

How do you currently address hate speech in sport in your country? (I)

- In Germany, too, hate speech is caught between freedom of expression and the norms of criminal law
- There has been an increase in hate speech seen in football (as well as other sports) in the following areas in Germany:
 - In the spectator stands in stadiums (directed at players, referees, fans)
 - On the pitch (from youth football to the Bundesliga)
- There are many preventive and educational projects in Germany
- Projects from local to federal level, led by the football federations, the clubs and the police



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- The national committee of the No Hate Speech Movement in Germany comprises around 50 stakeholders involved in the issue of hate speech
 - The committee aims to strategically network, and generate and transfer knowledge in order to coordinate and illustrate the cross-cutting and interdisciplinary work being done to combat hate speech and incitement
 - Several government stakeholders (including the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth and the Federal Ministry of Justice)
- There are criminal laws to prohibit and prosecute authors of such crimes
 - General Equal Treatment Act (Allgemeines Gleichbehandlungsgesetz, AGG)
 - Network Enforcement Act (Netzwerkdurchsetzungsgesetz, NetzDG)
 - Possible criminal offences under the German Criminal Code (Strafgesetzbuch, StGB):
 - Section 185 (Insult)

Section 111 (Public incitement to commit offences)

Section 186 (Malicious gossip)

Section 130 (Incitement of masses)

- Section 187 (Defamation)
- Section 240 (Coercion)
- Section 241 (Threatening commission of serious criminal offence)





Why did you join this project?

- There is a growing significance of the hate speech phenomenon in criminal law and in society
- When it comes to hate speech, there is a high number of unreported cases that need to be brought to light so that they can be investigated
- International networking and the benefit of the experiences associated with this



What kind of support do you need from the Council of Europe Sport Division?

- Development of specific proposals for effectively combating hate speech
- Improved coordination for combating hate speech