

## 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 Lithuania

#### NGO Programme

Fund operator           **Human Rights Monitoring Institute (HRMI)**

Grant amount           **€5.5 million**

Calls for proposals   **1<sup>st</sup> call: March 2013**

**2<sup>nd</sup> call: January 2014**

#### *As part of the ongoing activities in Lithuania, the Operator:*

- has placed the **banner of the campaign** on their website linking to the campaign's website
- **prepares articles and posts relevant links, materials and news** in relation to the campaign on the NGO Programme's website, HRMI website and the Facebook accounts
- **submits reports on the situation of hate crimes in Lithuania and engages into dialogue with** the UN Universal Periodic Review mechanism, UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the UN Human Rights Committee, ECRI, and other international and regional human rights bodies
- hosts a **radio show** where the topics of hate crimes, hate speech and the campaign's initiatives are extensively covered
- acts as an **expert on hate crimes issues at events** organised by Lithuanian governmental and non-governmental organisations, such as a training course for journalists organised by the Media4Change movement in October 2013.

#### *Calls for proposals*

In the **calls** there is a particular emphasis on supporting projects that focus on non-discrimination, hate speech and hate crime. Specific **outputs** are identified with focus on hate issues, racism, xenophobia, homophobia, anti-Semitism and non-discrimination.

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## Activities under the Lithuanian NGO programme

26-31 May 2013	<b>Event:</b> Host of the UNITED conference 'Rethinking Diversity. Challenges for Equality in Europe and New Responses' – Vilnius, Lithuania
July – November 2013	<b>Research &amp; Publication:</b> Protection of the Rights of Hate Crimes Victims in Lithuania – Vilnius, Lithuania
Oct – November 2013	<b>Publication:</b> Hate Speech in Lithuania: Frequently Asked Questions – Vilnius, Lithuania
14-15 October 2013	<b>External:</b> Participation at the 'Conference on children and youth projects' – Bucharest, Romania
7-9 November 2013	<b>External:</b> Participation at the 'No Hate Speech Movement' – Strasbourg, France
11-13 November 2013	<b>External:</b> Presentation at the conference 'Combating Hate Crime in the European Union' – Vilnius, Lithuania
14 November 2013	<b>Event:</b> Co-organising follow-up conference 'Hate Speech and the Role of Civil Society' – Vilnius, Lithuania
November 2013 – 2014	<b>Advocacy campaign:</b> Research-based legal advocacy, including shadow reporting to UN Treaty Bodies (CERD), individual meetings with decisions makers (Ministry of Justice) etc. – Vilnius, Lithuania
March	<b>Training:</b> Bloggers training on countering hate speech online – Vilnius, Lithuania

## Countering hate speech and hate crime in projects

In the first open call of the Human Rights Monitoring Institute a total of 32 projects received funding. Of these 32 projects, **eight projects deal with hate-related issues** either directly or indirectly.

### Projects directly addressing hate speech and hate crime:

1. All different - all equal: active participation, diversity and human rights	
<b>National Institute for Social Integration</b>	EEA Grant amount <b>€ 133,383.00</b>
2. Bagel shop: tolerance campaign against anti-Semitism and hate speech in public space	
<b>Lithuanian Jewish Community</b>	EEA Grant amount <b>€ 81,479.00</b>
3. Awareness raising and dissemination of religious diversity in Lithuania	
<b>New Religions Research and Information Center</b>	EEA Grant amount <b>€ 25,429.00</b>
	<b>Total amount € 240,291.00</b>

