

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 Poland

Citizens for Democracy

Fund operator **Stefan Batory Foundation**

Grant amount **€37.0 million**

Calls for proposals **1st call: August 2013**

2nd call: March 2014

3rd call: September 2014

As part of the ongoing activities in Poland, the fund operator:

- Promotes the **NO HATE SPEECH** campaign on their **programme website** and their **Facebook page**
- Continuously **provides relevant links, materials and news** in relation to the **campaign on the programme website and in social media**
- Cooperates with the **Council of Europe's** country coordinator of the **NO HATE SPEECH** campaign

Calls for proposals

In the **calls** there is a separate scheme dedicated to combating discrimination and hate speech. In the first call launched in August 2013, projects focusing on hate speech and hate crime were prioritised.



Activities under the Polish NGO programme

- 18-19 September 2013** **Event:** Thematic session on 'Combating Discrimination' at the programme opening conference – Warsaw, Poland
- 19-20 September 2013** **Training:** Workshop addressed to young bloggers on combating hate speech online – Warsaw, Poland
- 22-23 October 2013** **Event:** Co-organiser of the No Hate Speech Online Coalition meeting in cooperation with the country coordinator of the Council of Europe No Hate Speech Campaign in Poland – Warsaw, Poland
- 06-10 November 2013** **External:** Conference participation 'Mobilising, Planning and Networking for Campaigning Effectively with Young People against Hate Speech Online' – Strasbourg, France
- 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
- 27-29 November 2013** **External:** Participation in the conference on Hate Speech and the Role of Civil Society – Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2013-2016** **External:** Participation in the meetings of the Council against Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Intolerance at the Ministry of Administration and Digitization – Warsaw, Poland
- 2013-2015** **Awareness raising campaign:** Development and distribution of educational and promotional materials – Poland
- 2014-2016** **Meetings, workshops, events, networking:** No Hate/ Anti-discrimination NGO platform: Creating a space for NGOs, experts and informal groups to meet, discuss, cooperate and mutually reinforce their work in the sphere of fighting prejudices, intolerance, hate speech and hate crime – Poland
- January-April 2013** **Survey:** Research on discriminatory attitudes and the level of tolerance of hate speech among young people (16-18 years old) and among adult population – Poland
- February –March 2014** **Training:** Workshops for the Internet activists targeting young people (students of vocational and technical schools) on combating hate speech online and in the public sphere – Poland, part I
- May 2013** **Conference:** Presentation of the results of the hate speech survey, with a special focus on the acceptance of hate speech by the public, with national and international organizations combating hate speech and discrimination – Warsaw, Poland
- 15-17 May 2014** **Conference Session:** 'Discrimination and prejudices in Europe – a challenge for funders' with participation of NGOs funded from EEA Grants at the ECF Annual Conference – Sarajevo, Bosnia
- September 2014** **Training:** Workshops for the Internet activists targeting young people – Poland, part II
- 14-15 September 2014** **Event:** Events promoting No Hate Speech campaign Poland during VII Forum of Non-governmental Initiatives (OFIP).
- Winter 2015** **Event:** Two days Anti-discrimination Forum for NGOs from Poland and other beneficiary countries aimed to combat discrimination – Warsaw, Poland
- January-March 2016** **Survey:** Second survey on prejudices and hate speech acceptance among youngsters 16-18 old and in the adult population – Poland
- Fall 2016** **Event:** Presentation of the report on the hate speech survey at the closing conference – Warsaw, Poland

