

## 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 Estonia

#### *The NGO Programme*

Fund operator	<b>Open Estonia Foundation</b>
Grant amount	<b>€2.3 million</b>
Calls for proposals	<b>1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> open call: September and October 2012</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> open call: September 2013</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> open call: September 2014</b>

#### *As part of the ongoing activities in Estonia the fund operator:*

- 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 through a weekly newsletter and on their Facebook site

#### *Calls for proposals*

Building social capital is one of the concerns of the NGO Fund and thus the importance of supporting activities targeting xenophobia and hate speech is recognised and projects addressing these issues are encouraged in the **calls**.



### *Activities under the Estonian NGO programme*

- 16-17 August 2013 **External:** Contributing to the organisation of Opinion Festival – Paide, Estonia
- 12 September 2013 **Event:** Annual Open Society Forum on Hate Speech – Tallinn, Estonia
- 25 October 2013 **Training:** Training session for grantees to raise awareness about hate speech online and to support them in standing up for human rights – Tallinn, Estonia
- 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

### *Countering hate speech and hate crime in projects*

In the first and second open calls of the NGO Fund, a total of 36 projects received funding. Of these 36 projects, **four projects deal with hate related issues** indirectly.

