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Short introduction*

Tarafa Baghajati, Born 1961 in Damascus/Syria, he is a civil engineer by profession. Chair of the AMI Austrian Muslim Initiative, established in 1999. The Austrian Muslim Initiative promotes Muslim perspectives in the media, and in public discourse in generally; it engages actively with civil society organisations, including on issues relating to human rights , an area of work for which Tarafa Baghajati is specially responsible. Tarafa Baghajati former Board member (2001-2004) and Vice President (2004-2007) of the European Network against Racism ENAR; he is currently member of the ENAR-Advisory Council. Steering Group Member of the PIE Platform for Intercultural Europe, Board member of EMISCO European Muslim Initiative for Social Cohesion and Vice Chair of Islamic Institute for Adults Education-Vienna WIIEB. Baghajati is since 2005 activist against 2005 and since 2006 partner and adviser of the organisation TARGET, chaired by Rüdiger Nehberg to prevent the practice of female genital mutilation (FGM) in Europe and Afrika.

AMI Austrian Muslim Initiative encourages interreligious dialogue; it promotes Muslim participation in public life, in particular political participation; and builds bridges among Muslim communities, promoting participation of Muslim-Women in all areas of life; and also addressing critical discourse within the Muslim community.

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