

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

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