

C.O.N.T.A.C.T. Desktop research results Malta

Annex 4. Projects (from 2010)

Project undertaken by	Name of project and dates of implementation	Aim of project	Outcomes of the projects (when relevant)	Website or description uploaded at	Comments / Establishing relevance to C.O.N.T.A.C.T.
People for Change Foundation	Report Racism Malta November 2014-ongoing	Development of a website for reporting hate crime. Following the reporting, the Foundation can direct victims of race-related crime towards the right channels so that appropriate action may be taken, and remedies accessed.	Website for reporting in English, Maltese and French	http://www.reportracism-malta.org/	Report Racism is a project of The People for Change Foundation that tackles the problem of underreporting of racist incidents by means of a racism reporting website.
Aġenzija	No Hate Speech	Development of an online	Awareness raising	http://blog.nohat	The project's primary goal was to combat



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<p>żagħżagħ / Council of Europe (Malta & Europe)</p>	<p>Movement 2012-2014</p>	<p>blog and facebook group(s) with a view to raising awareness regarding online hate speech.</p>	<p>website and dedicated facebook groups for discussing (instances of) hate speech. Even though the project was mainly based online, there have been various awareness raising events organized in different countries, including Malta.</p>	<p>espeechmovement.org/no-hate-speech-movement-in-malta/ https://www.facebook.com/NoHateSpeechMalta/ & https://www.facebook.com/groups/100204806841887/?fref=ts EU campaign: http://nohate.ext.coe.int/The-Campaign</p>	<p>online hate speech, by mobilizing young people and youth organisations to recognise and act against such human rights violation, Although the initial project ran from 2012 to 2014, the website and facebook groups are still up and fully functional so that users are still able to report instances of hate speech and interact with each other.</p>
<p>SOS Malta in partnership with Aġenzija Żgħażagħ</p>	<p>Blogger Training on No Hate Speech in Malta for Young People: Develop ing participant's knowledge, skills and</p>	<p>A training course on developing knowledge skills and attitudes in human rights and supporting participants. The aim was to recognize and act against racism and discrimination in</p>	<p>Training course</p>	<p>http://www.sosmalta.org/nohatespeech http://www.agenziazghazagh.gov.mt/News/470/</p>	<p>This project sought to train active bloggers, human rights activists, and young people in ways of dealing with and combating hate speech and discrimination online.</p>



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	attitudes in human rights. 19-21 September 2014	their online form of expression, whilst also supporting the further promotion of the human rights values of the Council of Europe among young people online.			
The People for Change Foundation	Pledge for Dignity and Against Racism July 2013 - ongoing	Development of a statement against racism to be signed by MPs, members of political parties and eventually MEPs too.	Declaration for MPs and politicians. Declaration for MEPs is also underway, although not yet posted.	http://www.pfcmalta.org/mp-pledge.html	One of the main explicit aims of this pledge is to reduce the amount of discrimination in Malta and limit hate speech and hate crime.
Office of the Refugee Commissioner (REFCOM) via the Mental Health Association Malta (MHA)	Putting integration into perspective: Studying integration efforts of beneficiaries of international protection and identifying areas where special input is needed.	Study of the integration efforts of beneficiaries of international protection and identification of areas where special input is needed in the field of integration.	Series of mini-meetings and a final conference at the end of the project. All the stakeholders that participated in the initial organised by this Office were invited along with other agencies/NGOs and organisations to the final conference.	http://homeaffairs.gov.mt/en/mhas-departments/the-office-of-the-refugee-commissioner/Pages/Refugee.aspx	This project sought to combat discrimination by means of better integration of minorities. It was, however, mainly research-based.



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	2011-2013				
SOS Malta in partnership with the Public Broadcasting Services Ltd and the Institute of Maltese Journalists	Media InterAct Project. 2011 - 2012.	Initiating an avenue for mainstreaming the diversity and integration of third-country nationals (TCNs) within the media in Malta.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One 13-episode lifestyle/culinary TV programme called "Minn Lenti Interkulturali" promoting intercultural exchange through the sharing of culinary experiences and traditions of TCNs and the simultaneous account of their integration experiences in Malta (TVM2 and TVM, January to June 2012) - Issuance of magazine "InterAct - A Portrait of Third-Country Nationals in Malta", dedicated to cultural diversity and integration (distributed in April 2012 with The Times of Malta) - Introduction of a new journalism award category for Malta 	http://sosmalta.org/mediainteract	This project was not directly concerned with combating hate speech and hate crime. The main aim of this project was the promotion of multiculturalism as a means of minimizing discrimination. Its relevance to the C.O.N.T.A.C.T. project can be established on the grounds that the common element across the initiatives planned within the Media InterAct project was the acknowledgement that the media can play an important role in increasing positive awareness of cultures belonging to TCNs living in Malta, as well as facilitating intercultural exchange between people with different cultural backgrounds and society at large.



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			<p>entitled "Promoting Integration and Intercultural Dialogue" featuring as a new element within the Malta Journalism Awards (organised by the Institute of Maltese Journalists)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final multi-stakeholder networking conference (May 2012) with a view to exploring ways of mainstreaming cultural diversity and integration within Maltese media and to talk about the role of the media in facilitating the integration of TCNs in Malta. - Publication of a set of final recommendations regarding media-related initiatives, structures and policies that can better promote and mainstream cultural diversity in the 		
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			media in Malta.		
Malta LGBTQI Rights Movement (MGRM)	Think Before You Speak: Making Life Better For LGBT Youth December 2011	Reduction and prevention of the use of homophobic and transphobic language through various communication initiatives, in an effort to create a more positive environment for LGBTQ teens / youth.	- Distribution of post cards and posters. - Broadcasting of Public Service Announcements raising awareness on homophobic bullying on local television.	http://www.maltagayrights.org/localcampaignsselected.php?title=Think%20Before%20You%20Speak:%20Making%20Life%20Better%20For%20LGBT%20Youth	Think Before you Speak targeted homophobic and transphobic hate speech and bullying, the youth, educators, and the general public. It also raised awareness about the support that exists for victims of such behaviour. MGRM also run a 'Rainbow Support Service' that incorporates a social work service, a youth group for LGBTIQ persons aged between 15 and 25, psychological support, and a legal consultancy service for LGBTIQ people facing discrimination, as well as a National Gay Helpline.
National Commission for the Promotion of Equality (NCPE)	Strengthening Equality Beyond Legislation December 2009-November 2010	- Implementation of further legislation on non-discrimination through awareness raising, training, and research. - Dissemination of information on EU and national policy and legislation in the non-discrimination field.	- Analysis of underreporting of discriminatory incidents, which showed that most people do not report such incidents due lack of knowledge about where to report them, embarrassment or fear of further persecution, lack of faith in authorities or	https://socialdialoguecms.gov.mt/en/NCPE/Pages/Projects_and_Specific_Initiatives/Strengthening_Equality_Beyond_Legislation.aspx	This project investigated issues such as the underreporting of hate crime and discriminatory incidents, as well as issues of multi discrimination and equal treatment. Its focus was on discrimination on the basis of: gender (which was treated horizontally throughout), age, disability, sexual orientation, race and ethnicity, religion/belief.



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			feelings of powerlessness. - Identification of the most effective means to encourage people to report: education, media attention and retraining of staff in several entities.		
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