

ECCAR Working Group on Combating Antisemitism Working Group Meeting

Presentation of the preliminary findings of the mapping exercise

8 November 2022





Mapping Process

- 1. Development and distribution of questionnaire to ECCAR member cities (in English, German and French) (April-June 2022);
- 2. Analysis of the information received along with follow-up with ECCAR member cities for additional information or clarification (May-August 2022);
- 3. Production of the draft scoping paper and the list of good practices (August-September 2022);
- The draft scoping paper and the list of good practices are being reviewed by ECCAR & first results presented at the GA in October and at the WG meeting today/November (October-November 2022);
- 5. Finalization of the scoping paper and the list of good practices (TBD)

Methodology





- Human rights-based framework, including European Council's Declarations on fighting antisemitism and fostering Jewish life in the European Union
- ECCAR's Ten Points Action Plan
- CEJI's expertise and tools, in particular the NOA project
 - Networks Overcoming Antisemitism



Policy Areas Examined



- 1. Culture and Heritage
- 2. Holocaust Remembrance
- 3. Education
- 4. Dialogue
- 5. Hate Crime
- 6. Hate Speech
- 7. Media
- 8. Religious Freedom
- 9. Security
- 10.Sport



- 1. Anti-discrimination
- 2. Contemporary Jewish Culture
- 3. Jewish Heritage
- 4. Holocaust Remembrance and Education
- 5. Diversity and Citizenship Education
- 6. Civic Awareness and Cooperation
- 7. Dialogue (Intercultural and Interfaith)
- 8. Hate Crime
- 9. Hate Speech
- 10. Media
- 11. Religious Freedom
- 12. Security
- 13.Sport





Key aspects of the mapping

- Institutionalization
- Cooperation with Jewish communities
- Overview of practices in policy areas
- Challenges
- Training needs







40 out of 140 ECCAR cities responded (on 14 October 2022):

- Germany 15
- France 5
- Belgium 4
- Sweden 3
- Switzerland 3
- Austria 2
- Italy 2
- Poland 2
- Turkey 1
- Spain 1
- Luxembourg 1
- Netherlands -1





Institutionalization

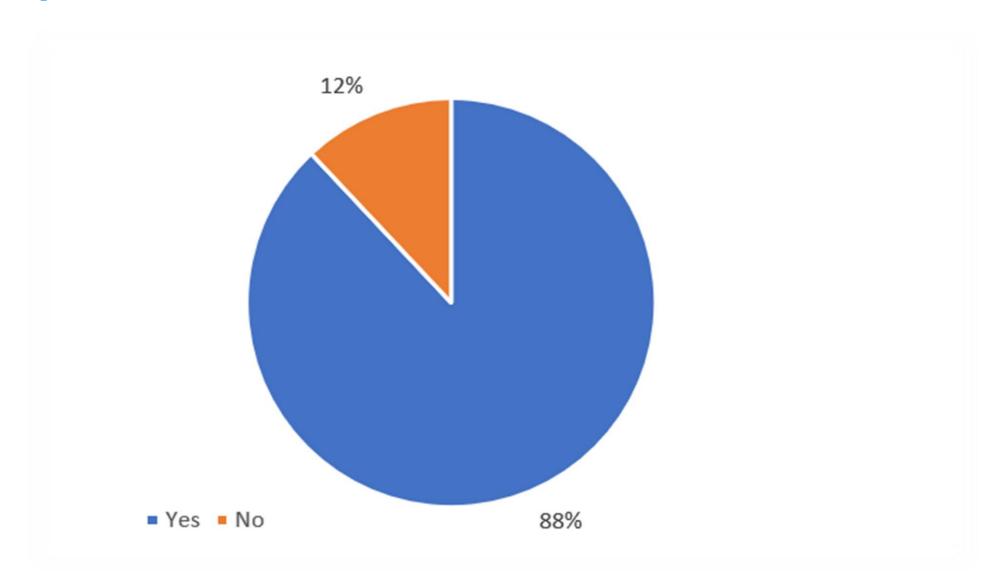
7 out of 40 respondents mentioned some level of institutionalization in the city administration:

- Dedicated post or office which is explicitly charged with addressing antisemitism; and/or
- An established policy framework explicitly dealing with antisemitism.





