



NEWLY ESTABLISHED WORKING GROUP ON HATE CRIMES

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ABOUT THE WORKING GROUP

This annual conference provides a perfect opportunity to the members of the Research Group “Social Prerequisites for the Effective Fight Against Bias-Motivated Crimes Through Criminal Law and Minority Rights Protection” (SPECTRA) to establish a specific ESC Working Group dealing specifically with hate crimes.

THE ESC WORKING GROUP ON HATE CRIMES WILL

- ››› explore the different state responses to hate crimes in the various jurisdictions represented in the Working Group. Ideally, **a map of legislative instruments** will be drawn enabling a comparative analysis;
- ››› explore the **case-law** with regard to hate crimes, and the difficulties that arise when enforcing hate crime legislation;
- ››› try to explore the **reasons behind the discrepancy** between official statistical data related to hate crimes and victimization data from surveys conducted amongst potential victims in various countries;
- ››› search for **good practices** in drafting hate crime laws and also in applying the respective legal provisions.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- ››› Continuous **information and knowledge sharing** among the members of the Working Group on the most important developments in relation to hate crimes, whether it be relevant legislation, judicial decisions, academic publications or research reports, data and statistics, or any other relevant on-line or off-line materials
- ››› Facilitating **communication between European researchers** on hate crimes
- ››› Stimulating **permanent discussion on hate crimes** in order to keep the issue on the agenda; influencing the decisions of stakeholders via professional publications, credible and reliable scientific research and professional contribution to the European and national decision-making processes
- ››› Exchanging **experience with empirical research** in the field of hate crimes; determining potential future research projects and research directions, developing collaborative opportunities to establish research teams and working closely with the members to better use of existing synergies
- ››› Continuous **publication and dissemination activity**
- ››› Organizing **thematic conferences, workshops and sessions** during the annual ESC conferences and beyond

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