

# Recommendation on combating hate speech

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**a comprehensive legal and policy framework to prevent  
and combat hate speech and how to implement it...**

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# The Council of Europe

- Human Rights, Democracy, Rule of Law
- Created in 1949 currently has 46 member states



## *The instruments*

### ➤ **Standard-setting**

European Convention on Human Rights and some 200 other conventions and treaties

Recommendations

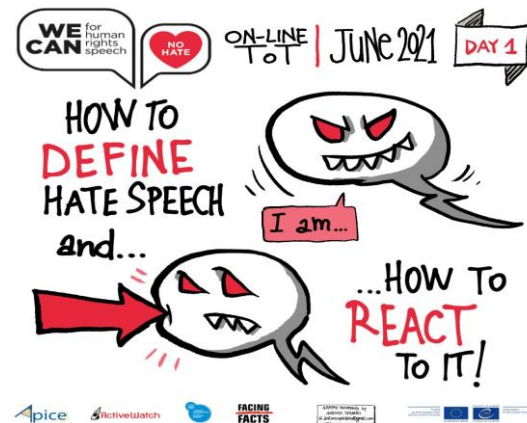
- **Monitoring** for example ECRI Country Monitoring Reports
- **Cooperation** with member States and other stakeholders

# The Recommendation: Principles and guidelines to a comprehensive approach

1. Scope, Definition and approach
2. The legal framework for preventing and combating hate speech within a human rights framework covering criminal, civil and administrative law provisions and legislation regarding online hate speech;
3. Recommendations for key stakeholders, including self- and co-regulatory procedures for addressing hate speech and in particular online hate speech;
4. Awareness-raising, education, training use of counter- and alternative speech;
5. Support to those targeted by hate speech,
6. Monitoring and analysis of hate speech, and
7. Increased national co-ordination and international co-operation.

# Definition and scope

Hate speech is understood as all types of expression that incite, promote, spread or justify violence, hatred or discrimination against a person or group of persons, or that denigrates them, by reason of their real or attributed personal characteristics or status such as “race”, colour, language, religion, nationality, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity and sexual orientation.



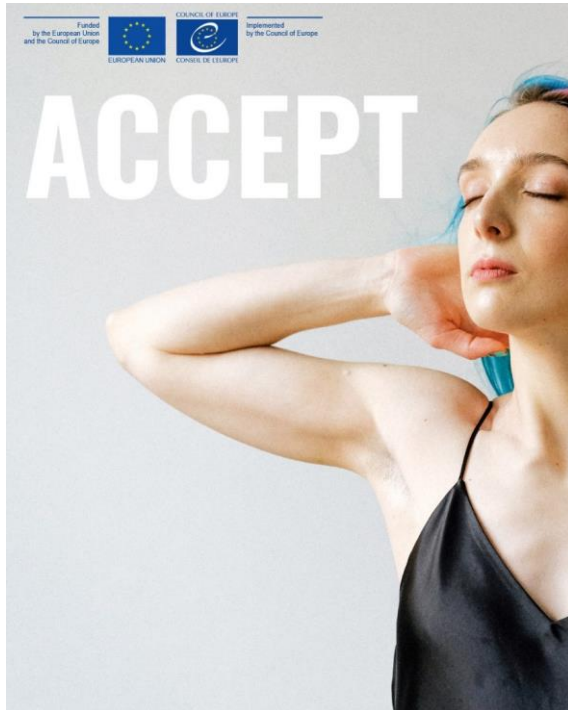
Differentiate between:

- hate speech that is prohibited under criminal law
- subject to civil or administrative law
- offensive or harmful types of expression which call for alternative responses

# Cooperation programmes beyond and around the Recommendation

- Systemic Mapping of national approach to combating hate speech is conducted in various countries across Europe
- Online courses on hate Speech and hate crime
- Manuals for law enforcement on policing hate.
- Guides and tools to design and implement effective awareness raising and educational initiatives.





Thank you!



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Cooperation projects: [www.coe.int/en/web/inclusion-and-antidiscrimination](http://www.coe.int/en/web/inclusion-and-antidiscrimination)