

# A toolkit for the defense of human rights



Although human rights are a prerequisite for freedom, for respect to our dignity, and for enjoying equal opportunities, we tend to view them as an irrelevant, far-away, almost alien, concept. Yet, they are inextricably linked with our daily lives and the quality of our life by providing us with safety and justice.

Through the activities of the EEA Grants NGO Fund Programme "[We are all Citizens](#)", which is financed by Iceland, Lichtenstein and Norway, we have developed a rich toolkit for the protection and promotion of human rights that includes publications, translations, videos, exhibitions, talks-discussions, and other activities. This toolkit is addressed to those interested in learning more about human rights, but NGO staff members and those involved in formal and non-formal education might also find it particularly useful.

Get to know more and benefit the way you want!

## PUBLICATIONS – TRANSLATIONS

### **“Bookmarks” – a manual of the Council of Europe for combating hate speech through human rights education**

It is primarily addressed to those involved in formal and non-formal education. It has been designed for children and youth aged 13 to 18, but its activities can be adapted to other age ranges and other profiles of learners. It is useful for addressing hate speech online and offline. “Bookmarks” has been approved by the Ministry of Education, Research and Religion for use in primary and secondary education schools in Greece.

Download the manual “Bookmarks” in [English](#) and [Greek](#).

For more information, click [here](#).

### **“Mirrors” – a manual of the Council of Europe for combating antigypsyism through human rights education**

It is primarily addressed to those involved in formal and non-formal education. It has been designed for children and youth of all ages. It is based on the approach that antigypsyism is a human rights issue. “Mirrors” is useful for activities with Roma, non-Roma and mixed groups.

Download the manual “Mirrors” in [English](#) and [Greek](#).

For more information, click [here](#).

### **Code of Good Practice for Civil Participation in the Decision-Making Process**

It is addressed to public authorities and organised civil society, including NGOs, to whom it provides a series of good practices. It is non-binding, does not set rules and involves no enforcement mechanisms. It provides those involved in democratic procedures with guidelines that are based on concrete experience with dialogue and collaboration between NGOs and public authorities.

Download the [“Code of Good Practice for Civil Participation in the Decision-Making Process”](#) in Greek.

For more information, click [here](#).

### **A manual for gender mainstreaming in the activities of the NGOs**

It is primarily addressed to those active in civil society organisations, be they official entities or collectivities, but provides general information and can be put to general use as well. It refers to gender mainstreaming both in the internal operations and organisational procedures of civil society organisations, and in their programmes and projects. It is designed according to the principle that gender equality is a human rights issue. Forthcoming as an e-book in 2017 in Greek and English.

## AUDIOVISUAL MATERIAL

### ROMA & HUMAN RIGHTS

#### **DOSTA! campaign of the Council of Europe for combating discrimination against Roma people**

The videos of the campaign of the Council of Europe for combating discrimination against the Roma DOSTA! are now available in Greek. Watch them and learn more or use them in information and awareness-raising activities.

Watch the videos:

[Prejudice against the Roma community](#)

[Roma prejudice: education](#)

[Roma prejudice: employment](#)

For more information, click [here](#).

#### **Photography exhibition “Where, oh where are the Roma?”**

The exhibition “Where, oh where are the Roma?” aims to show the conditions that make up social exclusion as experienced by the Roma, and invites us to put ourselves in the shoes of the people depicted in the pictures. What would we do without running water in our houses? Where would our child study, if we were unable to provide suitable space at home? How patient would we need to be, if we continually heard negative comments about our origin? For the Roma, as in the case of other marginalised social groups, social exclusion is not a matter of choice – it is a deadlock. It’s time for a rethink! Is there really no way out of this deadlock? What do we need to do to see meaningful positive change? Above all, this exhibition invites us to think about how visible are the Roma for us, how much we know or think we know about them and to try, from now on, to “see” them more often and more clearly.

Make a virtual tour of the [e-book](#) of this exhibition.

For organising the exhibition in a suitable venue, you may contact Ms Artemis Papatheodorou ([artemis@bodossaki.gr](mailto:artemis@bodossaki.gr))

For more information, click [here](#).

### HATE SPEECH & HUMAN RIGHTS

#### **The video of the “No Hate Speech Movement” campaign with Greek subtitles**

The “No Hate Speech Movement” campaign against hate speech of the Council of Europe is an initiative for combating hate speech, racism and discrimination online, which was launched in 2012 and puts emphasis on human rights education.

The main campaign of the Council of Europe runs in parallel with various national campaigns, which are organised by partners, supporters and activists in 40 countries, including Greece.

Watch the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T0911M0R86k>

## **Discussions on hate speech**

### ***“Say No to Hate, Yes to Dialogue!”***

The discussions were organised in the context of the “No Hate Speech Movement” campaign of the Council of Europe with many speakers from civil society and beyond. The videos of the discussions are available on “Blod”, an online platform by Bodossaki Foundation. Watch them to learn more or use them in information and awareness-raising activities.

Watch the discussions:

[What is hate speech?](#)

[Homophobia and hate speech](#)

[Xenophobia and hate speech](#)

[Islamophobia and hate speech](#)

## **BlogMarks – a seminar on hate speech online**

In the context of the seminar “BlogMarks” for combating hate speech online through human rights education, specialists from Greece and abroad shed light on the various aspects of hate speech. For the presentations made in English simultaneous translation into Greek is available. Watch the videos and learn more or use them in information and awareness-raising activities.

Watch the videos of the presentations:

[Hate speech and the internet](#) – Vassilis Papakostas, Hellenic Police

[Presentation of the representative of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs](#) – Tita Kaisari

[Presentation of the representative of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe \(via Skype\)](#) – Menno Ettema

[Good practices and tools regarding prevention of hate speech and hate crime](#) – Illes Marton, the EEA/Norwegian NGO Fund, Hungary

[Presentation of the Deputy Director of the European Wergeland Centre](#) – Lars Gudmundson

[We combat hate speech by using the internet responsibly, ethically and with a critical mind](#) – Veronica Samara

[Promoting the “No Hate” campaign to youth](#) – Dimitris Makristathis, YouthNet Hellas

## A quiz on hate speech and human rights

This is a quiz on hate speech and human rights that was created in the context of the “No Hate Speech Movement” campaign of the Council of Europe. The questions are based on the manuals of the Council of Europe “Bookmarks” and “Mirrors”.

How much do you know about hate speech and human rights? Answer the questions of the [quiz](#) and learn more.

And much more...

One can find interesting and useful material that has been made available thanks to numerous projects of this Programme. Discover other manuals by the Council of Europe, guidebooks on human rights by NGOs, even comics on democracy. Find out more on the “publications” page of the “We are all Citizens” Programme for material in [Greek](#) and [English](#).



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