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Digital resilience:
Youth strategies
against racist and xenophobic acts
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Thursday 24 October 2024

09:00 **Registration of participants**

09:30 **Welcoming words**

- H.E. Ervin IBRAHIMOVIC, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro
- H.E. Fatmir GJEKA, Minister for Human and Minority Rights of Montenegro
- Bjørn BERGE, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

10:00 **Group picture**

10:10 **Keynote Speeches**

- Jerome GLENN, Executive Director, The Millenium Project
- Garry JACOBS, President, World Academy of Art and Science and World University Consortium

Followed by a fireside chat moderated by Dr Mila POPOVICH, Director General, Directorate for Interculturalism, Ministry of Human and Minority Rights of Montenegro

11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:30-13:00 **Understanding trends and threats: online hate speech and hate crimes through a youth lens**

The objective of this session is to delve deeper about the consequences of online hate speech leading to crimes, in particular hate crime. Presentations should build on specific statistics, with young people either as victims or perpetrators. Inputs of this session should be based on recent academia work and experiences of key actors in this area.

Facilitator: Monica CORRIGAN, Expert on media literacy and youth trainer

Presenters:

- Dr Rami ESKANDER, Director of Education Department, ALECSO
- Sinisa BJEKOVIC, Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro
- Lamija KOVAČEVIĆ, Researcher, Global Campus Human Rights, Southeast Europe
 - *"Rethinking Online Hate: Memes, Subtle Exclusion, and Youth Agency"*
- Cynthia CHIGWENYA, Regional Programme Coordinator, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung; former African Youth Ambassador for Peace for Southern Africa, African Union Commission

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13:00-14:30

Lunch

14:30-16:30

International standards and frameworks countering online xenophobia and racism: a reference for young people to drive change.

With the First Additional Protocol of the Budapest Convention as a reference, this session aims at promoting a better understanding of existing standards to address this problem, the benefits of applying them, and implementation challenges, especially among young people. This session will allow to discuss intersections with other international standards relevant for the youth such as sports or freedom of expression standards.

Facilitator: Rocio CERVERA, Deputy Executive Director, North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

Standards of the Council of Europe

- *First Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime, concerning the criminalisation of acts of a racist and xenophobic nature committed through computer systems (ETS No. 189)*
Jan KRALIK, Programme Manager, Cybercrime Division, Council of Europe
- *Links between cybercrime and freedom of expression*
Denise MAZZOLANI, CyberSouth+ Programme Manager, Council of Europe

The work of the African Union

- Seraphine KANDO, Human Rights Specialist, African Union Commission Department of Political Affairs, Peace, and Security

19:00

Cultural programme and dinner

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Welcome back address / Special Presentation

Dr Mila POPOVICH, Director General, Directorate for Interculturalism, Ministry of Human and Minority Rights

09:40-11:15

From awareness to action: How young people can support hate crime detection and prosecution?

This session aims at showcasing ongoing initiatives working with young people and to exchange youth-friendly initiatives aiming to increase the awareness of the youth about cybercrime in general, and concretely, of racist and xenophobic acts through computer systems and their ability to prevent and combat them.

Facilitator: Kristina JANKOVIĆ, Youth activist

Presenters:

- Yahya OUZEN, Consultant Trust, and Safety, EMEA
- Eulalia ALEMANY, FAD Juventud, Spain
- Nardi AHMETOVIC, Executive Director of CAREP, Montenegro
- Khouloud BEN MANSOUR, Wise Youth Network | Youth4Peace, former African Youth Ambassador for Peace for North Africa, African Union Commission

11:15

Coffee Break

11:45-12:15

Presentation of recommendations by the rapporteur and discussion

- Nik PADDISON, General Rapporteur

12:15-12:30

Closing remarks

- H.E. Ambassador Francesca CAMILLERI VETTIGER, Chairwoman of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe and Permanent Representative of Malta to the Council of Europe
- H.E. Ambassador Bozidarka KRUNIC, Permanent Representative of Montenegro to the Council of Europe

12:30

Lunch

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