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European Youth Centre Budapest



# **TACKLING HATE SPEECH**

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## **Programme**





**Tuesday 27 November 2012**

12:00 Registration of participants and lunch

13:15 Press conference

13:55 Welcoming words, **Zoltán Balog**, Minister of Human Resources, Hungary

14:00 Opening of the conference

**Thorbjørn Jagland**, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

**George Soros**, Founder of the Open Society Foundations

### *Session 1: Reality on the ground – the nature and extent of hate speech today*

14:30 Presentations from four different viewpoints

Chaired by **Snežana Samardžić-Marković**, Director General of Democracy, Council of Europe

Speakers

1. Research

**Carl Miller**, Research Director, Centre for the Analysis of Social Media, Demos

2. Online activism against hate speech

**Louiza Louhibi**, Newspaper columnist, Norwegian Labour Party's Gender Equality Committee, Norway

3. Roma rights

**Zeljko Jovanovic**, Director, Open Society Roma Initiatives

4. Making hate crime visible in the European Union: acknowledging victims' rights

**Henri Nickels**, Programme Manager, Equality and Citizens' Rights Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

Discussion

16:00 Coffee break

### *Session 2 : Self-regulation and online moderation as tools for tackling hate speech*

16:20 Panel discussion

Moderator **Nick Higham**, BBC, United Kingdom

Speakers

1. **Gabriella Cseh**, Head of Policy CEE, Facebook

2. **Ronald Eissens**, Board member, International Network Against Cyber Hate

3. **Giacomo Mazzone**, Head of Institutional Relations, European Broadcasting Union

4. **Benjamin Thull**, LFK, Media Authority of Baden-Württemberg

5. **Frank La Rue**, UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of opinion and expression

Discussion

18:30 End of first day

Dinner co-hosted by the Hungarian Ministry of Human Resources and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs



*Session 3: Looking ahead – how best to create an environment which promotes tolerance and respect for fundamental rights?*

9:30 Possible next steps and recommendations for action

Chaired by **Stine Andresen**, Director, Financial Mechanism Office, EEA and Norway Grants

Speakers

1. Combating hate speech on line: ECRI's contribution  
**Jenö Kaltenbach**, Chair, European Commission against Racism and Intolerance, Council of Europe
2. Combating hate speech and violence while preserving free expression  
**Benjamin Ward**, Deputy Director, Europe and Central Asia Division, Human Rights Watch
3. Conclusions and recommendations of the workshop "Action and Campaigning against Hate Speech"  
**Nicole Currie**, European Roma Rights Centre, Hungary
4. European online youth campaign against hate speech  
**Shannon Stephens**, Representative of the Advisory Council on Youth and of the follow-up Group of the project "Young People Combating Hate Speech Online", Council of Europe

Discussion

11:30 Coffee break

12:00 Closing session

Rapporteur: **Robin Wilson**, Researcher and policy analyst, United Kingdom

Closing remarks

**Christos Giakoumopoulos**, Director, Directorate of Human Rights, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

**Torgeir Larsen**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway

13:00 Lunch

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