

Partnership for Good Governance

Project: Combating hate speech in Ukraine

This project seeks to consolidate the partnership established with institutions in the field of combating hate speech in Ukraine, including the network and co-operation developed during the systemic hate speech mapping process. It will reinforce national remedies against hate speech, continue the work initiated with state institutions to respond to discrimination and hate speech in line with European standards and work with non-state stakeholders and public authorities to use human rights narratives and education to counter hate speech online.

This project is implemented within the third Phase of the joint programme of the European Union and the Council of Europe “Partnership for Good Governance”. It builds on the results of the previous phases of the Partnership for Good Governance in the field of promoting equality and non-discrimination (Phase I 2015-2018 and Phase II 2019-2023).

What are the objectives?

- ▶ To improve co-operation among stakeholders to prevent and combat hate speech in Ukraine, including better protection of vulnerable groups and more accessible redress mechanisms in line with European standards and best practices.

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights;
- ▶ Ministry of Justice, Coordinating Centre for Legal Aid Providing;
- ▶ Ministry of Internal Affairs, National Police;
- ▶ Parliamentarian Committee on Human Rights, National Minorities and Inter-ethnic Relations;
- ▶ State Service for Ethnic Policy and Freedom of Conscience;
- ▶ Office of the Prosecutor General, Prosecutor's Training Center;
- ▶ National School of Judges;
- ▶ National Television and Radio Broadcasting Council;
- ▶ Commission of journalistic ethic of Ukraine;
- ▶ Civil society organisations;
- ▶ General public.

How does the project work?

- ▶ Through a combination of tailored policy/legislative, capacity-building and awareness raising actions.

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ Ukrainian institutions improve co-ordination and quality of data collection regarding hate speech based on common understanding of hate speech.
- ▶ Build capacity of public sector involved in monitoring and redress of hate speech based on ECRI GPR No. 15. and the Recommendation on combatting hate speech CM/Rec(2022)16.

- ▶ Relevant stakeholders (state and non-state actors) build common understanding of hate speech in time of crisis and the role of educational and awareness-raising tools to respond to it.
- ▶ CSO, especially groups targeted by hate speech, are supported to respond using counter narratives and raising awareness activities towards the general public.

What is the budget of the project?

- ▶ The total project budget is EUR 370 000.
- ▶ The overall Programme budget is EUR 19.3 M (80% is co-funded by the European Union and 20% by the Council of Europe).

What is the project duration?

- ▶ The project runs from 1 March 2023 to 31 August 2025.

How to get more information?

- ▶ The Project is implemented by the [No Hate Speech and Co-operation Unit](#), in the Council of Europe's Anti-Discrimination Department (Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, DG II).

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