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Introduction


Hate Fighters Network was created as the result of the work on the issue of combat against hate speech online through Hate Fighters program that was created by Club for Youth Empowerment 018 (KOM 018), Serbia and Council for Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency (SPPMD), North Macedonia. Program was created in 2012 and has been implemented since 2013. Hate Fighters Network was created in 2015. General aim of HFN is to strengthen the role of young people in peace-building activities and combat against hate speech.

Hate Fighters In Action involves following organizations:


- Club for Youth Empowerment (KOM 018), Serbia
- Council for Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency (SPPMD), North Macedonia
- Red Cross Novo Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- International Development Alliance, Bulgaria
 - Perspektiva, Albania
 - Hellenic Youth Participation, Greece
 - Beyond Borders, Italy
 - Art Republic Prague, Czech Republic
 - Faculty of Law Nis, Serbia

Hate Fighters In Action is implemented from 01.12.2018 till 31.03.2020 in 8 participating countries.



Activities



Activity 1: Partner meeting organized in order to gather representatives from partner organizations to discuss all project details, organization of activities, financing, visibility of project, reporting and etc. During this activity everything went as planned and there weren't need for any changes. Each participating country got their project manager, person from coordinating organization, in order to have full support during the project Hate Fighters In Action.



Activity 2: Training for trainers for combating hate speech online through creative workshops was organized in Nis and it gathered 32 young people and youth workers. Training course was consisted of both thematic and creative workshops and participants were educated and familiarized with topics of hate speech, discrimination, social exclusion and inclusion, human rights and other democratic values. This was important part of the training as it familiarized participants with main topics of the project, they gained new information on social problems and different legal frameworks regarding the topics of hate speech and human rights.




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Activity 3: Development of information, communication and media tools – National info days and local workshops were organized in all participating countries and had same mutual goal of raising awareness and promoting of human rights and importance of combat against hate speech. National Info Days were organized in order to spread information about work of Hate Fighters Network and project Hate Fighters In Action, all partner organization presented some of the creative products of the Training Course 1 and shared their experience and some of the gained knowledge about hate speech online and negative influence it has on our society.


Local workshops were organized in all participating countries with same aim: to build and strengthen the capacities in local communities, to educate young people about importance of combat against hate speech and to allow trained youth workers to practice their newly acquired skills by transferring new information and methods to their peers. All workshops had one theoretical and educational part for all participants, where they got familiar with terms like hate speech, human rights and impact they have on our society, other part of the workshops was dedicated to creative methods and creations of products within concept photography, concept video, graphics and music groups.

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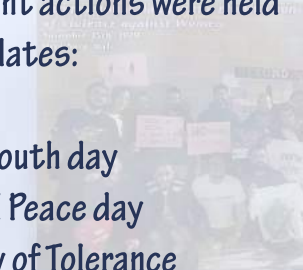


Activity 4: Information and awareness HF campaigns were organized in each participating country. Main focus of this campaigns was on marking important international dates. Different actions were held in all 8 countries on 5 different dates:

- 12th of August – International Youth day
- 21st of September – International Peace day
- 16th of November – International day of Tolerance
- 25th of November – International day for Elimination of Discrimination against Women
- 10th of December – International Humans Rights day



All of the activities were conducted in order to promote combat against hate speech and inclusion of young people in this social phenomena. By organizing action days young people had opportunity to draw attention of their local communities to importance of fight against discrimination, social exclusion, hate speech, hate crimes and fight for tolerance, peace, mutual respect and social inclusion. This kind of public events have great impact for wider audience because they arouse interest of people and larger number of people get informed and familiarized with topics of project. All action days were adjusted to the environment and weather opportunities, but they were all successful.



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Activity 5: Training course 2 was organized in Sarajevo and it gathered 24 young trainers and youth workers from partner organization. Entire program of the training was dedicated to Karl Popper debate as a method for combat against hate speech. Participants learned about use of Karl Popper debate as a new tool in work with young people and they had opportunity to prepare for planning and organizing local events. During the training participants went through some basic workshops about hate speech, human rights in order to get familiarized with main topics of the project. Trainers prepared some interesting workshops for public speaking because skills like that are essential for debate itself. 24 Participants were divided into teams of 3, they went through sessions such as: explanation of Karl Popper debate's rules, creation of the draw, division according to 4 cases and choosing of negative or affirmative side, preparation of the cases and interpretation of those cases. Simulation of the Karl Popper debates was essential for participants of the training course 2 because they gained required knowledge and skills for organization of National Karl Popper debate competitions. They learned and realized all benefits of use of this method in youth work because it allows and requires contestants to approach social problems objectively.

