

PROJECT



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The „CHAD – Countering Hate Speech and Hurtful Speech against Diversity: Roma, LGBTIQ, Jewish and Migrant Communities” project (project nr. 101049309) is funded by the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV) of the DG Justice, European Commission and coordinated by RGDTS Nonprofit LLC in partnership with Haver Informal Educational Foundation, Rainbow Mission Foundation and Political Capital. Views and opinions expressed are however those of the author(s) only and do not necessarily reflect those of the European Union or the European Commission. Neither the European Union nor the granting authority can be held responsible for them.



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CHAD: COUNTERING HATE SPEECH AND HURTFUL SPEECH AGAINST DIVERSITY: ROMA, LGBTIQ, JEWISH AND MIGRANT COMMUNITIES

The CHAD project, running between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2024 aimed at addressing intolerance, racism, xenophobia, homo- and transphobia, and discrimination through building the capacities of civil society organisations and their communities in recognizing, identifying, monitoring, and combating hate speech and hurtful speech online through creating an alliance and communities in Hungary; and bringing the experiences, the gathered knowledge and the results to the European level.

The objectives of the project were to build a strong, capable coalition of migrant, Roma, Jewish and LGBTIQ organisations and communities on national and international level;

address the legal limitations of hate speech and advocate for a most extensive definition; contribute to the disaggregated data collection on hate speech and hurtful speech in Hungary and internationally; create and disseminate counter-narratives available for organisations and individuals to deploy when facing hate- or hurtful speech; create a set of tools and methodologies compiled in a form of a toolkit for monitoring and countering hate speech and hurtful speech; and address the inadequate or missing responses of public bodies, media workers and private companies to hate- and hurtful speech and develop their tools to combat them.

CONSORTIUM

Haver is a non-profit Jewish community organization working in the field of informal education to tackle prejudice, anti-Semitism and intolerance present in today's Hungary. They bring an authentic Jewish voice to high school and university classes, to initiate discussions about topics like Jewish identity, culture, heritage, religion, community, remembrance, and the Holocaust.



Political Capital is a leading policy think tank based in Budapest, committed to the basic values of democracy, and human rights. The institute has a strong international network and a worldwide reputation being widely acknowledged for its research and awareness-raising work on Anti-Semitism, antigypsyism, right-wing extremism and radicalism by both the national and international media and the expert community. Core activities of Political Capital include research on right-wing extremism, radicalisation and its social impacts, prejudices against the Roma and the Jews, projects on debunking conspiracy theories, election research and research on the future of the EU.



CONSORTIUM

Rainbow Mission Foundation/Budapest Pride is a lesbian, gay, bisexual, feminist and anti-racist movement, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) organisation. Our vision is to imagine a world, where lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people do not face systemic and everyday discrimination because of their gender identity and/or sexual orientation; where we can live freely, without fear; where diversity is a value, people accept themselves and each other, recognise the importance of self-awareness and actively contribute to the betterment of their immediate environment and society.



Roma-Gadje Dialogue through Service (RGDTS) works for the empowerment, mobilization, self-organization and participation of Roma youth through volunteering, non-formal education and advocating for Roma youth rights nationally and internationally. Its mission is to create opportunities for non-formal education, dialogue and engagement for Roma youth and young people with fewer opportunities in order to challenge stereotypes and racism.

COORDINATION



COOPERATION

The consortium developed the project's communication and dissemination strategy, and plans for cooperating within and outside the project scope.

MEETINGS

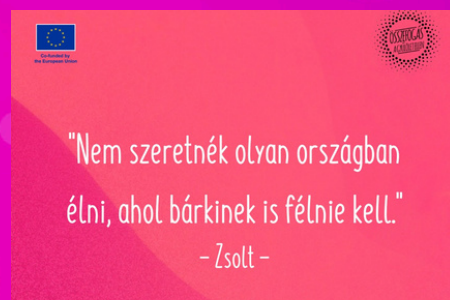
A kick-off, two coordination meetings, a communication strategy workshop and a closing/evaluation meeting were held during the project period.

COMMUNICATION

A dedicated homepage, social media posts, infographics and short videos were created for dissemination purposes.

PUBLICATIONS

An analysis report of the hate speech monitoring process, a toolkit on identifying and countering hate speech and policy recommendations have been published



MONITORING ONLINE HATE SPEECH



We held training events for members of vulnerable communities about the definitions of hate speech and the legal remedies available. Volunteers were trained in monitoring and annotating hate speech online with the help of Artificial Intelligence. Then we monitored online hate speech and hurtful speech with the help of 16 volunteers for 6 months in Hungarian. The results are published [here](#).

HOW DID WE DO IT?



CAPACITY BUILDING OF COMMUNITIES



Participating organisations and communities learned about each other and the effects of prejudice, discrimination and hate speech on different groups.



Journalists, local-level decision makers and civil society organisations were trained to prevent, recognize and combat hate speech with the use of alternative narratives. An international training was held for activists and CSOs from different countries on combatting hate speech online.



A toolkit, consisting of activities to be used with journalists, decision-makers, civil society representatives was published. It is available [here](#).

COUNTER-NARRATIVE CAMPAIGN



A training event was held for members of vulnerable communities to learn about the creation of counter-narratives. Based on the results of this training, a campaign message was developed.



Based on the defined message, reflecting on the commonalities of hate and hurtful speech targeting our communities, an animation video was created, and social media posts were shared widely.

Online and offline actions promoting our narrative included writing a petition to the president of Hungary; getting civil society organisations to join us in this endeavour; visiting summer festivals, a speech at the Budapest Pride March, press releases and public screenings of the animation video.

Workshops were held about the situation, the discrimination, hate speech and their effects on Roma, Jewish, LGBTQ+ and migrant communities for Hungarians and people from abroad, where participants also gained practical tools for combatting and avoiding online hate speech.

POLICY ADVOCACY

An international working group was created which met 10 times online and gravitated more than 60 activists and experts from 17 countries.

A three-day conference was organized in Budapest titled “Hate Speech in Hungary” with 80 participants and 5 panel discussions.

The international conference “Dimensions of Hate” gathered 70 professionals and activists internationally, discussing the legal limitations of hate speech definitions; the use of AI in detecting hate speech, and the effects of hateful communication on minority groups.

A set of recommendations for Hungarian stakeholders was distributed to 70 state institutions, local governments, national minority self-governments, media outlets, church organisations, SCOs, and politicians.

The list of international recommendations were delivered to more than 40 transnational institutions, international and local NGOs and activists.



**Policy
recommendations
for European
stakeholders to
tackle hate speech**





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