

Working Party on Improving Reporting and Recording of Hate Crime in the EU

23-24 November 2015

Court of Auditors, 12, rue Alcide De Gasperi, 1615 Luxembourg

BACKGROUND

The third meeting of the Working Party on Improving Reporting and Recording of Hate Crime in the EU is organised by the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights in cooperation with the Luxembourg Presidency of the Council of the European Union on 23-24 November in Luxembourg.

The last meeting, which was held in Riga on 30-31 March 2015, allowed Member States to share practices from their own national contexts, with a focus on their transferable aspects. At the same time, Member States affirmed their readiness to test and adapt these and new means of combating hate crime, related to all three thematic areas identified at the inaugural meeting of the Working Party: 1) encouraging reporting and improving official recording of hate crime; 2) enhancing cooperation and synergies between EU and international organisations, governmental bodies, and civil society organisations to tackle hate crime with greater effectiveness; and 3) training for public service providers that will enable practitioners to recognise incidents of hate crime and deal with them appropriately.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the meeting are to:

- Provide an update on the activities of the Working Party;
- Exchange information concerning incidents of hate crime or hate speech against refugees, asylum seekers and migrants;



- Learn from the experiences of civil society organisations in encouraging reporting and improving recording of hate crime, as well as in enhancing cooperation and providing training to practitioners;
- Agree on the format, content and maintenance of the forthcoming Compendium of Practices.

DRAFT AGENDA

MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2015

12:30 – 13:00	Registration and welcome coffee
13:00 – 14:30	<p>Opening of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Félix Braz, Minister of Justice, Luxembourg Presidency of the Council of the European Union • Friso Roscam Abbing, Head of Department, Communication and Outreach, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights <p>Tour de table: Exchange of information concerning incidents of hate crime or hate speech against refugees, asylum seekers and migrants</p> <p>Reporting back:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Madrid Workshop on the use of multi-agency partnerships to improve hate crime reporting - debrief</i> • <i>Mapping of and guiding principles for training practitioners to recognise and deal with hate crime - debrief</i> • <i>Activities at national level</i>
14:30 – 15:00	Coffee break
15:00 – 17:00	<p>Learning from the experiences of civil society organisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Moses Mendelssohn Center for European Jewish studies, University of Potsdam:</i> Enhancing cooperation and promoting communication between NGOs and national authorities. The example of a research project • <i>In Iustitia:</i> Encouraging victims to report hate crime • Facing Facts! Online: Tackling hate crime through online training

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Society Foundations: Countering Islamophobia and anti-gypsy – Experience on monitoring hate speech and hate crime
17:30	Shuttle to hotel
19:00	Shuttle to restaurant
19:30 – 22:00	Dinner and shuttle back to hotel

TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2015

08:30	Shuttle to the Court of Auditors
09:00 – 09:30	Compendium of Practices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal elements to be covered by the Compendium • Selection criteria for practices to be highlighted • Overview of the practices shared by members of the Working Party
09:30 – 11:00	Parallel sessions on practices identified These parallel sessions will focus on how practices are implemented on the ground, how the implementation of practices can be monitored, and identifying transferable aspects for other national contexts.
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30– 13:00	Parallel sessions on the Compendium of Practices These parallel sessions will focus on the format, content, selection criteria and the maintenance of the Compendium of Practices.
13:00 – 14:30	Buffet lunch
14:30 – 16:00	Reporting back – Agreement on the Compendium of Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from the morning sessions • Final discussion on the structure and content of the Compendium of Practices
16:00 – 16:30	Way forward and closing comments