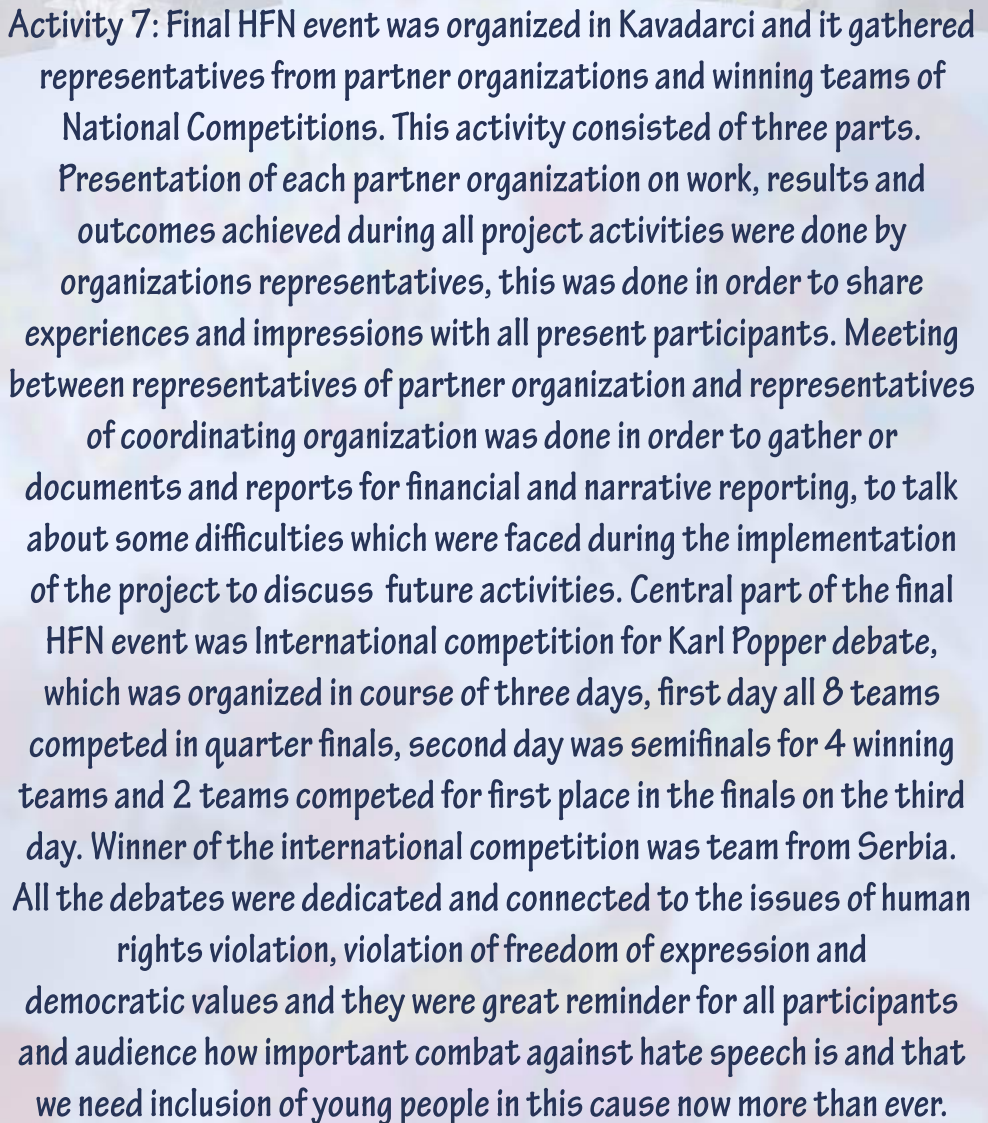


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Activity 6: National Karl Popper debate competitions were organized in all 8 participating countries. National competitions involved 8 teams each and they were divided on three phases, qualification, semifinals and finals. Debaters had approximately one month to prepare cases for said competitions. Some of the cases were: It is natural to have more male than female representatives in national parliaments, Violence in cyber space incites violence in real life, Gay marriages should be legalized and more, all those cases were chosen carefully and in accordance with main topics of the project Hate Fighters In Action. Debaters were in charge for researching, and cases and arguments they presented didn't necessarily represented their personal opinions. The resolutions which were subject of the debates were controversial and this allowed young people to defend basics of human rights on one hand and to explore and better understand origin of conflicts and social problems on the other hand. Winners of the national competitions continued with preparation for international competition. This activity was organized by and with help of participants of the training course 2, some of the partner organizations involved local partners, like Faculty of Law or debate clubs.





