

WHO IS INVOLVED

- young people
- educators
- journalists
- social media managers
- teachers
- activists
- bloggers

WHEN

From January 2018 to December 2019

WHERE

- Belgium
- Greece
- Poland
- Cyprus
- Italy
- United Kingdom

WHO WE ARE



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CHANGING WORDS CHANGES THE WORLD



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THE BACKGROUND

Online hate speech is a worrying and complex phenomenon, which has deep cultural and social roots and brings new questions and challenges to the issue of freedom of expression on the web.

Many recent studies show that manifestations of hate speech against migrants and refugees are increasing in Europe. Not only the quantity of comments that undeniably violate the boundaries of freedom of speech, but also the intensity of visible online hate has reached a point where it is necessary to find solutions and instruments that would help to prevent or control this form of destructive public discussion.

Only a collective commitment at the cultural and educational level can be the basis to counter it, promoting at the same time freedom and participation. It is necessary to foster an environment where everybody is able to express their opinions but it is crucial that media and people take a stand and show that hate speech cannot be tolerated.

THE OBJECTIVES

The general objective of the project is to combat and prevent online hate speech against migrants and refugees by developing new and creative counter-narratives.

The most effective way to tackle hatred is through education and debate. Schools and media have a vital role to play in challenging hostility and prejudice, encouraging social solidarity and helping to promote understanding and empathy with others. Instead of focusing only on the possible negative consequences of the use of the internet, the idea is to explore the opportunities offered by modern technologies and innovative media productions for intercultural dialogue.

Media literacy has a crucial role, because media portrayals influence public perceptions and attitudes and, especially for sensitive topics such as migration, it's important to be aware of the effects of the information flow. In the era of social media the need for promoting a critical approach and correct use of the media is even more urgent. Part of the solution is giving people the tools to bring about change themselves.

THE ACTIVITIES

EUROPEAN MEDIA CAMP

A 5-day training for journalists, audio visual professionals, and social activists. The main objective is to bring together a wide network of creative minds to generate content for building a counter-narrative on migration.

TRAINING COURSES

Training for teachers, educators, and activists on how to counter hate speech through media literacy and intercultural dialogue.

Workshops for school students and young people aimed at identifying and reacting to hate speech manifestations with web tools and positive actions.

Training courses for journalism students aimed at proposing a reflection on the role of media in tackling online hate speech.

MEDIA PRODUCTION

Investigative reports, digital initiatives, social media campaigns, and audio/visual productions by young people, journalists and activists about alternative narratives on migration in Europe.

ONLINE CAMPAIGN

Website and social media for an online campaign open to the wider public.

PUBLIC EVENTS

Seven national public events and a final conference in Brussels.