



New Democratic Pact for Europe



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Hack the Hate, Renew Democracy No Hate Speech Week & Democracy Hackathon 17–19 June 2026, Council of Europe, Strasbourg

The Council of Europe has initiated a political and strategic consultation for a [New Democratic Pact for Europe](#) aiming at addressing the current democratic backsliding. The **17-19 June 2026 Democracy Hackathon** dedicated to combating hate speech will feed directly into this consultation process to strengthen the foundations of democracy, amplify its benefits, restore trust, and innovate its forms to make it tangible and meaningful for all.

The third edition of the [No Hate Speech Week \(NHSW\)](#), focusing on strengthening democratic responses and public mobilisation against hate speech. The NHSW is organised to mark the **International Day for Countering Hate Speech** on 18 June.

Hate speech is silencing voices and eroding the shared digital spaces on which democracy depends. Deepfakes, algorithmic amplification, and co-ordinated harassment campaigns have made the problem faster, harder to trace, and harder to counter.

The New Democratic Pact for Europe consultations so far highlight the importance of democratic security, safeguarding the values that form the foundation of democratic societies. Safe democratic participation for all, including women and under-represented groups is at the core of democratic security and hate speech puts these values at risk. The Hackathon and the No Hate Speech Week aim to address that.

The NHSW promotes the Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2022\)16](#) on Combating hate speech and supports multi-stakeholder cooperation to implement its recommended legal and non-legal measures. The NHSW and Hackathon form part of the consultation process for a [New Democratic Pact for Europe](#) and the NHSW is organised with the support of the European Union, EEA and Norway Grants and the Presidency of Monaco to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.



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PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 16 June 2026

Arrival of participants

14:30 Registration opens at the Palais de l'Europe

15:00 Meeting CSO partners to review of implementation of [CM/Rec\(2022\)16](#) on Combating Hate Speech. (Room 7, Invitation only)

Wednesday, 17 June 2026

8:15 Registration at the Palais de l'Europe

9:00 Welcome session for No Hate Speech Week and Democracy Hackathon- Hemicycle
Logistics information and technical announcements

9:30 Parallel sessions

HACKATHON Track: working/hacking sessions + mentor support (Room 7, 10, 11)

NHSW Track: Thematic sessions in parallel Block A (90 minutes)

- A1: Promoting gender equality and women's rights through value-based communication in the context of anti-gender rhetoric (part 1), *Gender Equality Division, Council of Europe*. (Room 1)
- A2: Promoting LGBTIQ workplace inclusion: acquiring intercultural competences and building partnerships (part 1), *Intercultural Inclusion Unit (IIU) and SOGIESC Unit, Council of Europe*. (Room 2)
- A3: European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI): Major Trends in Racist and Anti-LGBTI Hate Speech (Room 3)
- A4: Monitoring hate narratives using AI, *OBERAXE, INACH* (Room 5)
- A5: Colloquium "How can we better combat discrimination based on "race" or ethnic origin? Exploring and addressing the root causes" (part 1), *Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI), Council of Europe*. (Room 9)

In parallel: Meeting of the EU-CoE Workstream on Prevention of Hate Speech and Crime (Room 6, invitation only)

11:00 Break (coffee & tea)

11:30 Parallel sessions

HACKATHON Track: working/hacking sessions + mentor support (Room 7, 10, 11)

NHSW Track: Thematic sessions in parallel – Block B (60 minutes)

- B1: Promoting gender equality and women's rights through value-based communication in the context of anti-gender rhetoric (part 2), *Gender Equality Division (GED), Council of Europe*. (Room 1)
- B2: Defending Dignity and Safeguarding Participation and Freedom of Expression: Local Responses to Hate Speech, *Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe* (Room 2)
- B3: Practices and experiences on promoting migrant and refugee inclusion and countering anti-migrant narratives, *Barcelos city council, CEAR, Sofia Development Association*(Room 3)
- B4: Safety by design, developing and using tech tools to counter hate speech, *HateAid, INACH* (Room 5)
- B5: Colloquium "How can we better combat discrimination based on "race" or ethnic origin? Exploring and addressing the root causes" (part 2), *Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI), Council of Europe*. (Room 9)

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12:30 Reception for Hackathon and No Hate Speech Week with Member States representatives – foyer of the Hemicycle - DJ

14:00 Opening of the Hackathon & No Hate Speech Week – Hemicycle

Keynote speech

- Alain Berset, Council of Europe's Secretary General

14:20 Panel Discussion & Q&A - The Ethical dilemma of Tech Innovation

Moderators: Liz Alderman, journalist and former New York Times correspondent and Sally Bailey-Ravet, Council of Europe