Activities



Activity 7: Final HFN event was organized in Kavadarci and it gathered representatives from partner organizations and winning teams of National Competitions. This activity consisted of three parts. Presentation of each partner organization on work, results and outcomes achieved during all project activities were done by organizations representatives, this was done in order to share experiences and impressions with all present participants. Meeting between representatives of partner organization and representatives of coordinating organization was done in order to gather documents and reports for financial and narrative reporting, to talk about some difficulties which were faced during the implementation of the project to discuss future activities. Central part of the final HFN event was International competition for Karl Popper debate, which was organized in course of three days, first day all 8 teams competed in quarter finals, second day was semifinals for 4 winning teams and 2 teams competed for first place in the finals on the third day. Winner of the international competition was team from Serbia. All the debates were dedicated and connected to the issues of human rights violation, violation of freedom of expression and democratic values and they were great reminder for all participants and audience how important combat against hate speech is and that we need inclusion of young people in this cause now more than ever.

Activities



Every part of this final event was conducted without difficulties and problems. Because this was international event one of the benefits was the facts that young people had opportunity to exchange experiences, opinions on different social topics, to learn about new cultures and to connect on both personal and professional levels.

Activity 8: Dissemination, distribution and multiplication was organized in every participating country. All dissemination events were organized in order to present project results to the local communities. Beside presentation this events were great opportunity to, once again inform wider population on project aims and importance of the topics such are combat against hate speech, promotion of positive democratic values and inclusion of youth in this cause. Partner organizations held round tables, presentations and other forms of informing local communities about project results and topics. Some of the organization besides main events, used other activities (trainings, seminars, media appearances, etc.) to target even more people and to spread a word about not only project Hate Fighters In Action, but about work of the Hate Fighters Network. Promotional material, booklets of the project, promotion of creative products, all of this was used in order to contribute to the raising of the awareness amongst people.



Main results

Main result of this project, strengthening the role of young people in peace-building activities and combat against hate speech, was achieved through set of activities planned and organized during the project implementation. Both training courses and all local activities contributed to main project aim by providing participants new skills and competences for working with young people and combating against hate speech. Two different methods which were used, creative methods and Karl Popper debate, allowed different approach to the subject of hate speech in online world, promotion of human rights and inclusion of youth in this cause. Products of creative workshops were used and are going to be used as tools for youth work and promotion and raising awareness of importance of combat against hate speech. Cases that were subjects of the debates gave a lot of new arguments and points of view for all involved and brought new ideas for not only combat against hate speech, but also a mutual fight for inclusive and tolerant society. With all of this being accomplished young people who adopted this knowledge, competences and skills are now empowered and prepared for taking bigger and more significant role in society in order to fight negative phenomena and promote positive democratic values.

Main results

More specifically, capacities of youth workers and young people in the combat against hate speech in each partner organization were developed and strengthened, as all young people and youth workers involved in international trainings gained needed skills to organize and develop local activities, such as local workshops, raising awareness campaigns, action and info days. They used those new skills and competences to multiply achieved results and to transfer their knowledge to youth in their local communities.

By implementing same program on local levels all 8 partner organization in 8 countries coherent approach to the problem of hate speech online was developed. This gave positive result because Hate Fighters Network worked as one unique organization and program in order to contribute to the combat against hate speech at European level.

When it comes to collaboration between partner organization and state institutions, local authorities, educational institutions,

non-governmental organizations, local stakeholders, they contributed to successful implementation of local peace-building activities. Those collaborations are important for future successful work of partner organization in their local communities, by networking and exchanging good practices and experiences all sides are benefiting and positive and encouraging environment for youth workers can be created.

