room for diversity.

The action plan constitutes one of several initiatives in the efforts to combat radicalisation and strengthen democratic integration. Thus, it also aims to supplement the action plan on preventing of extremist attitudes and radicalisation.

The action plan includes elements such as:

- Initiatives aimed at promoting equal opportunities for work and education irrespective of race or ethnic origin by, for instance, breaking down barriers between work places and various ethnic minority groups
- Initiatives aimed at combating discrimination in cultural and leisure-time activities, including introduction of sanctions to holders of licenses allowing for night life activities who practise discrimination.
- Initiatives to strengthen mutual dialogue, participation in communities and active citizenship by, for instance, providing information on the framework set up by law to combat discrimination.
- Initiatives to strengthen respect of individuals, of diversity and of a diverse society, including initiatives to prevent harassment, etc.

The expert assesses the report to be a valuable guideline and commitment adopted by the Danish Government for a series of new initiatives as well as continuous support for the initiatives already launched.

The report is available in Danish at:

[http://www.nyidanmark.dk/NR/ronlyres/20BA8169-7806-416F-B412-48DA175799DB/0/handlingsplan\\_etnisk\\_ligebehandling\\_2010.pdf](http://www.nyidanmark.dk/NR/ronlyres/20BA8169-7806-416F-B412-48DA175799DB/0/handlingsplan_etnisk_ligebehandling_2010.pdf) (20 July 2010)

See press release at:

[http://www.nyidanmark.dk/da-dk/nyheder/pressemeddelelser/integrationsministeriet/2010/juli/ny\\_handlingsplan\\_om\\_etnisk\\_ligebehandling.htm](http://www.nyidanmark.dk/da-dk/nyheder/pressemeddelelser/integrationsministeriet/2010/juli/ny_handlingsplan_om_etnisk_ligebehandling.htm) (20 July 2010)