

Media Against Hate: how to counter hate speech and manage an online community

Monday 20 – Tuesday 21 November 2017

FNSI – Federazione Nazionale Stampa Italiana,
Corso Vittorio Emanuele II, 349 Rome, Italy

General information

Hate speech is a worrying and complex phenomenon, which has deep cultural and social roots and brings new questions and challenges both to the media producers and to the issue of freedom of expression. Media have a vital role to play in challenging hostility and prejudice, encouraging social solidarity and helping to promote understanding and empathy with others.

COSPE is organising a **workshop** for journalists who want to improve their knowledge and capacity to countering hate speech and sexism and promoting rights of minority groups who are discriminated and targets of hate speech.

25 journalists from EU countries will gather at the event in Rome between **20 – 21 November 2017**.

The event, organised within the Media against Hate project, will consist of a Round Table with 5 speakers (Morning Session 20 Nov.) and a three sessions Workshop on specific topics (afternoon Session 20 Nov and 21 Nov.)

The trainers will focus on the role of journalism in combating and prevent hate speech (against minority groups and women) and on digital media tools and platforms that can be used to support the work of those trying to counter hate speech.

COSPE is one of the partners gathered by the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ) for the project Media Against Hate. Other partners involved in the project are: ARTICLE 19, Community Media Forum Europe (CMFE), Community Media Institute (COMMIT), Croatian Journalists' Association (CJA) and Media Diversity Institute (MDI).

The project is financially supported by the Rights, Equality and Citizenship (REC) Programme of the European Union

Aims and Objectives of the training

To:

- improve the professional skills of journalists in countering hate speech and creating a positive community;
- develop a network of journalists across Europe keen to improve media tools against hate speech

Expected Results

By the end of the workshop the participants are expected to:

- feel confident in responding to the ethical challenges associated with hate speech/freedom of expression;
- have at least a basic understanding of data journalism and its value;
- be aware of the problems and pitfalls associated with hate speech;
- feel confident in managing a community;
- have developed useful contacts and networks to enhance their careers and output

Monday 20 November

09.30 – 13.30 – Round table - Sala Walter Tobagi

Number of participants: 85

09.00 - 09.30 REGISTRATION

09.30 – 09.45 Greetings and introduction (FNSI, Cospe)

Discussants

Paola Barretta (Carta di Roma), Tom Law (EJN), Francesca Fanucci (Article 19), Laura Bononcini (Facebook), Alessandra Mancuso (Cpo Fnsi)

Monday 20 November

14.00 – 18.00 Workshop - Sala Azzurra

Number of participants: 25

How can journalism combat and prevent hate speech?

Trainer **Tom Law – EJN**

20.00 - Group dinner

Tuesday 21 November

09.30 – 12.30 Workshop - Sala Azzurra

Number of participants: 25

Data-journalism against hate speech

Trainer **Matteo Moretti- Free University of Bozen-Bolzano & Dataninja**

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

Tuesday 21 November

13.30 – 16.30 Workshop - Sala Azzurra

Number of participants: 25

How to manage an online community and face the hate speech

Trainer **Valentina Vellucci – Magilla Guerrilla**