Specific results

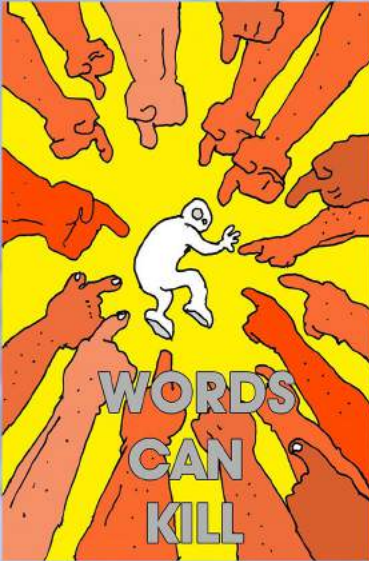
Training course 1

32 youth workers gained knowledge and developed skills and competences about problems of hate speech, legal frameworks regarding the human rights. They gained new skills and competences to use specific creative methods (graphics, photography, music, video) in the work with youth increasing their own awareness about the possibilities of creative approach can do for young people. They were equipped to act as the multipliers and use this knowledge to further organize activities in their communities – local workshops in every country in order to produce creative tools and develop new forms of creative youth work. They were empowered to plan and organize awareness raising campaign using the creative tools designed through local workshops and organized awareness raising campaign at the local level. They experienced intercultural environment and upgraded their transversal skills such as communication skills, linguistic skills, digital competences and similar.

Participants of TC 1 created new creative tools: 38 concept graphics, 20 concept photos, 6 concept videos and 1 song and 1 video for the song were created.

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Training course 1



Video Products

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Product Name	Views
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Religion - Hate Fighters in Action	253

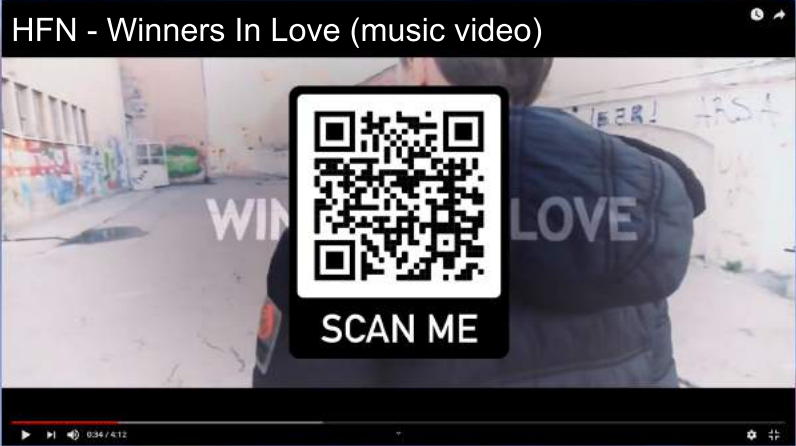
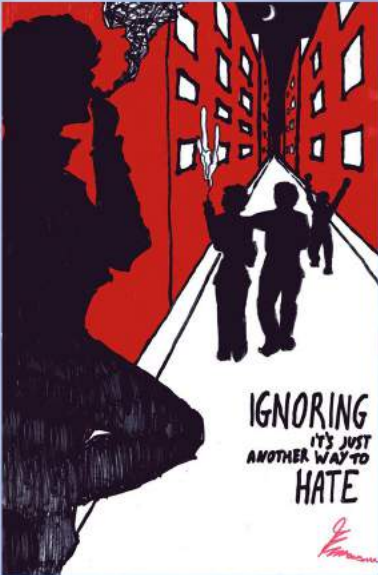
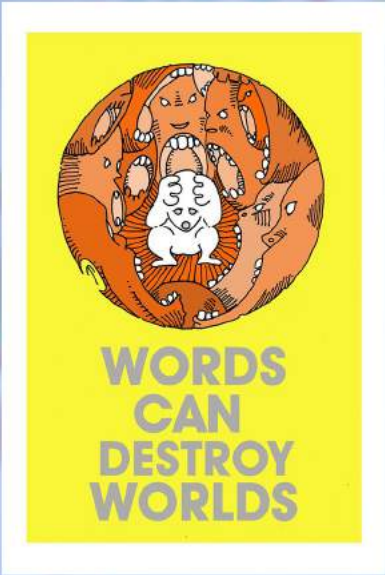


