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COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS



Fighting hate speech online and offline

The [Conference of INGOs](#) and the International League against Racism and Anti-Semitism ([LICRA](#)) are holding a [symposium](#), "No Hate Web. No Hate Speech." The event is bringing together social network specialists, researchers, educators, as well as students from universities, lycées and colleges from Strasbourg and beyond. During the open classes, workshops and round-table meetings they will discuss the forms the hate speech can take, including cyber-bullying and cyber-hate, and how one can confront it.

In parallel with the symposium, a conference on the Council of Europe's [No Hate Speech campaign](#) is taking place at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg. Some 160 youth activists and campaign partners are meeting in Strasbourg to evaluate the work done under the campaign in 2012 – 2015, and to map out the course of the campaign for the next three years.

The decision to enhance and extend the No Hate Speech Campaign was taken by the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers in Brussels on 19 May 2015 as part of [the Plan of Action against violent extremism and radicalization leading to terrorism](#).



New group to monitor violence against women

An important step was taken to deter violence against women the Council of Europe named 10 members to a new monitoring group that will enforce the organization's [unique convention](#) to end violence against women.

The first 15 countries that ratified the convention have just elected 10 independent experts to make up the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence ([GREVIO](#)).

Member states that have ratified the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence ([Istanbul Convention](#)) have set up a committee ([Committee of the Parties](#)) to elect GREVIO members and ensure that GREVIO's future recommendations are followed up.

GREVIO will monitor action taken by governments to implement the Istanbul Convention. GREVIO reports will be published regularly. The group can adopt specific recommendations based on its monitoring. ([more...](#))

EUROPEAN COMMISSION NEWS

Statement by Commissioner on payment of 1 billion euro for the Youth Employment Initiative



The European Commission will make almost 1 billion euro available for the young unemployed. The decision to exceptionally increase the pre-financing in 2015 for projects helping young people in Europe through the Youth Employment Initiative is unprecedented. It shows the urgency that we are facing, and the commitment of the EU to help young people get into work. Member States will now be able to finance projects rapidly, as the amount of pre-financing will be increased 30-fold. ([more...](#))

EUROPEAN YOUTH PORTAL NEWS

European Youth Week 2015 Youth Project Awards announced!



Hundreds of events have been taking part all over Europe as part of European Youth Week 2015.

On the afternoon of the 6th of May, 250 young people, youth workers and policy-makers gathered for the Panel Debate and Youth Projects Awards Ceremony at the Albert Hall in Brussels.

The event started with a stimulating debate amongst high-level politicians and experts about how to work with young people to prevent intolerance and antidemocratic behaviors, with inputs from young people involved in grassroots activism from around Europe. ([more...](#))

Towards collaborative practice - European conference on youth work, social innovation and enterprise



With high levels of youth unemployment in Europe entrepreneurship is increasingly proposed to young people as an alternative way to realize their potential.

A wide range of skills are seen as entrepreneurial and useful to entrepreneurs. They can ensure a better transition from education to the labor market for young people, improving their employability and giving them more chances to find or create the jobs to which they aspire. ([more...](#))