

## **SHORT DESCRIPTION OF 2015 ACTIVITIES**

Throughout 2015 “ANTIGONE – Information and Documentation Centre on Racism, Ecology, Peace and Non-Violence”:

- 1.prepared research reports for LEGALNET and the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRANET)
- 2.participated in and coordinated European and national programmes
- 3.organised, participated in and carried out voluntary activities

### **1.1. LEGALNET – European Network of legal experts on gender equality and non-discrimination**

LEGALNET is the European Network of Legal Experts on Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination, established in 2004 following an EU initiative implementing the Action Plan against racism. The actions of the programme included the specialised monitoring of all institutional developments on a legislative and jurisprudential level. Researches, surveys and studies on the application of the principle of equal treatment amongst EU Member-states, in accordance to Directives 43/2000 and 78/2000, were also developed within the programme’s framework. Since 2010, ANTIGONE has been chosen three consecutive times to participate on behalf of Greece in the aforementioned Network, carrying out annually a series of scientific studies following the request of the European Commission.

Deliverables of the first 2015 semester (January 2015- June 2015):

- I. Annual Report on the application of the non-discrimination Directives in Greece
- II. Summary Reports:
  - a) Study for the Ombudsman’s special annual report on discrimination
  - b) Report on the unconstitutional reduction of the minimum wage
  - c) Report on unequal treatment related to the reference to mental disability in the call for enrollment to the Professional Schools of a public organisation
  - d) Study for the recent ECRI report (European Commission of the Council of Europe against Racism and Intolerance) on racial discrimination in Greece
  - e) Discriminatory removal of a person from the registry of a public organisation on the promotion of employment
- III. Thematic Studies:
  - a) Thematic Report on the obligations in relation to the Reasonable Accommodation and Access to Employment – 2015
  - b) Thematic Report on the Law on Disability in non-employment sectors, with added

emphasis on Reasonable Accommodation.

## **1.2. FRANET**

FRANET, through its various researches and studies on human rights issues, contributes to the supply of documented and independent opinions to all EU members on these issues. The main objective of FRANET is to ensure the full respect of fundamental rights within the EU. Moreover, based on human rights information collected through appropriate research tools and relative specialisation of the national focal points, the Agency issues recommendations and opinions on how the institutional EU organs and the Member-states can in practice ensure the respect of human rights during the legislative and policy-making application procedures.

ANTIGONE deliverables within the first 2015 semester:

From January 2015 to May 2015, ANTIGONE, in collaboration with the Centre of European Constitutional Law, compiled a scientific report on *“the right to translation and interpretation and the right to information within the criminal procedure framework in the EU”*.

## **2.1. Projects carried out and finalised by ANTIGONE in 2015**

**Youth Is Tolerance:** “Youth is Tolerance” is a project aimed at combating racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism, emphasising particularly on discrimination against the Roma, such as that expressed amongst youngsters. The programme is carried out in Bulgaria and Romania, where the Roma constitute a large minority, as well as in Greece and Hungary, where they represent a small yet important percentage of the population. The main objective of “Youth is Tolerance” is the acceptance of diversity through a change of attitude and the elimination of stereotypes expressed amongst young people and targeting the Roma; through the elimination of stereotypes expressed within the Roma youth communities; as well as through the reduction of biased acts. Furthermore, the project’s framework includes the provision of assistance to educational authorities on how to deal with antisocial youth behaviour wherever it is deemed necessary. The programme is carried out by a consortium consisted of AMALIPE (Bulgaria), an authoritative partner actively engaged in strengthening the Bulgarian Roma community and ensuring participation and equal access for all, ROMANI CRISS (Romania), DARTKE (Hungary) and ANTIGONE (Greece), all organisations with important experience on the organisation and coordination of activities related to human rights.

ANTIGONE organised in January 2015 the project’s final meeting in Volos and Thessaloniki respectively. The project was finalised on 31.1.2015.

**DARE-Net (Desegregation and Action for Roma in Education Network):** The DARE-net project aims to create a network of Roma and non-Roma citizens, which will share and disseminate good practices as well as successful initiatives in the educational field for Roma children and students. Furthermore, the project will offer skills-training for 100 school mediators on a localised level on combating discrimination within schools, so as to ensure the integration of Roma children by preventing school discrimination and promoting their equal access to education. The project also aims to sensitise all authorities involved in reference to the need to ensure equal access to education for Roma children, and the distribution of good practices related to the elimination of discrimination within the school environment and quality education. The network's findings will be addressed to the relative authorities of the states where the project is carried out, so as to encourage the strongest commitment thereof in offering solutions, which will support the full and successful integration of the Roma. The project is carried out in Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic and Greece.

