

Call for Practices

Preventing and combatting racism, xenophobia, homophobia
and other forms of intolerance throughout Europe

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1. Introduction

This call for practices is part of the Just & Safer Cities for All project, which is co-funded by the DG Justice of the European Union and led by the European Forum for Urban Security (Efus) and its eight partners: Forum belge pour la Prévention et la Sécurité Urbaine (FBPSU), Forum français pour la sécurité urbaine (FFSU), Foro Español para la Prevención y la Seguridad Urbana (FEPSU), Forum Italiano per la Sicurezza Urbana, the Portuguese association for victim support APAV, the German association Ufuq, the Institute for Conflict Research (IKF, Vienna, Austria) and the Jagellonian University of Kraków (Poland).

2. Objectives

The main goal of the “Just & Safer Cities for All” project is to raise awareness at the local level and beyond of racist violence and all the other forms of intolerance that are spreading throughout Europe, and about the possible responses/ action plans that local authorities can develop to combat this phenomena in their own communities, thus strengthening their local security policies.

To achieve this objective, the project will launch this year (2016) a European Call for practices in order to identify innovative and promising practices already in place at the local level to fight hate crime, racially motivated violence, xenophobia, homophobia and all other forms of intolerance. Fifty practices will be chosen from the call according to the project criteria and will be included in a *Manual of Best Practices*. This manual will be disseminated across Europe to promote local action and to encourage other local authorities to act against discrimination.

3. What types of practice are we looking for?

3.1 Categories:

We are looking for practices that have a positive impact at a local level and correspond to at least one of the following categories:

- > **Prevention:** practices aimed at preventing discriminatory behaviour and intolerance/prejudice against the vulnerable.
- > **Awareness-raising:** practices focused on educating and changing the attitudes and mindsets of citizens and local authorities in an effort to promote multiculturalism and inclusivity in local communities.
- > **Repression/sanction:** measures aimed at deterring discriminatory behaviour (for example educational sanctions; work sanctions or community work; communal administrative tax/sanction, local legislation, incentives to deter discrimination such as awards, or peer to peer testimonies or awareness activities).

3.2 Priorities:

The practices must focus on supporting victims who belong to one or more of the following target groups:

- > **Racism and xenophobia:** practices combatting hostility and violence towards a person based on race, colour, language, nationality, beliefs or ethnic origin.
- > **Homophobia:** practices fighting against discriminatory behaviour and violence motivated by prejudice against sexual orientation and gender identity.
- > **Sexism:** practices against discriminatory behaviour and violence motivated by sexism (inequalities between men and women).
- > **Age:** practices combatting aggressive attitudes and/or violence against the vulnerable because of their age.
- > **Social inequality:** practices combatting intolerance based on economic and social factors.
- > **General:** practices aimed at combatting hate crime and discriminatory behaviour in general, including all target groups.

3.3 Types of action:

- > Action to develop counter-narratives to hate speech and activities to raise awareness among the authorities and general public and to strengthen tolerance, integration and diversity.
- > Action promoting citizen participation in the design and implementation of projects for an inclusive and multicultural society.
- > Action to encourage partnerships between local authorities (Police, local services) and local stakeholders (civil society, private sector).
- > Action engaging social media in the fight to reduce stigmatisation and discrimination.
- > Action to develop concrete tools and methodologies used to support local policies in fighting against discriminatory behaviour and violence.
- > Action to combat discrimination within the police forces, courts of justice, schools, municipalities and local government institutions.

4. Why share a practice with us?

Selected practices will be published in a manual that will be circulated across Europe. Practices will be showcased on the Efus website, thus enhancing the visibility of your city/region. Furthermore, three practices will be presented by their promoters at the upcoming Efus International Conference (December 2017). A number of local authorities that implement practices selected for the manual will also have the opportunity to host study visits for other European cities and regions.

5. How to submit a practice?

Please fill up the template **available [on this page](#)**. Please make sure you answer precisely (and concisely) to each of the questions. Practices can be submitted in English, French, Spanish, Italian, German or Polish.

Please download and email the completed form to the national point of contact found at the end of this call. For calls outside the countries represented, please send them to Efus.

6. Evaluation Criteria

Practices will be evaluated according to a predetermined process that includes seven sets of criteria (cf. 6.2). Firstly, the practice will be cross-checked against the criteria in order to be declared eligible. Following this initial assessment, the projects will be shortlisted. Lastly, the project partners will select 50 practices to be published in the manual.

The deadline for applications is 11 NOVEMBER 2016, 00:00 CET

6.1 Eligibility criteria/ Who can respond to this call?

The following European organisations are eligible to submit a practice:

- > Local authorities
- > Other local government departments (provinces, regions, urban areas...)
- > Media and civil society organisations
- > Private organisations working with local authorities
- > National authorities working in coordination with local actors

6.2 Selection criteria

Overall quality of the practice

Evaluation of the practice: are the results coherent with the objectives?

Relevance within the chosen categories, priorities and types of action

Is the project aimed at least one of the target groups? (see. 3.2) Does the practice correspond to one or more of the three categories? (see 3.1)

Innovation

How do you engage other stakeholders in your project? What innovative activities/strategies do you use to implement it?

Transferability

Can the practice be applied to other countries/cities/organisations who are experiencing similar problems? If so, is the practice easily transferable?

Sustainability

Is the project long-term? Do you have the necessary funds and resources available to maintain this practice in the future?

Quality of the partnership

How have you established an effective partnership within the local community? In what way is it involved in the practice? What impact does it have on the project? How diverse is the partnership? Is it well recognised?

Cost-benefit ratio

How well does your practice organise its own finances to achieve its objectives? Does it implement its activities/strategies efficiently and effectively?

Citizen participation

Has the practice involved citizens in the conception, monitoring and evaluation of the project?

Duration

The project must be implemented since a minimum of one year.

6.3 Exclusion criteria

The following will result in exclusion from the application process:

- > Failure to adhere to any of the above criteria;
- > If action is not focused on the project's aims or does not target a specific category, priority and type of action;
- > Failure to respect the application rules and format (length of text, language, etc).

No late entries will be accepted.

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