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European Union Minorities and Discrimination Survey EU-MIDIS

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Meeting the Agency's Mandate

- Collect comparable data at EU-level to inform knowledge-based policy relating to fundamental rights
- Data collection on diverse European populations, racism and xenophobia a priority
- Absence of comprehensive, robust & comparable data on minorities to inform EU policy development

State of data collection

- According to available official statistics, the police in the UK record more racist incidents than the other EU Member States combined
- In the case of discrimination, data on incidents is dispersed and not collected in a uniform way

Largest EU-wide survey to date on minorities



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- 23,500 migrant/ethnic minority respondents
- Different groups surveyed across Member States:
 - Roma
 - Sub-Saharan Africans
 - Central and Eastern Europeans
 - Turkish
 - Former Yugoslavians
 - North Africans
 - Russian
- 5,000 majority population respondents interviewed in 10 Member States to compare key items

as a series of reports

EU-MIDIS Technical
Methodology, Sampling

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Discrimination Survey
English

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Introduction to the FRA's EU-wide
discrimination survey

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Four EU-MIDIS



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reports in the Data in Focus series



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Data in Focus Report
Police Stops and Minorities

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EU – MIDIS: Timeline



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2007 Pilots in six MS – to test the sampling, questionnaire and mode of delivery

2008 Full-scale survey in EU27

2009-present Analysis and reporting the results

EU – MIDIS: Groups



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- Selected immigrant or ethnic minority groups
 - Selected in consultation with FRA's network of national focal points (RAXEN)
- One to three groups from each MS
- From medium and high concentration areas suitable for random route sampling
- 500 respondents from each group

EU – MIDIS: Sampling approaches



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First time covering all MS

- Random route sampling – default
- Registry sample – when possible
- Interviewer-generated sampling – when all else failed

EU – MIDIS: Respondents



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- Self-identified minority/migrant background
- Respondents aged 16+ years
- Resident in the MS at least one year
- Mostly interviewed using the national language – with the help of questionnaire translations

EU – MIDIS: Interviews



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- Standardised questionnaire
 - EU languages + Arabic, Russian, Serbian, Somali, Turkish

- Face-to-face interviews in people's homes lasting between 20 to 60 minutes

- Fieldwork period May – mid July 2008 (summer break) and finishing in some MSs in Oct-Nov 2008



Topics Covered

**General perceptions on
discrimination in MS**

Rights awareness/complaints

Discrimination

Experiences and Reporting

Employment

Education

Housing

Health + social services

Consumer services

Victimisation

Experiences and Reporting

Property crime

Assault and threat

Serious harassment

Corruption

Police stops/contact

Border stops

Respondent

Variables

Definition of discrimination

‘By discrimination we mean when somebody is treated less favourably than others because of a specific personal feature, such as age, gender or minority background.’

- Questions on discrimination in specific areas of life focused on discrimination based on immigrant or ethnic minority background

Discrimination:



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What can a survey measure?

		<u>Perception</u>	
		Discriminated against	Not discriminated against
<u>Fact</u>	Discriminated against	Included	Not included
	Not discriminated against	Included	Not included