ANTIGONE participated in the final open Event for the finalisation of the Project held in Brussels on February 20, 2015, which was also attended by representatives of European organisations, independent authorities, civil society and international university institutions. The title of the Event was "159 Years of Freedom from Slavery - Acting for Eliminating Segregation of Roma Children" and it was related specifically to educational segregation, in other words, one of the worst forms of discrimination against Roma children across many European countries. ANTIGONE delivered a speech on "Tools created within the DARE-net project framework: Guides on the documentation and monitoring of segregation and indicators on monitoring methodologies of educational plans carried out through the National Strategies for the Roma". The project ended on 28.2.2015.

**YOUTH FOR RIGHTS:** The "Youth for rights" project was carried out from March to May 2015 at the ANTIGONE offices and aimed to promote human rights and empower social youth participation. Two groups, Greek-speaker and English-speaker, participated in the workshops.

Through participation in the human rights themed workshops, young people had the opportunity to get informed and sensitised about social issues, so as to allow them to view themselves as active citizens, with the willingness and capability to engage in the formulation of a substantial democratic society.

Within the project's framework, four 4/h workshops took place on the subject of human rights and two 4/h workshops on the subject of preparation and realisation of a sensitisation campaign. Afterwards, the participants were put in charge of their own sensitisation campaign on combating homophobia in the city of Thessaloniki.

**BORN TO BE AN ACTIVIST:** The project focused on various activist practices and internet campaigning, which aimed to create youth leaders, and in an effort to combat every form of

discrimination, including hate speech.

**Art Crossroads:** The main objective of the project was to express the integration of third-country nationals as well as their harmonious coexistence with Greek citizens in Greek society through art. Third-country and Greek artists participated in theatrical and musical events by using multimedia to project them, so as to combat xenophobia and negative stereotypes.

Targets of the project are: a) to develop common actions between third-country and Greek artists in the field of theatre, music and multimedia, b) to strengthen the cooperation of artists through the creation of new formations which highlight the multiculturalism of art, c) to bring together all artists and allow the exchange of views and experiences between Greeks and third-country nationals on issues of artistic expression and art as a universal language and d) to promote the talent of Greek and immigrant artists which participate in the events taking place in Athens and Thessaloniki.

The realisation of theatrical workshops in Thessaloniki is addressed to 40 artists, on the introduction to drama, movement-dance, improvisation, speech training, physical theatre, repertory, scenography and took place in June 2015.

**GROWL:** The project consists of a consortium of ten NGOs, academic and educational stakeholders from France, Germany, Poland, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Spain, Portugal, Greece and Austria, which aims to develop proposals and innovative solutions through adult educational activities. Furthermore, it aims to address the ecological and financial crisis through the participation of activists of the agro-ecology arena, theorists of de-growth and civil society organizations. GROWL is called to fill in a knowledge gap through the introduction of educational materials and by carrying out training seminars concerning various issues related to the radical transformation of development models so as to benefit the economy, society and the environment. One of the main activities of the projects is the creation of educational materials on sustainable de-growth whilst creating a separate section on the “education of trainers”.

Within the consortium’s framework, a number of allocations between the trainers and trainees of the South, Central and Eastern European partners will also take place. The trainers participate in a Pan-European “Trainer’s Think Tank”, accessible to civil society organisations, local initiatives and educational institutions, who may need the assistance of specialised trainers when covering the needs of every area or issue.

ANTIGONE organised in October 2014 a meeting on “Social and Solidary Economy” and has actively participated in the creation of a project manual, which will compile the educational approaches of all partners.

