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PRESENTATION GENHA PROJECT

“HATE SPEECH, GENDER, SOCIAL NETWORKS AND POLITICAL PARTIES” (GENHA) is an European project (Reference: 875388) coordinated by Antigona Group, research group from Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), Spain. The duration of the GENHA project is 2 years since 01/02/2020 (starting date of the project).

THE OBJECTIVES

The **general objective** of the project is to identify and analyse how the hate speech against the ‘ideology of gender’ has been appropriated by extreme right political parties in Europe using the social networks and internet. It also aims to propose which type of legal and public policies the Member States and the European Union can implement to protect the human rights at stake.

The **specific objectives** are:

1. To map where, when and how the extreme right political parties use the hate speech against gender theories through the social networks in the participating countries;
2. To analyse the content of this hate speech against gender theories and its political use and justification;
3. To identify the national and European legal frameworks to address this type of hate speech;
4. To identify and analyse the European and national case law dealing with these cases;
5. To identify and study possible self regulations and norms of the social networks where these hate speeches take place;
6. To propose legal interventions and public policies to address this type of hate speech



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PARTICIPANTS

The Partners' organisations in the project are:

1. **Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Antigona Research Group (UAB)** (coordinator) - Spain;
2. **Közep-Európai Egyetem, Center for Policy Studies (CEU – CPS)** - Hungary;
3. **Univeritat Erfurt (UE)** - Germany;
4. **Università di Bologna, Department of Sociology and Business Law (CIRViS-SDE) (UNIBO)** - Italy;
5. **Göteborgs Universitet, Department of Law (UGOT)** - Sweden.

UAB (Spain)

Antigona is a research group under the Faculty of Law, Department of Political Science and Public Law at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), dedicated to the research on law and society from a gender perspective. It was founded in 2000 and it carries out research and teaching on law and gender, feminist jurisprudence, trafficking in human beings, forced marriages, bioethics, sexual and reproductive rights, violence against women, Criminal System and gender, women's access to justice, gender equality policies and sexual harassment.

CEU – CPS (Hungary)

The Center for Policy Studies was established in 2000 to advance teaching of public policy in the CEE and CIS region and, secondly, to promote greater use of social science research in policy making. CPS served as the institutional home of the initial master program in policy studies at CEU and has become a university research center that combines teaching, research and occasionally acting as a university-based think tank managing topical platforms, social policy monitoring, and providing academic research support to policy innovations. CPS research is especially focused on cross cutting themes such as equality and social justice, territorial development and social cohesion, governance and policy actors.

UE (Germany)

The Department of Media and Communication Studies, Comparative Analysis of Media





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Systems and Communication Cultures; Media Integration; Social Communication; Empirical Communication Research and Methods, within the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Erfurt, combine the research and teaching from a critical perspective on social networks, mass media, internet and gender. It has experience in specific methodologies to study on-line user's behaviours.

UNIBO (Italy)

CIRViS-SDE is a recognized research group of the University of Bologna. It includes professors and researchers from different fields of expertise: criminology, victimology, psychology, sciences of education, forensic medicine. The CIRViS has organized master programs dealing with urban security and victimization issues and has been involved in victim support officers' formation.

UGOT (Sweden)

The Department of Law is part of the School of Business, Economics and Law at the University of Gothenburg. Legal education and research have been conducted in Gothenburg since the School was founded in 1923. The Swedish team is mainly concentrated on legal philosophy and theory, particularly in the field feminist/gender legal studies, gender equality law and policy, and freedom of speech. They also do research in the fields of ageing and capability, gender equality in the Arctic as well as Studies of Academic Knowledge in Law.

The partners were selected because of their expertise in European projects, the previous work developed jointly in an others European projects (concretely with CEU-CPS in Hungary and UNIBO in Italy). It was also the result of sharing common interests and concerns on the fields of violence against women, LGTBI and theories of gender.

The multidisciplinary of this consortium will provide a deeper and more complex approach to the chosen topic. The consortium includes diverse areas of knowledge: Law (Spain and Sweden), Criminology (Sweden and Italy) Political science (Hungary), Communication (Germany) and Sociology (Italy).