



## WORK PLAN 2015 FOR THE PLATFORM ON HATE CRIME

### BACKGROUND

The establishment of the cooperation platform on hate crime is the follow-up of the joint conference of the Council of Europe (CoE), the European Network of Equality Bodies (Equinet), the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI) and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), which took place in October 2013 in Vienna. The October meeting set the scene for closer cooperation among national bodies and between national and international bodies. It was agreed to focus on establishing platforms for collaboration on pressing topics such as asylum and migration, Roma integration, combating hate crime, and advancing social and economic rights and socio-economic equality.

### OBJECTIVES

The aims of the Platform are to address gaps in combating hate crime, to contribute to a better understanding of the nature of hate crime and to contribute to improvement of recording and reporting of hate crime. The Platform will aim to enhance coordination, cooperation and exchange of information between national level institutions and European level institutions and structures, as well as to facilitate the cooperation between national level institutions. This work plan sets concrete actions for cooperation in the area of hate crime for 2015.

### FOCUS AREAS

1. Hate crime reporting
2. Hate speech
3. Victim support
4. Preventing hate crime

### MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORK PLAN

The implementation of the activities will be monitored and evaluated by using the FRA Performance Measurement Framework.

## ACTIVITIES, WORKING METHODS AND TIMELINES FOR THE FOCUS AREAS

### HATE CRIME REPORTING

**OVERALL OBJECTIVE:** to contribute to the improvement of hate crime reporting and recording

ACTIVITY	WORKING METHODS & TOOLS	TIMELINE	WHO
Official hate-crime statistics do not capture the full extent of hate crime. How to encourage reporting? Provide tools to national human rights bodies to the improvement of hate crime reporting and recording.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share expert advice , e.g. in relation to issues of access to justice, victim's rights and good practices on the assistance of victims to overcome obstacles in reporting hate crime.</li> <li>Share experiences on the role of using new media in order to facilitate reporting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First half of 2015</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CoE</li> <li>FRA to make links to the work of the FRA Working Party on hate crime and its thematic area on reporting and recording.</li> </ul>
Strengthen the role of NHRBs in third party reporting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By looking at other practices on 3<sup>rd</sup> party reporting</li> <li>by engaging closely with victim's organisations and/ or with victim's of hate crime</li> <li>By establishing anonymous reporting mechanisms</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint event with FRA Working Party on Improving Reporting and Recording of Hate Crime to assess with national authorities ways of improving cooperation on</li> </ul>

			victim's reporting and strengthening the NHRBs roles in this, 30-31 March 2015.
<b>HATE SPEECH</b>			
<b>OVERALL OBJECTIVE: to explore ways of cooperation between national and European level organisations in combating hate speech</b>			
ACTIVITY	WORKING METHODS & TOOLS	TIMELINE	WHO
Addressing racist, xenophobic, anti-Semitic and islamophobic speech.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The role of national level bodies: protection with regard to victims of racist speech; promotion in terms of joint actions at national level to combat hate speech; use their independent role in awareness raising.</li> <li>Promotion of complaint mechanisms</li> <li>To exchange best practices and benchmarks; to organise 1-2 seminars open to ENNHRI and Equinet members as well as Ombudsmen.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lead by the project group of Equality Bodies: France, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Italy, Greece within <i>Prevent and combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance</i>, if funding confirmed by the EU REC Programme (Rights, Equality and Citizenship).</li> </ul>

VICTIM SUPPORT			
OVERALL OBJECTIVE: to identify ways in which victims' awareness concerning remedies can be raised			
ACTIVITY	WORKING METHODS & TOOLS	TIMELINE	WHO
Increase awareness concerning remedies to victims of crime; Inform about support structures and provide support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share good practice/advice on awareness-raising activities done by national human rights bodies and use these for further recommendations.</li> <li>Victim experience video to be shared and distributed.</li> <li>Kosovo/NSW study trip note</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January 2015</li> <li>January 2015</li> <li>January 2015</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FRA: Results of the FRA study 'Victim Support Services in the EU: An overview and assessment of victims' rights in practice' actively disseminated to national level stakeholders.</li> <li>CoE</li> <li>Video produced by Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission (NIHRC)</li> <li>NIHRC</li> </ul>

## PREVENTION OF HATE CRIME

### OVERALL OBJECTIVE: to promote hate crime prevention and to combat impunity of perpetrators

Promoting hate crime prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share information on existing practices of integration and building good community relations at local level and explore the contribution of these as a hate crime prevention tool.</li> <li>• Disseminating targeted information via sub-sections on websites, active email-lists, email alerts, teleconferences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Throughout the year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CoE</li> <li>• FRA with inputs from all members</li> </ul>
Combating impunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To share case studies on the types of hate crime that arise in Northern Ireland</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring 2015</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission</li> </ul>

COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND NETWORKS			
OVERALL OBJECTIVE: to create synergies among European and international organisations and with national level bodies in combating hate crime			
To ensure links to the work of other EU/international organisations in order to complement respective organisations' work and to benefit from the synergies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify other meetings already in place for possible follow-up by a shared calendar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January – February 2015</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FRA with inputs from all the members</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure links to OSCE/ODIHR and the European Commission's relevant working groups.</li> <li>Ensure links to the FRA Working Party on Hate Crime. A partly joint meeting with the working party and this platform will take place on 30 – 31 March 2015 in Riga, Latvia.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 2015</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FRA and CoE</li> <li>FRA</li> </ul>



## HORIZONTAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATED BY FRA

- Disseminating targeted information via sub-sections on websites, active email-lists, email alerts, teleconferences, etc.
- Creation of a shared calendar of relevant events, upcoming publications, etc., including organisations not part of the Platform.