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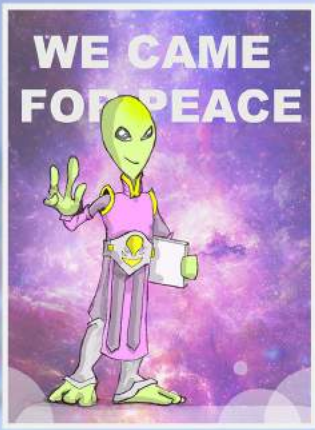
Local workshops and national info days

9 National info days were organized in 8 participating countries. More than 240 young people and youth workers were involved in organization of the National info days. More than 70000 people in 8 participating countries were informed about project aims and activities indirectly, through social media channels and public events. More than 320 young people participated in local workshops in 8 participating countries and gained new knowledge and developed skills and competences about problems of hate speech, legal frameworks in regard to the human rights. Additionally they developed new skills, such as creation and production of concept photography, concept videos, graphics and music production.



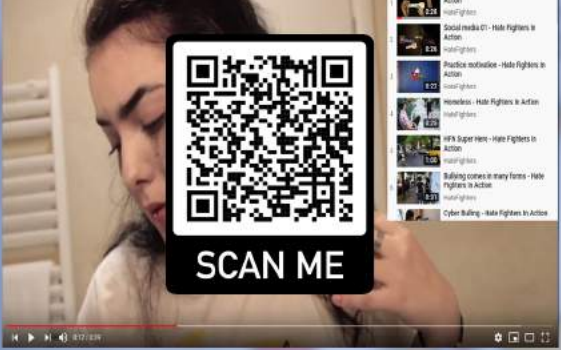
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Specific results

Information and awareness HF campaigns

More than 240 young people and youth workers were involved in the planning and implementation of the local action days. More than 70000 people in 8 participating countries were informed about project aims and activities indirectly, through social media channels and public events which raised their awareness about the problem of hate speech in participating countries.

5 international dates were marked in all 8 participating countries.

- 12th of August – International Youth day

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Specific results

Training course 2

24 youth workers gained knowledge and developed skills and competences about problems of hate speech and legal frameworks regarding the human rights. They developed new skills in using Karl Popper debate in youth work, such are rules of the debate, research and preparation of the cases, argumentation, and presentation of those cases. They also developed organizational skills for implementation of the national competition. They were empowered to organize new activities within their organizations and communities raising the level of quality that these organizations provide in the local communities. At the European level, they are now networked with their colleagues from other European countries and the project provided space for sharing of experience, developing new ideas and creating new initiatives.



Specific results

National Karl Popper debates

8 teams in every participating country had opportunity to compete in National Karl Popper debates where during each competition 7 different social cases were debated. Total number of young people who participated in National Karl Popper debates in all 8 participating countries was 192. 192 young people developed and strengthened their competences and skills for debating about social topics in regard to problems of hate speech and even more they gained new and consolidate existing knowledge on topics like gender equality, cyber violence, discrimination and other which are connected to hate speech. Moreover they increased their skills in public speaking, competing in foreign language – English in this case, team work and advocating. Participants of debate competition learned how to be fair in competition and to respect the opponent. They were empowered to act as agents of change in the local communities but also at European level. All of them took an active role in the promotion of democratic values in their local communities and in the raising the awareness about the problem of hate speech.



Specific results

HFN Final Event

All 8 representatives of partner organizations presented the results and activities on their local levels. Main activities and results of whole project were presented to all participants of the Final HFN Event.

International competition for Karl Popper debate was organized in duration of 3 days. 8 winning teams of National competitions had opportunity to compete in Karl Popper debates. 7 different social cases were debated on during International competition in Karl Popper debates. 24 young people participated in International competition of Karl Popper debates. They strengthened their competences and skills for debating about social topics in regard to problems of hate speech on international level and even more they consolidate existing knowledge on topics like gender equality, cyber violence, discrimination and other which are connected to hate speech. All participants of the Final HFN Event gained some new knowledge and information connected to the main topics of the project and debates.



Specific results

Dissemination

8 dissemination events were organized in all 8 participating countries. 8 local communities of the partner organizations were informed about main topics and results of the project.

More than 70000 people in 8 participating countries were informed about project results and activities indirectly, through social media channels and dissemination events.



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How is it managed?

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