European Commission against Racism and Intolerance
Commission européenne contre le racisme et l'intolérance
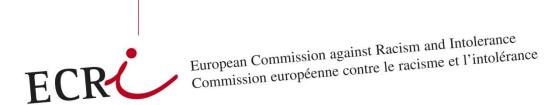
European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)

An independent human rights monitoring body of the Council of Europe in the field of combating racism and intolerance
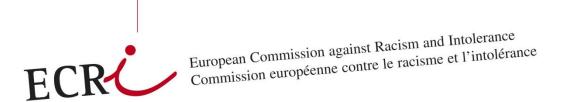
COUNCIL OF EUROPE

CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

- **On ECRI**
- **Combating hatespeech: findings**
- **Remedies**
- **Recommendations**
- **Good practices**

European Commission against Racism and Intolerance
Commission européenne contre le racisme et l'intolérance

- Combating Hate Speech
  ECRI General Policy **Recommendation No.15** - adopted on 8 December 2015 + **Key Topics**

- Combating the dissemination of racist, xenophobic and antisemitic material via the Internet
  ECRI General Policy **Recommendation No.6** - adopted on 15 December 2000

□ ECRI has published several studies on this issue, the most recent being:

- Cyberhate: an issue of continued concern for the Council of Europe's Anti-Racism Commission (2016) - Chara Bakalis

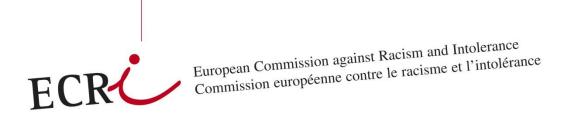COUNCIL OF EUROPE

CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

ECRI's findings

□ Internet: an important vehicle for promoting racism and intolerance

□ Groups of concern: migrants, Roma, visible minorities such as Black people, Jews, Muslims, LGBTI people

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

Remedies

- Raise **public awareness**

- Provide **support for those targeted** by hate speech both individually and collectively

- Provide **support for self-regulation** by public and private institutions (including elected bodies, political parties, educational institutions and cultural and sports organisations)

- **Clarify responsibility under civil and administrative law**

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

Recommendations

- ☐ Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime
- ☐ Regulation regarding the Internet and social media providers
- ☐ Reinforce the civil and administrative law protection against cyber hate speech
- ☐ Counteract the presence of racist expression on the Internet

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

European Commission against Racism and Intolerance
Commission européenne contre le racisme et l'intolérance

Recommendations

- ❏ Co-operate at international level with other states to avoid any legal loopholes

- ❏ National cybercrime units and Police units responsibility for combating hate speech

- ❏ Build up awareness among internet users and motivate internet companies to enforce the existing codes of conduct

- ❏ Task and fund an organisation to monitor proactively the internet for hate speech.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

Good practices

- □ Croatia: 24/7 contact point for cybercrime
- □ Finland: code of ethics for internet providers
- □ France: discussions with Twitter
- □ Germany, Poland: international cooperation concerning overseas servers
- □ Norway: media suppres possibility anonymous comments
- □ Ireland: counterspeech by members of the Irish Government

European Commission against Racism and Intolerance
Commission européenne contre le racisme et l'intolérance

For further information please contact:

Secretariat of ECRI
Directorate General of Democracy
Council of Europe
F - 67075 STRASBOURG Cedex

Website of ECRI: https://www.coe.int/en/web/european-commission-against-racism-and-intolerance

E-mail: **ecri@coe.int**

Web site of the Council of Europe: **www.coe.int**

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE