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**Anti-Semitism,
Islamophobia,
online hate speech
increased in 2014**

The [annual report](#) of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), identifies dramatic increases in anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, online hate speech and xenophobic political discourse as main trends in 2014.

Across Europe, openness and tolerance are giving way to anger and blame, at a time when profound economic uncertainty hangs over the continent. Europeans should know from our history that the combination of growing prejudice and economic instability is a recipe for disaster.

Governments across Europe must intervene decisively to tackle discrimination and promote understanding and respect.

The Secretary General joins ECRI in encouraging member states to use Council of Europe tools that counter all forms of racism and intolerance. He called on member states to ratify the Council of Europe's Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime criminalising racist and xenophobic acts committed online and Protocol No. 12 to the European Convention on Human Rights, which prohibits discrimination in general.

- [ECRI website](#)

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Youth Guarantee

On [United Nations](#) International Youth Day, youth unemployment is unfortunately still too high in many parts of Europe. The EU is trying to get younger people back into work and provide more opportunities for them.

One of those initiatives is the Youth Guarantee. Read more about it in your country:

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1161&langId=en>

NGO's REVIEW



**The Erasmus Student
Network**

The Erasmus Student Network consists of 280 sections in 32 European countries as well as in Azerbaijan. New technology has tremendously improved collaboration between sections and frequent meetings strengthen the ties between ESN members as well as serve the possibility to exchange ideas and work together for a better future.

The Erasmus Student Network offers information and support to young people studying at a university in another country. Check this out to see why going abroad is well worth doing!

<http://esn.org/why-study-abroad>

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What is the EYE?

The European Youth Event (EYE) will take place in the European Parliament seat in Strasbourg from 20-21 May 2016. It is a unique opportunity for thousands of young Europeans to make their voices heard.

During the event, they will exchange ideas and perspectives on youth-related issues, develop innovative solutions to crucial questions for the future and meet with European decision-makers and speakers with a wide range of professional experience.

At the same time the EYE will provide an opportunity to experience the rich cultural diversity within the European Union through the staging of various artistic performances and spectacles.

As follow-up, a report with the ideas discussed during the event will be made available to all Members of the European Parliament. As well, former EYE participants will have the opportunity to present the most concrete ideas produced by young people to a number of parliamentary committees and receive feedbacks from Members.