

WORKING METHODOLOGY

- NETWORK LIVING TOGETHER AGAINST RACISM AND XENOPHOBIA IN EUROPE -



1. DOCUMENT APPROACH.

The respect and pluralism are the bases of democratic societies, built on the diversity that enriches and blend them. It is proposed to generate and promote a European discourse of tolerance that based on the generation of a rationale for harmony and respect, and on building European citizenship estranged from any kind of racism, xenophobia and other related forms of intolerance.

In this context, the creation of a Transnational Network “Living Together” against racism and xenophobia, constitute a great value, not only due to its contribution to the discourse against racism, but also for its vocation of generating exchange of information and actions among different institutions that are working at European level. This Network pretends to create a group of institutions along Europe that alert, facing the generation of new racist and xenophobic discourses and actions to create an alternative discourse against all forms of hate speech or intolerance attitudes; all this based in its adhesion to the Decalogue generated in the framework of the Living Together Project, constituting an early warning system.

2. CONSTITUTION OF A NETWORK AGAINST RACISM AND XENOPHOBIA IN EUROPE

2.1. DEFINITION OF NETWORK AIMS AND SCOPE.

2.1.1. General aim.

The Network aims to be a mechanism of surveillance and reaction behind new racist discourses made in different fields at European level; it gives answer to a concrete need: coordination, follow up and knowledge of the European organisations, fostering its actions. To that end it has been developed a virtual area, of common access and use, in which the organisations member of the Network will notify the alerts on detected racist discourses and the respective reactions, through a standard form. The web page where to communicate those alerts will be: www.oberaxe.es.

The final aim of the Network is to depict and contextualise racist discourses that, besides provoke hate and violence, reject the International standards of Human Rights, as well as to promote the awareness raising made by Network members. All through the knowledge of discourses that are made at European level by all organisations members of the Network.

2.1.2. Specific aims.

1. To release the elaborated Decalogue for fighting against racism and xenophobia and other related forms of intolerance, as well as to promote the adhesion to it by European organisations.

2. To develop the synergies among organisations and institutions that work against racism, xenophobia and any other way of intolerance at European level, favouring its capacity of reaction behind these discourses, based on a bigger knowledge of them.
3. To develop the knowledge among European organisations, with the aim of identifying and carry out a systematic follow up of racist or any other intolerant discourses.
4. To create a system of information collection through the web page, on racist and xenophobic discourses or other forms of hate speech.
5. It is proposed to increase the capacity of awareness raising against racism and xenophobia by institutions member of the Network, through a bigger knowledge of the different discourses disseminated at European level.

2.2. FOLLOWING UP RACIST AND XENOPHOBIC DISCOURSES.

The racist discourses will be classified by fields, origin and format through it has been done:

Discourse description	Resume of the discourse/ identified idea
Discourse field	General, employment, education, public services, housing, fundamental rights, leisure, etc...
Origin	Organisation, party, institution, individual people that generate or distribute it.
Source of the discourse dissemination:	Written dissemination, oral dissemination, mass media (TV, radio, newspaper..), Internet

2.3. DEFINITION OF THE WORKING METHODOLOGY.

2.3.1. Network working procedures.

Each member organisation will be responsible of the collection, compilation and organisation of information content, material produced and the uploading on the on line data base. The uploaded documents will show the informant institution, the country where the discourse has been produced and the field in which it has been produced. The Spanish Observatory on Racism and Xenophobia (OBERAXE) will validate the form for communicating the discourses attached by the organisation, and later on it will be uploaded in the file of new entries.

The criteria to be followed for racist discourses will be:

- Merely to describe the discourse/concept, without any assessments. This will be done in English and in the standard format, for allowing its understanding by all members.
- The institution that will publish the discourse will be identified, as well as its based country.

- The issuer of the discourse will be identified, without including personal or sensitive data.
- Each organisation will communicate the discourses in the country where it is based.
- If the discourse has provoked reactions, it could be described, as well as its origin and dissemination.

2.3.2. Coordination of the Network.

OBERAXE, as coordinating organisation of the project Living Together, will facilitate the cooperation and coordination among different agents. Its role will be:

- To coordinate the Network and promote the participation of the Network members.
- To disseminate its existence and duties in forums, events, etc...
- To elaborate the annual periodic report that will document and resume different information uploaded in the Network on line data base, as well as its reactions.
- To register new members that will be adhered to the Network.
- To validate new alerts that members upload to the Network.

2.3.3. Roles of partners.

- To disseminate the Living Together Decalogue and promote the adhesion to it.
- To disseminate the existence of the Living Together Network and promote the adhesion to it.
- To communicate and upload discourses known, including a brief description of them in English.

2.3.4. Dissemination.

The transnational Network will count with the following dissemination and communication moments:

- The first public presentation of the Network that has been done during the Living Together Project Final Conference that took place in Madrid on May 27th and 28th 2010.
- Design and elaboration of a specific banner related to the Network (linked to the web page) available for each Network member organisation for including it in its respective web pages.
- Generation of three electronic bulletins with main news related to the Network and project, during the Network starting up phase.

ANNEX. FIELD TO THE FILLED IN WHEN DETECTING RACIST AND XENOPHOBIC DISCOURSES.

The fields to be filled in by Network members once detecting racist and xenophobic discourses in their working area, will be the following:

1. Data of the organisation that communicates the alert.		
Organization		
Country / Region		
Data		
2. Details of the discourse.		
Description of the identified discourse		
Discourse field	General, employment, education, public services, housing, fundamental rights, etc...	
Origin	Private organisation (association, foundation, NGO, company etc...)	
	Public organisation	
	Mass media	
	Trade union	
	Business organisation	
	Political party	
	Individual person with relevance	
	Other (text to be added)	
Source of discourse dissemination		
	Written dissemination	
	Oral dissemination	
	Mass media (TV, radio, newspapers)	
	Internet	
	Other (text to be added)	
Is there a proof/template attached?	Yes / no	
Description of the proof attached:		