**ARTABILITY:** ANTIGONE coordinated the project “Artability”, which aims to promote good practices on the empowerment of persons with disabilities through life-long learning artistic activities. Artability is a two-year project on the exchange of good practices which aim to mobilise persons with disabilities to actively engage in the life-long learning process by participating in visual art workshops as well as the organisation of art exhibitions. The main objective of the project, furthermore, is to empower the participants to believe in themselves and their capabilities; to develop the abilities of persons with disabilities; and to disseminate information to combat stereotypes which are frequently reproduced within the broad social

context. The Artability project wishes to overturn the prevailing concept specifically on the education of persons with disabilities which perceives them mostly as recipients rather than providers of knowledge. Aligning itself to the objectives defined in the European Strategy for Disability 2010-2020, the project includes actions for the active realisation of the rights of persons with disabilities, a necessary prerequisite for their full social integration, their self-empowerment and sensitisation. In order to meet these objectives, within the Artability framework weekly art workshops for 15-20 participants with disability are scheduled, an interactive workshop on art techniques and an interactive workshop on how to organise and an art exhibition and final exhibition of artwork at Vafopouleio, are scheduled for November 2015. The theme of the art workshops to be chosen by the participants will reflect their knowledge, and their preferences. The project is carried out from January 2014 to December 2015 in the participating countries of Greece, Italy, Spain and Lithuania and is funded by the Lifelong Learning Programme.

**EUROVELO 8 - The Mediterranean Route (EV8):** EuroVelo 8 (EV8) aims to reinforce and promote sustainable interstate tourist-themed products with the help of cycling tourism, one of the most sustainable forms of tourism, from an environmental (low CO2 gas emissions during the holidays with bicycles and fewer gas emissions when trying to reach their destination through public transport), social (less damaging results, more interaction with the local population) and financial perspective (longer in duration stays, more expenses, consumption of more local products – services).

It combines the use of the existing well-developed (non-cycling) tourism with the existing Mediterranean routes, by creating a dynamic for expansion and improvement of tourist destinations – which today are concentrated on the coastal line, around some tourist attractions and mostly visited by motor vehicles during high season – all in a sustainable manner.

Furthermore, EuroVelo8 aims to create a favourable environment for the interstate cooperation between authorities related to tourism, specifically emphasising on the Media, by creating and promoting interstate tourist offers and packages.

## **2.2. Projects still being carried out by ANTIGONE**

**EXPERIENCE CRIME:** Given the rapid increase in racist, xenophobic and other bias motivated crimes, especially in European countries affected by the financial crisis, the Project addresses such phenomena in Greece, Hungary and Italy. The general objective of the project is to improve the elimination of racism, hate crime and other similar crimes through innovative and “experiential” teaching methods. By exceeding the traditional approaches towards capacity building, the training methodology to be applied will emphasise on the experiential nature of a crime and with a learning process that will allow the generation of knowledge through experience. The Project will be addressed to groups of police officers, judges and legal practitioners, which directly deal with racist crimes.

From March 2015 to June 2015 ANTIGONE participated in two international meetings which took place in Athens (February 4<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup>) and carried out the following studies:

- ! Documentation of training needs for police officers (Greece) – study based on the findings of a series of interviews conducted with Police officials (e.g. Police Offices on combating racist violence) and representatives of police syndicates

- ! Formulation of the basic pillars of a Model Training Seminar for judges and prosecutors (Greece, Italy, Hungary)
- ! Research and documentation of materials to assist in the training seminars for police officers (Greece)
- ! Good practices with reference to police training (Greece)

**Schools for Change:** Within the framework of the project “Schools for Change”, ANTIGONE, in partnership with the “Heinrich Boell” Institute, carries out a series of non-formal learning educational workshops attended by primary school, junior and senior high-school students. The workshop activities are being adjusted, following a consultation with the respective teacher, to the needs and interests of each class. The subjects of the workshop would, for example, be related to class activities within the project lesson, as well as within the lessons of the school curriculum. Indicatively, some of the workshop subject-matters carried out are: discrimination / racism, school bullying / school violence, gender equality / gender identity, disability / social exclusion, human rights, children rights, etc. During the workshop, the students participated in experiential activities such as, for example, creative writing activities, story narrating, creative drama, role playing, simulation games, etc.

Furthermore, in 2015, within the project framework, programmes to combat school bullying and on the rights of the child, with the participation of the students, experiential workshops on combating school bullying, with the participation of parents and human rights workshops for teachers were carried out in primary schools. The project “Schools for Change” began in 2012 and there was ample interest for participation therein from schools of all degrees.