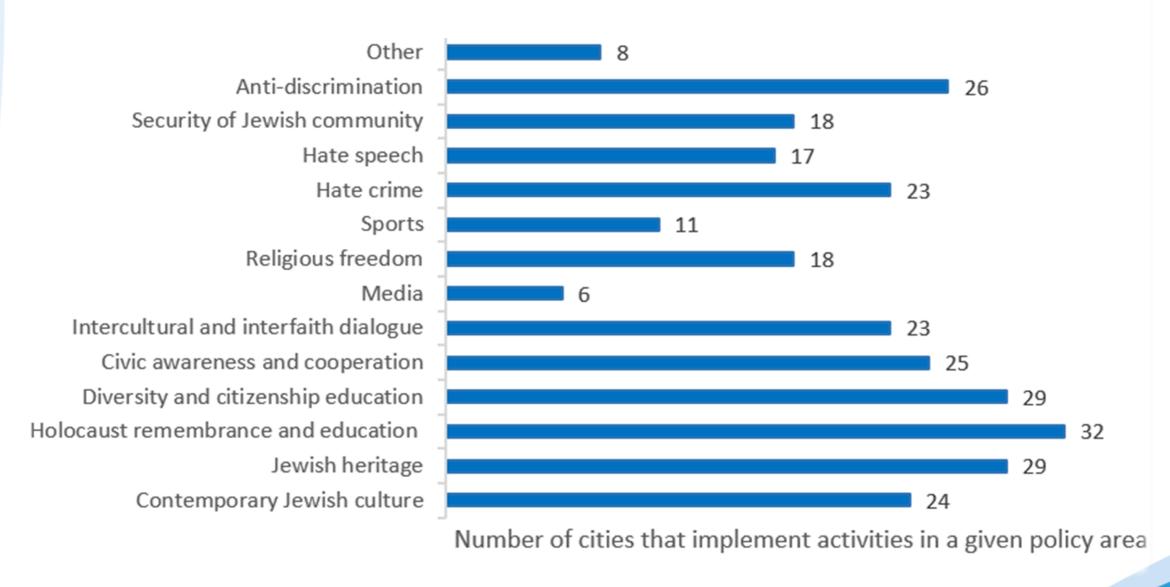
Cooperation with Jewish Communities







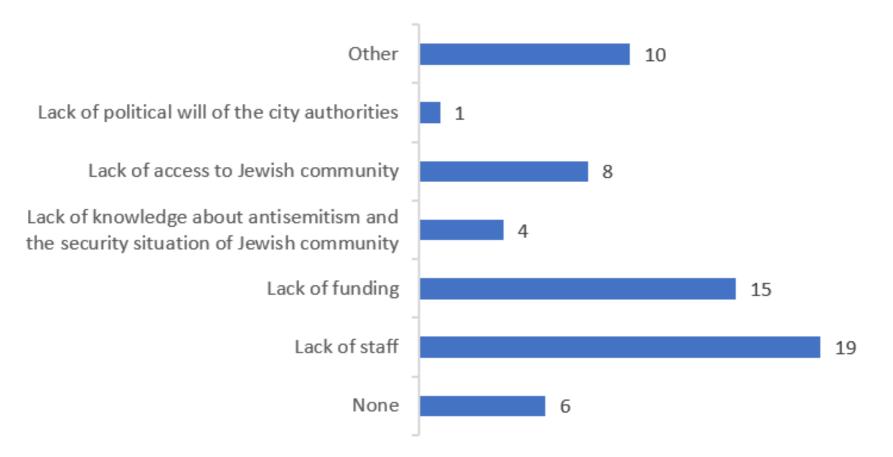
Overview of policy areas addressed











Evaluation - 50% do some form of evaluation, often at the request of funders, but evaluation thus far has not enabled cities to assess the impact of their measures on the Jewish community or on changes to attitudes of antisemitism more generally.



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Areas for further capacity building

Examples of effective initiatives from other cities

Strategies to prevent antisemitism and foster Jewish life in the long term

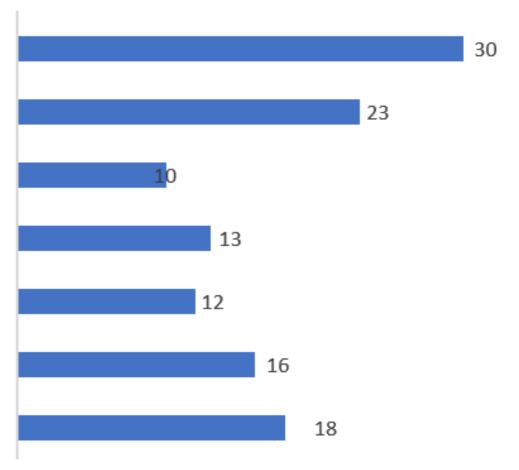
Skills in building sustainable cooperation with the Jewish community

Increase knowledge and confidence to deal with controversial issues related to antisemitism

Better understanding of the security aspects of Jewish community and heritage places, including hate crime

Better understanding of Jewish identity, traditions and contemporary life

Better understanding of antisemitism, its manifestations and impact on the Jewish community



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Thank you for your attention!