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FINAL PROJECT'S MEETING AND RESULTS OF THE WP3

First of all, the final project's meeting to be held in Bologna took place virtually due to mobility restrictions of the pandemic situation.

During this meeting, there was the opportunity to share some of the main outcomes, conclusions and experiences of the WP3.

It was interesting to confirm how the partners shared common pattern in their research of the political parties and their anti-gender discourses. Also, the partners pointed out the challenges and future research lines regarding anti-gender hate speech, social networks and political parties.

WORK PACKAGE 4

The main events of this work package were the workshops and the legal and non-legal proposals arising from the partners' work and discussed with experts during the national workshops.

During this phase of the research it was confirmed how important is data protection legislation in Europe. It was also stated that in some cases the law does not march with real cases. Or moreover, the fact that in some cases the law tends to protect the wrongdoers rather than the potential victims, as for example the case of hate speech in Sweden.

WORKSHOPS

The aim of these workshops to take place at national level was to see how political parties are developing their anti-gender discourse on social networks and the link to hate speech and possibilities of intervention and prevention.



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For that reason, each participating team organized one workshop at national level (in some cases it was organized virtually, in some other cases 100% presencial, and in some cases in an hybrid format). They invited experts from the academia, NGO's, public authorities and civil society groups, to reflect together with their opinions and the partial outcomes of the project.

At the same time the workshops not only served to learn the real situation in society about anti-gender hate speech, but also to counterbalance the arguments and strategies to propose legal and non-legal strategies. All of them, in order to prevent anti-gender hate speech in social networks.

LEGAL AND NON-LEGAL PROPOSAL

In this part of the research, each participating team analyzed their own national legislation and non-legal tools in order to feed a big report to be drafted by the Swedish team.

In this field, each country team proposed new legislation or, legal tools, in order to adapt it to their system.

At the same time, non-legal responses also serve as tools to combat online hate speech outside of the legal system.

FINAL CONFERENCE

Due to the high peaks of Covid infections across Europe in December 2021 and January 2022, the project's final conference had to be held online. Despite that, the project partners have adapted to these adversities and carried out the last conference.

The conference was divided into three panels and topics.



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The first one was about anti-gender hate speech in populist right-wing social media communication, where the Spanish, Hungarian and German teams participated, commenting on the methodology and results of Wp3.

The second panel was in charge of the Swedish and Spanish teams. They talked about the legal and public policy proposal to prevent and combat anti-gender hate speech. They presented some results regarding the self-regulation, legal, and non-legal recommendations about online anti-gender hate speech.

Finally, a "European Union Strategy on anti-gender hate speech" panel was formed by Dr. Judit Bayer from the University of Munster; Dr. Natalie Alkiviadou from the think tank Justitia; and Dr. Josep Cañabate, Professor at the Autonomous University of Barcelona. They talked about the European experience in recent years and the challenges facing the European Union on anti-gender hate speech.

END OF THE PROJECT

These two years of the pandemic were not easy. However, each partner tried to carry the work forward with great responsibility. The horizon of knowledge has been widening month by month. And new questions have been opened. And the good thing was, the results have been expected. All public results of the project are available on the web page of the project: <http://genha.eu>.

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