**Say it with comics:** ANTIGONE, in collaboration with the organization AddART, organized the educational programme “Say it through comics”, with the exclusive support of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation. Five public schools of East and West Thessaloniki participated in the programme, with students between 10-12 years of age (fifth and sixth grade). Through their participation in “Say it with comics”, the students have the opportunity to promote sensitization on current social issues by suggesting through comic-book stories, their own solutions for combating social exclusion and violence.

Upon finalization, the students’ stories will be scripted and illustrated by renowned professional artists into five thematic comic book issues: human rights, rights of the child, xenophobia-racism, rights and disability, school bullying-school violence.

The programme started in December 2015 and will be finalized in May 2016.

**WAVES OF CITIZENSHIP, WAVES OF LEGALITY:** The project consists of an effort to develop a constructive dialogue, through the process of participatory democracy, between civil society and public authorities in order to find possible solutions for preventing as well as suppressing organised crime. The methodology of the project refers to the application of a series of activities including, *inter alia*, meetings, seminars and discussions.

**For more information on the projects carried out or finalised by ANTIGONE, please view the link for the ANTIGONE projects on our website: [www.antigone.gr](http://www.antigone.gr)**

### **3. VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY ANTIGONE (non-funded)**

#### **! Creation of social solidarity projects and initiatives on a local level**

##### **Creation of a women's coffeehouse**

In April 2015, ANTIGONE, in collaboration with the NAOMI initiative, created a women's coffeehouse, in order to offer immigrant and Greek women an area to meet, tackle problems, exchange knowledge and experiences, discuss and offer solidarity.

Apart from solidifying the relationship between these women, the coffeehouse allows for the exchange of information on educational, professional and other possibilities / potentials for themselves or their families.

##### **Organisation of English language courses**

ANTIGONE continues to organise English language courses on a weekly basis and open to all, beginners and advanced. The courses were largely attended, mostly by refugees and immigrants, but also by older persons who wished to creatively occupy their time.

##### **Teachers' workshop on "Education on the rights of the child and human rights in Primary School" at the 8<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> Primary Schools of Thessaloniki**

On Tuesday 16, June 2015 an educational event for teachers took place in Thessaloniki on the "Education on the rights of the child and human rights in Primary School". Two spokespersons from ANTIGONE participated in the event, offering a presentation on the role and activities of ANTIGONE, as well as an Experiential Workshop on "Educational activities for human rights".

##### **Participatory/Experiential workshops addressed to Secondary Education teachers**

In cooperation with the Office for Health Education of the Department of Secondary Education of West Thessaloniki and Ms Christina Christidou, ANTIGONE organised two 3/h training seminars on the issue of informal human rights education for teachers. The main objective of these initial seminars was to mobilise the application of such tools in classes. In 2016 a second round of seminars on the application of experiences through methodology in practice will be explained to the group.

##### **Experiential workshops "Learning, expressing, participating and being accepted in the Health Education of my School"**

On the 24 and 25 of November, ANTIGONE, in collaboration with the Office for Health Education of the Department of Secondary Education of East Thessaloniki and Mrs Ioanna Deri, organised two 4/h workshops with activities on the materialisation of health education programmes related to human rights in schools.

The teachers participated in experiential ice-breaking exercises and the activation of their expression during the first day. During the second day, they underwent informal education on human rights and the rights of the child, as well as human rights and sketching.

## **! Common actions with other Thessaloniki-based and Greek NGOs**

### **Common event of stakeholders and annual cake cutting**

On Wednesday, January 14, the organisations who share the common space of the 6<sup>th</sup> floor on Ptolemaion 29, where the headquarters of ANTIGONE are located, put together an event with activities for children and adults, multicultural cuisine, music and flea market. The stakeholders that participated in the event were: ANTIGONE, MediaTerra Nea, Simviosi, Ethelontiki Ergasia, UNESCO Youth Foundation, Ergani Center, Ergani Women's Network Centre, NAOMI, Prasines Diadromes and HOMOPHONIA.

### **Participation in "FATIMA" research project**

ANTIGONE participated in a research programme on NGOs and the protection of human rights, organised by the educational and advisory body "DEMETRA" within the framework of the biennial European project "FATIMA: Preventing Honour Related Violence by Education and Dialogue through Immigrant NGOs". For the purposes of the research, ANTIGONE submitted a completed questionnaire relevant to the programme.

