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In cooperation with the Gender Equality Unit

Combating Sexist Hate Speech

A seminar bringing together youth and human rights activists, researchers and policy-makers to deepen the understanding of sexist hate speech and identify appropriate responses

European Youth Centre, Strasbourg, 10-12 February 2016

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PROGRAMME OF THE SEMINAR

Tuesday 9 February

Arrival of participants

19:00 Dinner
Informal welcome activities

Wednesday 10 February

09:00 Welcome and introductions
Antje Rothmund, Head of the Youth Department, Council of Europe

09:10 **Opening of the seminar**
Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy, Council of Europe

09:30 Getting to know each other

Introduction to the seminar's objectives, expected results and methodology

10:30 *Break*

11:00 **Sexist hate speech: causes, forms, targets and consequences** – introduction and moderation by **Liri Kopaci-Di Michele**, Head of the Equality Division, Council of Europe

- **Maria Edström**, Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Journalism, Media & Communication, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

11:45 Questions and debate

13:00 *Lunch*

14:30 **Sexist hate speech and the media** - round-table with:

- **Pamela Morinière**, European Federation of Journalists
- **Iris Luarasi**, Lecturer, Department of Journalism and Communication, Tirana University, Albania
- **Erica Buist**, Journalist at The Guardian, United Kingdom

16:00 *Break*

16:30 Realities of sexist hate speech in the participants' context
- in working groups

18:15 Summing up and conclusions of the day

19:30 *Dinner*

Thursday 11 February

09:00 Opening and programme of the day

09:10 Feedback from the working groups on realities of sexist hate speech

- 09:30 **Legal and policy frameworks to combating sexist hate speech and provide redress for victims**
- **Carly Nyst**, Human Rights lawyer and advocate, United Kingdom
- 10:15 **Institutional initiatives to combat sexist hate speech**
- ECRI's new General Policy Recommendation on combating hate speech – **Stephanos Stavros**, Executive Secretary to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)
- 10:30 *Coffee break*
- 11:00 **Institutional Initiatives to combat sexist hate speech (cont.)**
- **Marit Maij**, Rapporteur on “Ending cyber-discrimination and online hate”, Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
 - **Eva Fehringer**, Member of the Council of Europe Gender Equality Commission, Austria
 - **Bjorn Hvidtfeldt Larsen** (Head of Section at the Department of Gender Equality, Ministry for Children, Education and Gender Equality, Denmark)
- 13:00 **Lunch**
- 14:30 **Initiatives and projects to combat sexist hate speech - Examples of the work of civil society**
- **Valentina Pellizzer** (OneWorld, Sarajevo)
 - **Léa Clermont Dion** (International Youth Offices of Québec, Canada)
 - **Manu Mainil**, activist of the No Hate Speech Movement (Belgium)
- 15:30 **Initiatives and projects to combat sexist hate speech (cont.)**
Open Space run by the participants
Break included in the Open Space
- 17:45 Feedback from the Open Space
- 18:00 **The No Hate Speech Movement campaign**
- 18:20 Summing up and conclusions of the day
- 18:30 Reception hosted by **Antje Rothmund**, Head of the Youth Department, and **Liri Kopaci- Di Michele**, Head of the Equality Division
- 19:00 *Dinner*

Friday 12 February

- 09:00 Opening and programme of the day
- 09:10 **Strategies and projects to counter and prevent sexist hate speech – in working groups:**
- In the No Hate Speech Movement (including 8 March 2016 – Action day against sexist hate speech)
 - In other Council of Europe activities and sectors

- In/by national institutions and policies
- In activities of partners, including non-governmental and youth organisations
- ...

Break included in the working groups' time

12:00 **Presentation and discussion of proposals from the working groups**

12:45 **Follow-up actions and evaluation**

13:00 Closing of the seminar

- **Eva Fehring**, Gender Equality Commission
- **Sergio Belfor**, Advisory Council on Youth

13:30 **End of seminar**

Lunch

Afternoon:

- Departure of participants, **or**
- **Workshop on activities for the No Hate Speech Movement** - for activists of the campaign and anyone else interested by the campaign

18:15 **Closing of the workshop**

19:00 *Dinner*

Self-managed party time

Saturday 13 February

Departure of participants.



Objectives of the seminar

- To develop a better understanding of the causes, extent, forms, different targets and consequences of sexist hate speech online and offline, especially on young people.
- To identify measures to prevent, counter, report and remedy sexist hate speech, notably through the No Hate Speech Movement campaign, the Gender Equality Strategy of the Council of Europe and other relevant instruments.
- To prepare the main approaches and actions for mobilising the No Hate Speech Movement campaigners to act together against sexist hate speech on 8 March 2016.
- To promote the implementation of Council of Europe's standards and identify gaps to fully address sexist hate speech in the Council of Europe member states.