

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

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.

