

EEA and Norway Grants

Countering hate speech and hate crime

The EEA and Norway Grants support a range of initiatives to tackle hate speech and hate crime through the NGO programmes. All NGO programmes actively publicise and participate in the **Council of Europe** campaign **NO HATE SPEECH** and took part in the **EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)** conference on 'Combating Hate Crime in the EU' in Vilnius in November 2013.



NGO programme in Bulgaria

The NGO Programme

Fund operator	Open Society Institute - Sofia
Grant amount	€11.8 million
Calls for proposals	1st call: end of January 2013
	2nd call: end of January 2014
	3rd call: end of September 2014

As part of the ongoing activities in Bulgaria the fund operator:

- Participates in the **National Committee of the NO HATE SPEECH campaign**
- Has placed the **banner of the campaign** on their programme website highlighting their fight against hate speech and hate crime
- Continuously **provides relevant links, materials and news** in relation to the campaign on their programme website

Calls for proposals

In the **calls** there is a particular emphasis on supporting projects that focus on non-discrimination, hate speech and hate crime.

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Activities under the Bulgarian NGO programme

- 27-29 November 2013 **Event:** Second Annual Meeting for Sharing Good Practice on Partnership Development between Bulgarian NGOs and Organisations from the Donor States with a focus on Hate Speech and the Role of Civil Society and Bilateral Workshop – Sofia, Bulgaria
- 11-13 November 2013 **External:** Conference participation ‘Combating Hate Crime in the European Union’ – Vilnius, Lithuania
- 14 November 2013 **External:** Follow-up conference ‘Hate Speech and the Role of Civil Society’ – Vilnius, Lithuania
- 28 November 2013 **Survey:** Results of a national survey on hate speech will be presented – Sofia, Bulgaria

Countering hate speech and hate crime in projects

In the first open call of the Open Society Institute a total of 72 projects received funding. Of these 72 projects, **six projects deal with hate related issues** either directly or indirectly.

Projects directly addressing hate speech and hate crime:

- 1. The world is for everybody**
Association for the Development of Children and Young People in the City of Vratsa EEA Grant amount **€ 4,406.00**
 - 2. Equal rights for Roma**
Organization Drom Association EEA Grant amount **€ 19,522.00**
 - 3. Promoting voluntary activities and initiatives among youngster at age 13-18 on the topics of human rights, discrimination, xenophobia and hate speech**
Demetra Association EEA Grant amount **€ 12,711.00**
 - 4. Online anti-discrimination help center**
Association Kubera EEA Grant amount **€ 10,693.00**
 - 5. Do they have someone to love them**
A weekly anti-discrimination programme on Darik Radio and a radio internship for Roma
Darik Foundation EEA Grant amount **€ 18,346.00**
 - 6. Different kids – equal rights**
“Paralel-Silistra” Association EEA Grant amount **€ 17,874.00**
- Total amount € 83,552.00**