- Inbal Becker-Reshef Microsoft AI for Good
- Maya Lahav, Cyber criminologist at Oxford University
- Victoria Grech, Founder & CEO, Truzentia
- Siobhán O'Sullivan, Senior Policy Analyst, The National Economic and Social Council of Ireland

15:00 Author Giuliano da Empoli in conversation with Liz Alderman

Moderators: Sally Bailey-Ravet, Council of Europe and Hugo Espinosa, Kreativdistrikt

15:30 Presentation of Hackathon challenges and teams

15:45 Break (coffee & tea)

16:15 Parallel sessions

HACKATHON Track: working/hacking sessions + mentor support (Room 7, 10, 11)

16.15 – 17.15 Youth Flash Challenge (Room 8)

NHSW Track: Thematic sessions in parallel – Block C (90 minutes)

- C1: Deconstructing negative narratives at the local level: a tool for intercultural inclusion (part 1), *ICEI and Intercultural Inclusion Unit of the Council of Europe*. (Room 1)
- C2: Countering Gender-Based and Anti-LGBTI Hate in the Digital Space, *SOGIESC Unit (VC project) and Gender Equality Division (GED), Council of Europe*. (Room 2)
- C3: Using AI generated responses to counter hate speech: opportunities and challenges, *Solidarity with Others, Media Authority of Luxembourg* (Room 3)
- C4: Multistakeholder cooperation as a pre-condition for countering hate speech and hate crime, *IPS Innovative Prison Systems, Equality Council of Moldova* (Room 5)
- C5: Workshop organised by the Prevention workstream members (Room 6)

17:45 Networking Fair for No Hate Speech Week – foyer of the Hemicycle (75 minutes)

HACKATHON track: working/hacking sessions + mentor support until 19.45 (Room 7, 10, 11)

Thursday, 18 June 2026

8:30 Registration & info desk opens

9:00 Parallel sessions

HACKATHON Track: working/hacking sessions + mentor support (Room 7, 10, 11)

Youth Flash Challenge (Room 12/13)

NHSW Track: Thematic sessions Block D (90 minutes)

- D1: Targeted voices: Hate speech against women journalists, *Freedom of Expression Division and Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI), Council of Europe*. (Room 1)

- D2: Promoting LGBTIQ workplace inclusion: acquiring intercultural competences and building partnerships (part 2), *Intercultural Inclusion Unit (IIU) and SOGIESC Unit, Council of Europe*. (Room 2)
- D3: Reporting hate speech online – lessons learned and future perspectives, *Jugendstiftung Baden-Württemberg, Helsinki Committee for Human Rights, Háttér Society* (Room 3)
- D4: Investigation and prosecution of criminalised hate speech and hate crime, *General prosecutor office of Spain, Murcia Police Department, OBERAXE* (Room 5)
- D5: Supporting those targeted by hate speech and victims of hate crime, *Faculty of Law of the Lusófona University and Euro-Arab Foundation for Higher Studies* (Room 6)
- D6: Workshop for School students & NSW participants: Bookmarks – Standing up to hate speech through human rights education, *Education, Training and Cooperation Division (ETCD), Council of Europe*. (foyer of the Hemicycle and Room 16)

10:30 Break (coffee & tea)

11:00 Plenary for the International Day for Countering Hate Speech - Hemicycle

Statement for the International Day for Countering Hate Speech

- Alain Berset, Council of Europe's Secretary General

11:10 Debate: Online hate speech is Europe's biggest threat to youth's involvement in democracy

House for the motion:

- Ana Kuprava, Georgia
- Arman Martirosyan, Armenia
- Rok Saric, Slovenia

House against the motion:

- Serena Gandogonon, France
- Vetle Skrede, Norway
- Mazin Abdalla, Sudan

Feedback from the audience

12:00 Reflections by:

- Alain Berset, Council of Europe's Secretary General
- Gilles Marchand, Director Initiative Media Philanthropy (IMP), University of Geneva

12:30 Award Ceremony: Journalism Excellence Awards "Ethical reporting on Roma and Travellers and combating antigypsyism through the media"

Introduction by:

- Alain Berset, Council of Europe's Secretary General

- Frédéric FAUTRIER, Directeur Général du Département de l'Intérieur, Committee of Ministers Presidency of Monaco
Awarded

Moderators: Nidhya Paliakara, journalist TV5MONDE
Alex Taylor, European journalist

13:00 Lunch reception (60 minutes) – foyer of the Hemicycle

14:00 Parallel sessions

HACKATHON Track: working/hacking sessions + mentor support (Room 7, 10, 11)

Youth Flash Challenge (Room 12/13)

NHSW Track: Thematic sessions in parallel – Block E (90 minutes)