### **Participation in the Live Library at the "Thessaloniki Book Exhibition"**

ANTIGONE participated, together with other organisations of the Network, in the Live Library which was organised within the framework of the "Thessaloniki Book Exhibition", on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Support for the action "Prometheus"**

The Greek Association for Liver Patients "Prometheus", organising actions since December 2012, aims to support patients with chronic viral hepatitis, to eliminate the stigma and social exclusion of patients as well as inform, raise awareness and sensitise Greek public opinion on the growing problem of viral hepatitis B and C. Part of the association's activities are to inform and sensitise on hepatitis issues, since prevention plays a major part in its timely treatment. A "Prometheus" representative visited ANTIGONE's offices in May with the purpose of proposing a partnership. ANTIGONE agreed to forward information on "Prometheus" activities to its networks and to actively inform its contacts.

### **Support for the activities of Polydromos**

ANTIGONE participated in the communication of the programme "Courses on the Greek language, history and culture for immigrants, unemployed, mothers, people with disabilities and the illiterate" of the organisation Polydromos, which took place from May 18 to June 19 2015.

### **Participation in the Anna Lindh Network**

As an elected member – Focal Point for Northern Greece of the Anna Lindh Network, ANTIGONE participated in meeting which took place amongst network members, in order to inform them on previous actions as well as coordinate common new ones.

### **Participation in the CIVICUS Alliance Network**

Since 2015, ANTIGONE participates in the international network "Civicus" for the empowerment of civil society and the reinforcement of civilians in social matters and on an international level.

### **Action for the Volunteer's day**

ANTIGONE, as a member of the Thessaloniki Network of Volunteer Organisations, given the occasion of International Volunteer Day, on December 5, participated in an open action which took place at Aristotelous Square. Stakeholder representatives approached passers-by and urged them to participate in volunteer games. Those interested, filled in a volunteer form, in order to start volunteering for organizations that address their interests, their skills and their free time.

### **Participation in Round Table Discussion on Poverty**

ANTIGONE participated in a round table discussion put together by the organization "Ergani" within the framework of the project "Social Structures for Combating Poverty in the Municipality of Neapoli Sikeon". The round table focused on the mapping of all structures involved in the combating of poverty, ways of approaching and informing stakeholders, as well as on the materialisation of the aforementioned actions and networking. The discussion took place on June 30 at the Cultural Neighbourhood of Sikies.

### **Participation in four-day event on Children's Rights**

ANTIGONE participated in experiential workshops on the rights of the child, with the participation of senior high-school students, during the event "Learning, discussing and defending my rights", an event organized on 7-10 December 2015, at the Municipal Theatre of Kalamaria "N. Votsi", by the organization PRAKSIS.

### **Participation in GreenParty 2015**

For International Environment Day, on June 5 2015, ANTIGONE participated through educational activities for primary school children in the 5<sup>th</sup> GreenParty which took place at the Seasons' Garden at the beach of Thessaloniki, under the auspices of the Municipality of Thessaloniki.

### **Participation in the information event on the results of the "THALYS-Evaluation of Greek NGOs" programme**

After participating in the evaluation procedure of Greek NGOs finalized by the Peloponnese University within the framework of the THALYS project, an organization representative attended the event which presented the results thereof, in Thessaloniki in November 2015.

## **! Meetings and participation in events and seminars for the exchange of practices and knowledge**

### **Meeting and debriefing of the NGO "Generation 2.0" and the NGO "Anasa" in Athens**

In January and February 2015, a representative of ANTIGONE in Athens, had two introductory meetings with the organisations Generation 2.0 and Anasa, The objective of the meetings was to mutually inform one another of their actions so as to set the foundations for the exchange of know-how and experiences between the stakeholders.

### **Meeting with "Arsis" on the protection of minors**

Following an invitation from the organization "ARSIS", ANTIGONE, as a body involved in the social protection of vulnerable groups, declared its intention to participate in the Cross-border Network of Cooperation of the project "Gimme Shelter", which seeks to promote the care and

protection of socially vulnerable groups and minors in Central Macedonia, East Macedonia – Thrace, the district of Smolyan – Bulgaria.

### **Participation in the two-day Presentation of Health Education Programmes of the Central Municipal Library of Thessaloniki**

Within the framework of its training projects and action, in recent years ANTIGONE has maintained constant cooperation with the Office of Health Education of the Department for Secondary Education of East Thessaloniki and the Ms Ioanna Deri. Therefore, apart from the training seminars which took place in high schools throughout the year, ANTIGONE also participated on May 4, 2015 in the Two-day Presentation of Health Education Programmes of the Central Municipal Library of Thessaloniki. Moreover, it was on the judges board for the award ceremony which followed the student competition for the school year of 2014-2015 “Experiences from class and recess”.