➤ Need to measure outcome differences



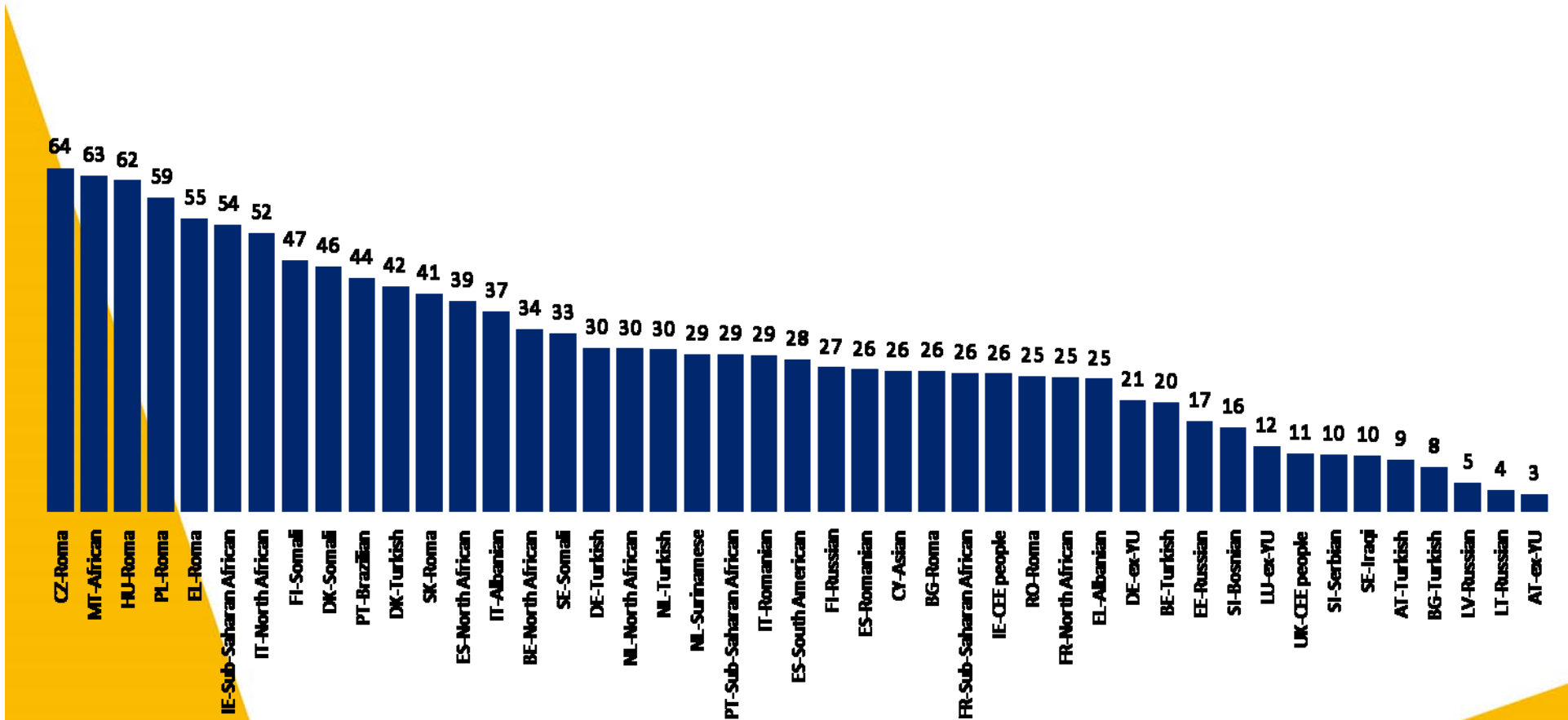
Discrimination Experiences

EU-MIDIS asked respondents about discrimination they had experienced, in the past 12 months or in the past 5 years, in nine areas:

- 1. when looking for work**
- 2. at work**
- 3. when looking for a house or an apartment to rent or buy**
- 4. by healthcare personnel**
- 5. by social service personnel**
- 6. by school personnel**
- 7. at a café, restaurant or bar**
- 8. when entering or in a shop**
- 9. when trying to open a bank account or get a loan**