- E1: Roma Art of Resistance—Using Arts and Culture to Challenge Stereotypes and Combat Antigypsyism in Europe, *Roma and Travellers Division, Council of Europe* (Room 1)
- E2: Belonging Matters: Countering Hate Speech targeting migrants and refugees Through Dialogue, *International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue KAICIID* (Room 2)
- E3: Role of equality bodies in combating hate speech, *Equinet* (Room 3)
- E4: Promotion of a book “Rêver un autre Monde”, A world without sex and gender-based hate and discrimination, *Council of Europe Amicale and Council of Europe’s LGBTIQA+ group* (Room 5)
- E5: Practices in countering hate speech towards religious groups, *TechHive Labs, Media Diversity Institute, Never Again Association, Centre for Cultural Dialogue* (Room 9)

In parallel: Meeting of the Mission-Driven Initiative “Enhancing multi-stakeholder responses to hate speech and hate crime”, funded by the EEA and Norway Grants (Room 6, Invitation only)”

15:30 Break (coffee & tea)

16:00 Parallel sessions

HACKATHON Track: working/hacking sessions + mentor support (Room 7, 10, 11)

Youth Flash Challenge (Room 12/13)

NHSW Track: Thematic sessions in parallel – Block F (90 minutes)

- F1: Deconstructing negative narratives at the local level: a tool for intercultural inclusion (part 2), *ICEI and Intercultural Inclusion Unit of the Council of Europe*. (Room 1)

- F2: Let's Talk Youth and AI – Launch of the new learning resource on artificial intelligence and its implications for society, youth and human rights, *Education, Training and Cooperation Division (ETCD), Council of Europe* (Room 2)
- F3: Shedding light on religious intolerance in the digital environment, *Special Representative of the Secretary General on antisemitism, anti-Muslim hatred, and all forms of religious intolerance, Council of Europe* (Room 3)
- F4: Design and use of AI tools to counter hate speech, reflections and experiences, *DataPopEU, Textgain, CESIE* (Room 5)
- F5: Systematic oppression against minorities and LGBTI people and the role of civil society in documenting violations and providing support in Belarus and territories of Ukraine temporarily occupied by the Russian Federation, *LGBTQI Centre Prismatic and Gender Stream* (Room 16)
- F6: Analysing and countering anti-Roma narratives, *ERGO Network, Romaversitas and Roma Information Centre Kali Sara* (Room 17)

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18:00 NHSW Track: Reception on invitation of the Monaco Presidency of the Committee of Ministers – Foyer of Committee of Ministers

18:30-20.30 HACKATHON Track Event

Friday, 19 June 2026

8:30 Registration & info desk opens

8: 30 HACKATHON Track: working/hacking sessions + mentor support (Room 7, 10, 11)

9:00 NHSW Track: Thematic sessions NHSW – Block G (90 minutes)

- G1: Remembrance as resistance: Roma history and the fight against hate speech, *Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe* (Room 1)
- G2: Report, respond or ignore: Strategies to deal with online hate attacks while campaigning, *Rutgers and Phillips social media* (Room 2)
- G3: Documenting, analysing and monitoring hate speech targeting minorities and LGBTI persons, *FUEN and LGL* (Room 3)
- G4: Countering disinformation – experiences, resources and tools, *Citizenship Education Foundation, ICEI* (Room 5)
- G5: Young people countering hate speech online – youth work resources, experiences and tools, *National Youth Council of Ireland, Stopp Hatprat and APICE* (Room 6)

- G6: CSOs role in countering online hate speech against LGBTI people, *IGLYO, FELGBTI+, Transfeminiinit ry* (Room 17)

9:00 HACKATHON Track: Selection of four finalist teams per challenge

Democracy Hackathon and No Hate Speech Week closing session – Room 1

10:30 Democracy Hackathon Dragon's Den presentations by four finalists

Moderator: Hugo Espinosa, Kreativdistrikt- hackathon

Hackathon – Grand Finale Dragon's Den -Presentation four projects

11:30 Break (coffee & tea) while the Judges deliberate

12:00 Awards ceremony

Moderators: Liz Alderman and Sally Bailey-Ravet

12:00 Conclusions from the No Hate Speech Week

Marja Ruotanen, Director General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe

12:15 Remark by Judges

PACE, Special Commission on the New Democratic Pact for Europe
Ayisha Piotti, ETH Zurich and RegHorizon

12:40 Closing remarks and announcement on the Hackathon winner

- Alain Berset, Council of Europe's Secretary General

13:00 Lunch reception for No Hate Speech Week & Democracy Hackathon participants – Self-service restaurant (Palais de l'Europe)