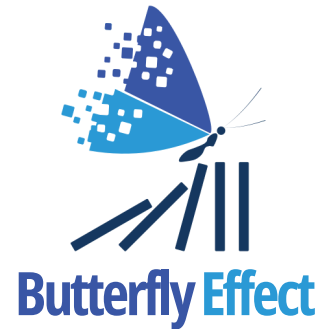




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BUTTERFLY EFFECT

UNITING AGAINST HATE SPEECH,
HATE CRIMES AND DISCRIMINATION
IN EUROPE



BRUSSELS - 30 OCTOBER 2024 - 9.30-17.00

Venue: Mundo Matongé – Rue d'Edimbourg 26, 1050 Brussels

The 'butterfly effect', an allegory of chaos theory, evokes the idea that **a small butterfly flapping its wings could, hypothetically, cause a typhoon**. In our deeply interconnected world, a small event can impact a much larger complex system change. In the same way, even **small everyday gestures and behavioural shifts at all levels can generate big changes** and profoundly influence the fight against hate speech and incidents. This is precisely why **the project "Butterfly Effect - changing attitudes to change the world"** has strengthened the capacities of **young people, educational communities and youth organisations** in 4 European Union countries (Austria, Croatia, Greece and Italy) to prevent and tackle hate incidents and to support affected youth.

The purpose of this **International Conference is to provide a platform, create space and time for dialogue among stakeholders**, focusing on deepening discussions around four key themes in addressing hate speech and racism.

- the **policies, legal and technological dimensions of combating hate speech and racism**, highlighting the role of European and national institutions in countering discrimination;
- **civil society's leadership in mobilising communities** to resist hatred, emphasising grassroots advocacy and collaborative action;
- the **online dimension of hate**, focusing on how data, journalism, and civil society can fight digital extremism and online hate speech;
- **youth activism strategies** to promote inclusion and critical thinking.





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AGENDA

9:30 Registration

10:00 - 10.15 Welcome and Introduction

Alessia Giannoni, Director Italy Europe Department, COSPE

Despina Syrri, Director Symbiosis - Council of Europe School of Political Studies in Greece

10:15-11:15 No place for hate: a Europe united against hatred - Keynote Speech

Federico Faloppa, Coordinator of the Italian network for Countering Hate Speech and hate Phenomena

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12.30 PANEL 1:

Addressing hate speech and racism: policy, legal and technological dimensions

Moderation: Ljubisa Vrencev, Symbiosis-SPS in Greece

Tanja Florath, Policy officer, EU Anti-Racism Commission

Sara Haapalainen, Senior Policy officer, Council of Europe

Daris Lewis, Legal and Policy Officer, Equinet- European Network of Equality Bodies

Discussion Q&A

12:30-13:30 PANEL 2:

Mobilising communities: How civil society leads the fight against hate

Moderation: Munira Mohamud, Dokustelle

Julie Pascoët, Policy and advocacy coordinator, ENAR

Veronica Zaboia, Policy and Campaigns Officer, European Women's Lobby

Sonila Tafili, COSPE

Ali Dönmez, Therapist and teacher of German as a second language

Discussion Q&A



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13:30-14:30 Lunch Break

14:30-15:30 PANEL 3:

Hate in the virtual sphere: how data, journalism, and civil society can combat digital extremism

Moderation: Ivan Novosel, Director of Programs, HRH Zagreb

Ricardo Gutierrez, General Secretary European Federation of Journalists

Selma Muhić, INACH EU level monitoring: experiences from the SafeNet project

Robin Sclafani, Director, CEJI

Discussion Q&A

15:30-16:00 Concluding remarks

Tommaso Chiamparino, Policy Officer Fundamental rights, European Commission

16:00-17:00 Interactive World-Café: Anti-Racism Movement and Youth Activism

Introduction and moderation: ZARA Participants will engage in a dynamic World Café format, with Youth Activists and Anti-Discrimination Ambassadors. The session will explore effective strategies for youth activism, with a focus on combating racism and fostering inclusive communities. Key themes include dreaming of a anti-racist and inclusive future and creating safer spaces. Attendees will have the opportunity to share their ideas and visions for future projects and initiatives aimed at building a more inclusive and anti-racist society.

The conference is organized under the framework of the project
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