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## Desktop research results

### Poland

## Annex 2. Projects

Who did the project	Name and dates	Aim of project	Outcomes (when relevant)	Website or description uploaded
<p>The Association INTERKULTURALNI PL with the partnership of The Dialog Pheniben Foundation.</p> <p>The project is financed by EEA Grants (the grant scheme jointly financed by Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway; EEA stands for European Economic Area)</p>	<p>„Hate Speech Alert – against hate speech in public“</p> <p>The time-bracket of the project is from September 2014 to February 2016</p>	<p>Its aim is to prevent using hate speech towards three selected groups that are mostly exposed to hate speech from the side of journalists and politicians. The project consists of several parts:</p> <p>a) the selection of groups exposed to hate speech made in the process of two years media screening;</p> <p>b) the workshops for journalists and political</p>	<p>The project revealed, among others, that the most frequently accepted type of hate speech is that directed towards non-heterosexual persons, Jewes, Muslims and Roma.</p> <p>The expecting results include publishing manuals that are supposed to help politicians and journalists to avoid hate speech in their work (in public</p>	<p>The Association INTERKULTURALNI PL is a non-government organization which acts towards legal system regarding the aspect of co-existing various cultures, cultural education, promoting different cultures in Poland and implementing integration programs (more information on the association’s mission is available at the website</p>

		<p>cabinets;</p> <p>c) the analysis of the press and electronic media publications prepared by Hate Speech Alert voluntary teams;</p> <p>d) social media - educational and conscience raising campaign.</p>	<p>statements), as well as a seminar on hate speech prevention conducted by a project team for a local community in Cracow.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.interkulturalni.pl">www.interkulturalni.pl</a>).</p>
<p>The Stefan Batory Foundation</p>		<p>The project's aim was the overall description of the social mechanisms of hate speech in Poland.</p>	<p>The project revealed the various scale of social consent for hate speech directed towards representatives of different minority groups. It also explored the perception of hate speech by the groups affected, as well as thematic structure of hate speech acts.</p>	<p>The Stefan Batory Foundation was established in 1988 and it is an independent private foundation which undertakes the broad spectrum of activities aiming at improving the quality of Polish democracy, strengthening the role of civic institutions in public life, and developing international cooperation and solidarity (more information on the foundation's activity profile</p>

				is available at the website <a href="http://www.batory.org.pl">www.batory.org.pl</a> ).
The Wrocław Centre of Social Development in cooperation with University of Social Sciences and Humanities – faculty in Wrocław	„Stop hate speech”  2015	The project was aimed at attracting Wrocław citizens’ attention to the problem of hate speech and to people’s indifference to hate speech they encounter in every-day life.	The Wrocław Centre of Social Development published posters that were located in city space, e.g. next to bus shelters.	The Wrocław Centre of Social Development is a municipal institution that carries out the activities from the field of social issues, education, and public health.  The report is available on the Internet in a PDF format [Accessed: 15.12.2015]

#### Other Relevant Events:

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A conference organized by The Observatory of the Freedom of Media in Poland working under the auspices of the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights.	The conference titled „Hate Speech on the Internet. How to fight it?”  The conference took place on 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2012 at Warsaw University.	The impetus for the conference was publicizing an article in “Tygodnik Powszechny” (one of Polish weeklies) in the form of open letter to the Polish Minister of Justice	The panelists of the conference discussed the problem if the existing law is sufficient to address problems caused by internet hate speech, if the prosecutors combat	The House of the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights in Poland is mainly focused on human rights research, education and monitoring

		<p>and the General Prosecutor (July 2012). Its authors called for implementation of provisions imposing legal responsibility for expressing hate speech online. The article aroused a heated debate on the burning need for broadening penal control over hate speech.</p> <p>The goals of the conference were manifold:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to estimate the incidence of hate speech on the Internet,</li> <li>- to determine the reasons that stand behind the phenomenon of online hate speech,</li> <li>- to ascertain means by which you can fight hate speech on the web.</li> </ul>	<p>these hate crimes properly, and if pre-moderation can be a remedy for the hate comments. The final conference conclusion was that the existing provisions of the Criminal Code concerning hate speech do not need any amendments. Instead, what is advisable is more rigorous implementation of the current hate speech provisions by prosecutors and courts.</p>	<p>more information is available on the website: <a href="http://www.humanrightshouse.org/Members/Poland/about_HRH_Poland/index.html">www.humanrightshouse.org/Members/Poland/about_HRH_Poland/index.html</a> ).</p>
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