### **Participation in the Event “Immigrants. They are not alone”**

ANTIGONE participated through the presentation “The migrant issue and its impact on Greek society” at an event organised in light of International Human Rights Day by the Office for Health Education of East Thessaloniki on December 10, 2015 at the Vafopouleio Cultural Centre.

### **Participation in the Network “Abroad. Migration and Refugees”**

ANTIGONE, since the autumn of 2015, has participated in the preparatory meetings for the establishment of a Local Thematic Network on Health Education, with the Department for Secondary Education of East Thessaloniki acting as a coordinator-founder and on the issue of “Human Rights. Abroad. Migration and Refugees”. Other organisations also participate in the Network, which started its operation in December 2015 on a two-year basis, as well as school units of Secondary Education in East Thessaloniki.

Within the framework of the Network, a series of educational activities will be determined by the Members of the Network in 2016.

### **Participation in the “Observatory on School Violence and Bullying”**

ANTIGONE, since December 2015, participates in the “Observatory on School Violence and Bullying”. The objective of the Observatory is to care for the well-being and safety of the members of the school community from school violence and bullying, while its main responsibilities are: the documentation, study and identification of cases of school violence and simultaneously, their channelling to certified entities for management, planning, support and monitoring of actions to be carried out in the educational community, the setting of guidelines aimed to the educational community concerning steps for dealing with cases (common handling protocol) as well as the finalisation and revisiting of research.

### **Participation in the Network “Me, you and everyone together”**

Following an invitation from the District of East Thessaloniki, ANTIGONE agreed to organised for the school year of 2014-2015 educational workshops on human rights, the rights of the child and equality amongst teachers and students of primary schools which participated in the Educational Network for Human Rights “Me, you and everyone together”.

### **Participation in the preparatory workshop of the NECE convention**

On 8-10 June, 2015, ANTIGONE participated in the workshop on the preparation of the Annual meeting of the network “Networking European Citizenship Education (NECE)”. During

the workshops, civil society members worked in groups in order to identify interest points which could be included in the Convention's Agenda.

### **Participation in the educational seminar for ISN NGO personnel**

During the periods of February 27-March 1 and March 8-8 2015, two ANTIGONE representatives participated in the educational seminars for NGO personnel "Design, Materialisation and Evaluation of Humanitarian Projects". The training included a theoretical part with presentations and a practical part with exercises, whilst training material in digital form was distributed to all participants. The seminar was organised by the Peloponnese University with the support of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation.

### **Participation in the Resilient cities workshop organised by the Rockefeller Institute**

The "100 Resilient Cities", an initiative of the Rockefeller Institute, took place on May 20 and 21, 2015 at the Municipal Hall of Thessaloniki.

The participation of the city of Thessaloniki in the Network of "100 Resilient Cities" offers the unique opportunity to discuss issues of urban resilience related to the city on a local level. The objective of the event and the workshop was to bring into touch all city authorities, civil society groups, municipal services' leaders and businesses, so as to discuss and identify the city's priorities, based on the concept of urban resilience.

### **Participation in the Evaluation of the Movement against Hate Speech and the Monitoring Meeting**

The Movement against Hate Speech is a programme carried out by the Council of Europe for 2012-2015. It aims to combat racism and discrimination expressed digitally through hate speech by arming young people and youth organisations with responsibilities which are necessary for the recognition and action against such types of human rights violations. ANTIGONE started working on this specific issue at the end of 2012 through the projects "RE-ACTIVE YOUTH I against the online expression of hate speech through the recognition of issues and opportunities for combating online hate speech – National Survey Strategy for the Management Strategy of the Internet of the Council of Europe" and "RE-ACTIVE YOUTH II Against Online Hate Speech- Youth and Educators Acting Against Online Hate Speech". Between 27 and 30 May 2015, ANTIGONE participated in the evaluation of the Meeting on the monitoring of the programme which took place in Strasbourg, at the European Youth Centre. During the meeting, the evaluation of the Movement's campaign against Hate Speech on a European Level was also discussed and measures for its monitoring and continuous effectiveness were also identified in relation to youth policies, human rights, education and the Media.