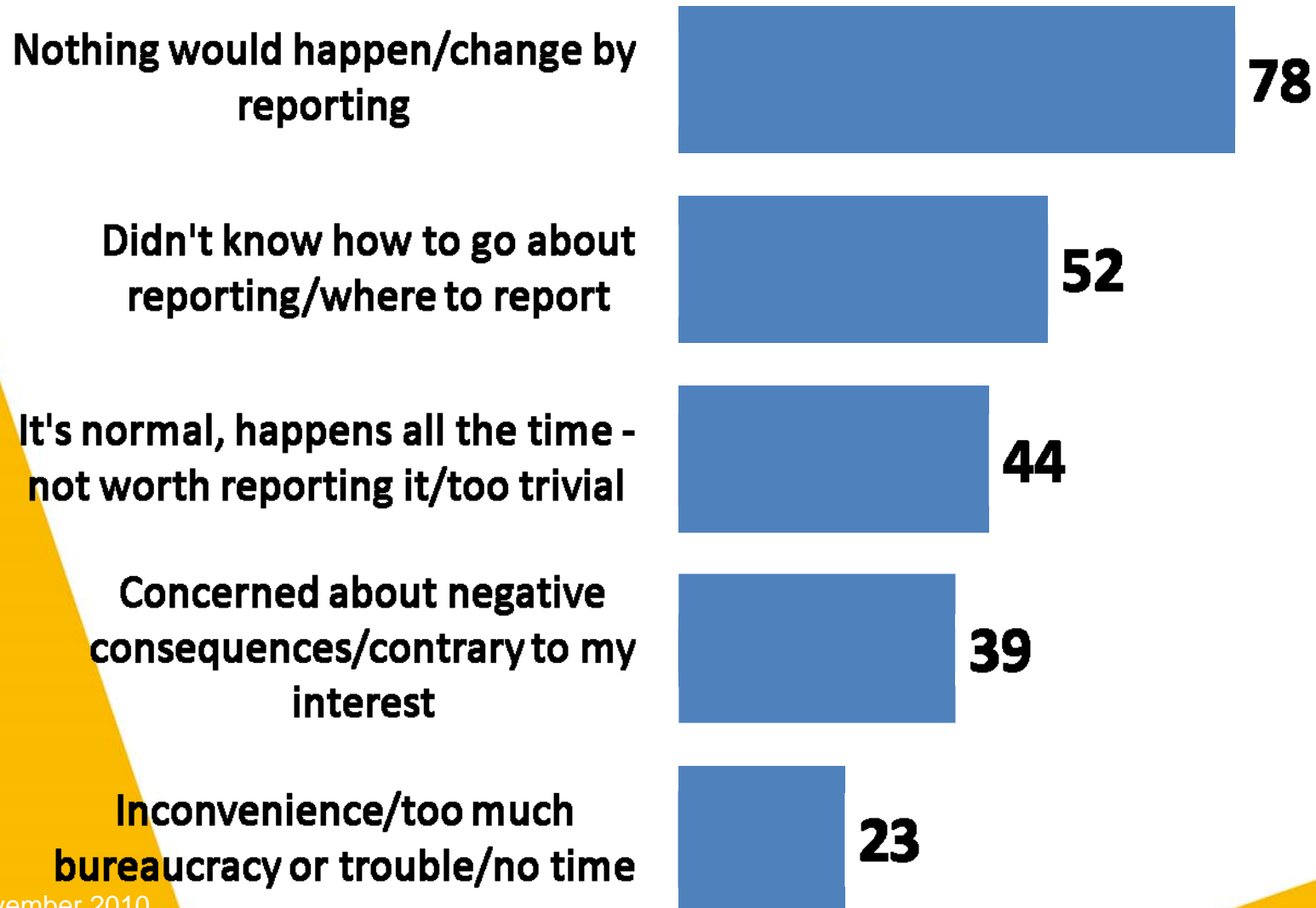


% of respondents who have been discriminated against in the past 12 months (9 areas)

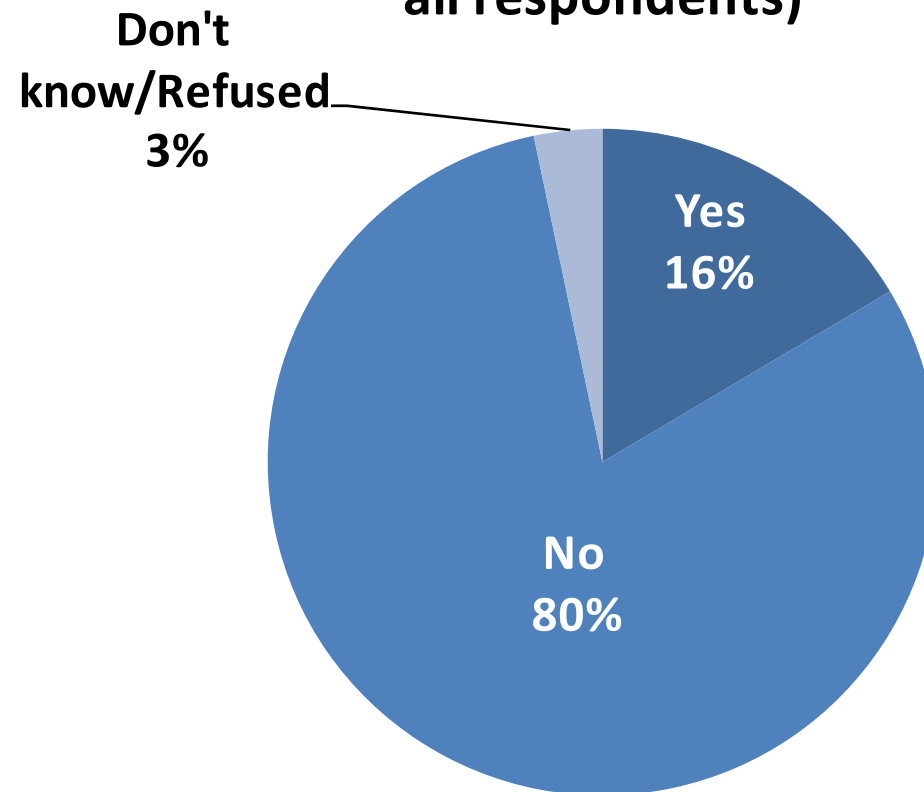




Main reasons for not reporting discrimination (%)



Awareness of any organisation that can support people who have been discriminated against (% of all respondents)



Comparisons...

- Between groups in a MS
- Between MS, where same groups were surveyed
- Between minority groups and majority population
- Between EU-MIDIS and other surveys

Using the results . . .

- Learning from the results** – Member States/cities can compare results where same groups were surveyed.
- Targeting resources** – MSs can target resources in areas identified as problematic.
- Law in action** – encourage critique of why people are not accessing justice.
- Using the survey's tools** – encourage use of the survey questionnaire and technical report for further research.

Series of deliverables

- Data in Focus report series
 - The Roma
 - Muslims
 - Rights awareness and Equality Bodies
 - Police stops and minorities
- EU-MIDIS 'At a glance' report
- Full Technical Report
- Survey Questionnaire
- Main Results Report

2011 Publications

- More Data in Focus reports

Survey work in 2011

- Violence against women survey (EU27)
- Roma survey (11 countries)
- Homophobic hate crime survey (selected MS)
- Discrimination and victimisation of Jews (selected MS)



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