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THE STATE OF THE ART REPORT

The different teams of the GENHA project partners (from Germany, Hungary, Italy, Spain, and Sweden) have identified the main existing literature on hate speech, political parties and anti gender violence taking place in internet and social networks.

The final version of the integrated report on the state of the art will be discussed and agreed by all participating partners in mid September 2020 and published on the GENHA webpage.

The review of the literature suggests that there are two main ways to address hate speech in general, first the criminalization of these behaviors to build a common social stigma on it, and second, the intervention through school/higher education programs designed to promote respect and tolerance.

Some investigations involve young people and university students, even if it should not be limited the problem as something linked to the age or gender.

COMPARATIVE LEGAL FRAMEWORK APPLICABLE TO ANTI GENDER HATE SPEECH AND MOST IMPORTANT CASE LAW

The participating partners have just concluded an analysis of the existing legal frameworks applicable to anti gender hate speech at national level. The identified laws and public policies do not have to be necessarily directly related to anti gender hate speech, since even hate crimes do not exist in all participating countries, and there is not a common definition of hate speech, and even less, anti gender hate speech around Europe. However, the partners have identified all existing legal tools that can be applied in a case of anti gender speech, such as gender equality legislation, non discrimination against LGBTI population, freedom of expression legal guarantee and limits, mass media regulations, and any legislation on hate crimes and hate speech.

Parallel to this analysis, the GENHA partners have collected and analysed the most important case law at national level dealing with anti gender hate speech, hate speech and internet and social networks and hate speech and political parties.

By mid October, the partners would meet virtually to discuss and common and



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comparative report on the existing legal frameworks and national and European level, together with the most important conclusions on the case law analysis.

DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES OF THE PROJECT

The dissemination activities and strategy of the GENHA project has been obviously affected by the worldwide Covid19 pandemic. Unfortunately the partners have not been able to participate in any conference or academic meeting to discuss and share the ongoing research.

Moreover, in some cases, the closure of the universities and the restrictions in access to libraries and other resources have become an important obstacle to the project implementation.

Nevertheless, it is foreseen to start the elaboration and publication of different academic articles, once the final reports on the state of the art, and comparative legal frameworks are finalized in autumn 2020.

On top of that, the preparation on the next phases of the project, where empirical research would be conducted on internet, may imply the establishment of different alliances with other public authorities, police units and stakeholders in each country.

The expected GENHA meeting to be taken place in October 2020 in Budapest would take place virtually. And two more on line meetings are scheduled in September and November 2020. Still, a normal meeting is still planned to take place at the beginning of the year 2021, as soon as the sanitary situation in Europe permit it.

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