

“Aliens not strangers”
International seminar on countering hate – good practices and experience sharing around Europe

Place and date:

European Youth Centre Budapest,
(2nd district) Zivatar u. 1-3.)
Thursday, 27 October 2016

The event is organized within the framework of the EEA NGO Programme in Hungary, by the operator of the programme: Ökotárs, Autonómia, DemNet and Carpathian Foundations in cooperation with the Council of Europe.

The seminar will convene NGO representatives from Hungary and abroad working on countering hate in the broadest sense of the word, and aims to provide a forum to exchange experiences and practices with various approaches, campaigns and actions, in order to help increase their effectiveness in the face of growing xenophobia and exclusion observed in a number of European countries. Thus, the objectives of the workshops will be:

- to present and analyse international good practices combating hate speech and hate crime,
- to identify strengths and weaknesses,
- to share of experience among NGOs and professionals who are active in the field,
- to build partnerships across countries.

Planned agenda:

- 9.30-10.00 Arrival, registration, coffee
- 10.00-10.15 Welcome, opening remarks
Veronika Móra, director, Ökotárs – Hungarian Environmental Partnership Foundation
- 10.15-10.35 Keynote speech: The No Hate Speech Movement of the Council of Europe: its tools and approaches - *Bálint Molnár*, director, European Youth Centre Budapest
- 10.35-10.50 Responding to hate speech in Bulgaria - *Elitsa Markova & Anita Baikusheva*, Open Society Institute Bulgaria
- 10.50-11.10 The Ombudsman’s role, results and challenges in countering hate – *Erzsébet Sándor-Szalay*, Ombudsman for the Rights of National Minorities
- 11.10-11.20 Coffee
- 11.20-13.30 Breakout session I – the use of communication campaigns, monitoring and reporting hate speech, cooperation with the authorities.
Moderated by *Barbara Erős*, DemNet Foundation
Project presentations: *Catalonian Human Rights Institute* –Spain, *Project Poland/Hejstóp* – Poland, *Multi Kulti Collective* - Bulgaria, *Promitheas Research Institute* - Cyprus, *Latvian Centre for Human Rights* – Latvia, *European Wergeland Centre* - Norway, *Ebony African Organization*, *Hope for Children Association* – Hungary
- Analysis of the presentations in small groups
 - Presentation of the groups’ results what works and why
- 13.30-14.30 Lunch break

14.30-16.30 Breakout session II – sensitization and education: bringing various groups together, personal experience and encounters.

Moderated by András Nun, Autonomia Foundation

Project presentations: *Rais Foundation* – Spain, *Humanity in Action* – Poland, *Tolerance Pl@tform* - Bulgaria, *Switch OFF/Online Hate Speech* - Romania, *Foto Fabrika* – Bulgaria, *Icelandic Human Rights Commission* – Iceland, *Uccu Foundation*, *Chance for Children Foundation* – Hungary

- Analysis in small groups and evaluation
- Presentation of the groups' results what works and why

16.30-16.45 Final remarks, closing – Veronika Móra

16.45-17.30 Side event: **award ceremony of the EEA NGO Programme video competition** with the Embassy of Norway

20.20-22.00 The seminar will be followed by an open **Pecha Kucha night of project presentations**, in Toldi Cinema, starting at 20.20 p.m. English translation will be provided.

Friday 28th October – whole day: “The Zone” investigative sensitization game

During the 3-hour game pairs of small groups of participants are tasked to find out how and why the mayor's son went missing. The game is played in the 'Zone' a closed quarter of an imaginary city, where anything can happen, according to the police, as the city's 'undesirables' have been resettled here recently.

Through a solving a series of riddles and tasks, players can hopefully discover the fate of the mayor's son, and at the same time learn a lot about prejudices, intolerance, cooperation and become more sensitive to these in their everyday life, too. The game was developed in cooperation with about a dozen Hungarian NGOs, beneficiaries of the EEA NGO Programme.

International participants can play in a session with English translation provided.