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Subject:	Request for written comments: Experience in judicial cooperation with regard to the conduct under Article 1(1) of the Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA of 28 November 2008

According to Art. 10 (3) of the Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA of 28 November 2008 on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law the Council has to examine the Framework Decision before 28 November 2013.

Moreover, the para 8 of the Council conclusions on fundamental rights and rule of law and on the Commission 2012 Report on the Application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union adopted on 6 June, refers to necessity to assess the effectiveness of the existing EU legal norms on fighting hate crimes. In order to prepare for this assessment the General Secretariat of the Council would therefore, on behalf of the Presidency like to ask Member States whether they have experienced difficulties in judicial cooperation with regard to the conduct under Article 1(1) of the Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA of 28 November 2008 on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law?

Written answers should be submitted to the General Secretariat of the Council (to the functional mailbox of the FREMP Working Party: secretariat.fundamental-rights@consilium.europa.eu) before 16 September 2013 COB.