### **Participation in the workshop on the prevention and combating school violence and bullying**

On November 13, ANTIGONE participated in a 4/h workshop on the prevention and combating of school violence and bullying organised by the District Office of Primary and Secondary Education of Central Macedonia at its headquarters. Representatives from schools and relevant authorities exchanged information on previous programmes, experiences and practices and decided on the extension of the network for the school year of 2015-16.

### **Meetings for the creation of the educational platform "Select Respect"**

Through the coordination of ANTIGONE, the foundations on the function of the education

network platform “Select Respect” in which it participates as well as the organisations which created the aforementioned campaign against racism (Heinrich Bell, PRAKSIS, Symviosis, Consortium for Social Gender, Greek Council for Refugees). Open to organisations which work or wish to work on educational activities, workshops and providing information on democratic education in schools, the platform aims to bring together stakeholders for the exchange of knowledge, experience and innovative educational practices through which the organisations will enrich and improve their know-how. Moreover, the platform’s function will allow the closer networking of its members and thus, the organisations, schools, educational authorities and professionals related to the field of education will not only have access to information and educational material but also the possibility to communicate and work with each other for the accomplishment of common goals.

### **Participation on the training course “Take it Out”**

Three new representatives of ANTIGONE were chosen to participate in the international training course “Take it Out – Shaping youth commitment against racism” on the combating of hate speech which will take place at Poggio Mirteto in Italy, 17-23 February 2016. 24 young persons from 9 different countries participating in the training course will have the opportunity to discuss hate speech and its dimensions, to receive training on the use of new educational tools for the development of local antiracist actions, the exchange of good practices and networking for potential future common action.

### **Participation to seminars and forums of the “Dokumenta” project**

This project has been an initiative of the organisation “SYMVIOSIS” aiming to support the involvement of stakeholders within civil society (including migrant communities) in public dialogue, information, public mediation, as well as the development of effective relations with the media. ANTIGONE participated in the seminars conducted in Thessaloniki in November and December of 2015.

## **! Participation in important social, political and artistic festivals in Thessaloniki**

### **Participation in the LGBT Pride Festivals in Athens and Thessaloniki**

In June 2015 ANTIGONE participated in the most popular LGBT Pride Festivals held in Athens and Thessaloniki, respectively, as well as awareness activities for the promotion thereof, such as the public event of the NGO “Homophonia”, where an ANTIGONE spokesperson analysed the existing Greek institutional framework on LGBT and proposed changes and improvements.

During the highly attended Festivals, ANTIGONE spoke with attendees and distributed hundreds of pamphlets containing its view on crucial discrimination issues as well as copies of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency Reports.

### **Participation in the first Thessaloniki Solidarity Festival**

The first Thessaloniki Solidarity Festival was held on June 13 at the WE Cultural Multiplex, Triti Septemvriou & Gr. Lampraki, Thessaloniki, with the objective of coordinating city organisations’ activities and their support.

The festival included activities for children and adults, concerts, participating organisations’ stalls and, finally, a debate-event on solidarity and voluntarism. ANTIGONE organised

children's workshops aimed to raise awareness on racism and discrimination.

### **Participation in the children's festival "Parathinoupoli 2015"**

ANTIGONE participated in the Parathinoupoli festival of the Kalamaria Municipality which took place in May 2015 in Thessaloniki on "15 years of games, expression, creation". During the festival, ANTIGONE organised activities for pre-school and school children up to 12 years old.

### **Participation in the Antiracist Festival and "No" campaign for the referendum**

In June and July 2015, ANTIGONE participated in the popular Thessaloniki Antiracist Festival, which constitutes the most important cultural city event. Due to the political developments at the time, the Antiracist Festival adopted the form of a pre-festival during which ANTIGONE organised children's workshops raising awareness on human rights and the "No" campaign for the referendum. ANTIGONE participated in the organisation of all activities and handed out Greek-to-French translations of texts and posters.

ANTIGONE has supported the GSEE Employment Institute by uploading on its website an invitation for a project targeted to the elimination of youth unemployment.

ANTIGONE also supported the city of Perugia in its candidacy for European Youth Capital 2018.

### **Research activities**

#### **Participation in the ELIAMEP network**

#### **Support for university surveys related to the issue of human rights**