Open Code for Hate-free Communication



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WHEN: 14 - 16 February 2021 | WHERE: Online

HOW: Register until 10th of February at register@activewatch.ro

While gender equality is a key pillar of human rights, sexism and gender stereotypes have steadily grown throughout Europe and beyond in the last years. In terms of the legal status of women as equal citizens, progress has surely been made throughout the last decades, but unfortunately actual gender equality is still an objective that is far from fruition. The COVID-19 pandemic has especially made this abundantly clear with gender based violence increasing across the world.

We believe gender equality means equal rights for women and men in all spheres of public and private life. This is a value we strongly uphold in the organisations that are part of the pan-European Op:Code project. Therefore, for our project's second international conference we wish to dig deeper into the different forms of gender based hate speech, its prominence and its effects, as well as methods for combating this type of hate speech. This is a crucial topic in the current context as sexism and gender stereotypes often lead to a spill-over effect through which violence against women is normalised and even justified.











## 14 FEBRUARY - Day One

5:00 COMEDY HOUR with Matej Makovicky

## 15 FEBRUARY - Day Two

2:00 - 2:15 INTRODUCTIONS

2:15 - 2:50 KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Maria Bjarnadottir

Dr. Maria Bjarnadottir - Chair of The Expert Committee on Combating Hate Speech, CoE

2:50 - 3:00 BREAK

3:00 - 3:55 PANEL: Understanding gender-based hate speech

**Selma Muhic** - INACH board member **Carmen Gheorghe** - founder of E-Romnja **Ionut Codreanu** - Head of Research, ActiveWatch

3:55 - 4:00 BREAK

4:00 - 5:00 BREAKOUT ROOM: Local culture and gender-based hate speech: case

studies on Poland and Romania

**Dr Anna Tatar** - Never Again Association

**Centrul Filia (TBC)** 

4:00 - 5:00 BREAKOUT ROOM - Local culture and gender-based hate speech: case

studies on Estonia and Portugal

**Kadi Viik** - expert in gender equality, Feministeerium: **Carla Calado** - The Aga Khan Foundation Portugal

5:00 - 5:10 DISCUSSION SUM-UP

## 16 FEBRUARY - Day Three

2:00 - 2:10 INTRODUCTIONS

2:10 - 2:40 KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Irina Olkhovka (TBC), Luminita Popescu (TBC)

Irina Olkhovka - Gender activist

Luminita Popescu - State Secretary, ANES

2:40 - 3:40 PANEL: Gender based-hate speech from a cross-sectorial perspective:

common ground but different challenges

Tamas Berecz - Head of Research and Analysis, INACH

**Camille Petit** - Communications & Project Officer, European Federation of Journalists **Katrin Nyman-Metcalf** - adjunct professor of Communications Law at Tallinn University of

Technology.

3:40 - 3:45 BREAK

3:45 - 4:15 WEBINAR on the OpCode Hackathon

Simona Šintalová - DigiQ

3:15 - 3:30 BREAK

4:30 - 5:30 PANEL: Countering gender-based hate speech

**Carolina Lasen Diaz** - Member of the Gender Equality Division at CoE **Uljana Ponomarjova** - Estonian Equal Treatment Network, Coordinator

Sonia Conde - Movimiento contra la Intolerancia