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Project REASON, Initial Conference – 24 April 2023, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Hotel Dubrovnik, Zagreb (and online)

9:45 – 10:00 Registration of participants

Facilitator: Ivana Eterović, M.A.

10:00 – 10:15 Conference opening

Welcome address on behalf of project partners and support organizations

(Dražen Tripalo, Judge, President of the Criminal Law Department of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Croatia)

Introductory remarks (Alen Tahiri, univ.spec.pol., Director, Office for Human Rights and Rights of National Minorities of the Government of the Republic of Croatia)

10:15 – 10:30 Introduction to the project, research objectives and methodology

(Ivana Eterović, REASON Project Manager, Croatian Law Centre and Professor Maja Munivrana, Ph.D., Department of Criminal Law, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb)

10:30 – 11:00 Freedom of expression and hate speech in the jurisprudence of the ECtHR

(Professor Ksenija Turković, Ph.D., Department of Criminal Law, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, former judge of the ECtHR)

11:00 – 11:30 Comprehensive approach to prevent and combat hate speech in Europe through legal and non-legal measures

(Menno Ettema, co-secretariat to former Committee of Experts on combating hate speech, Anti-Discrimination Department, Council of Europe)

11:30 – 12:00 Hate speech monitoring

(Daniel Heller, CEJI – A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe, Facing Facts Junior Network Coordinator)

12:00 – 12:30 Lunch & coffee break



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12:30 – 13:15

Policies of the Government of the Republic of Croatia in the area of intolerance and hate speech

Anja Šimpraga, Deputy Prime Minister, the Government of the Republic of Croatia

Panel 1 – Hate Speech – institutional Perspectives

Moderator: Maja Munivrana

- Ministry of Justice and Public Administration - Kristina Kemešić, Adviser in the Directorate for Criminal Law
- Office for Human Rights and Rights of National Minorities of the Government of the Republic of Croatia – Alen Tahiri, univ.spec.pol., Director
- The Ombudswoman of the Republic of Croatia – Tena Šimonović Einwalter, M.A., MJur, Ombudswoman of the Republic of Croatia
- The Ombudswoman for Gender Equality – Kristijan Kevešević, Deputy Ombudsman
- Croatian Journalists' Association – Hrvoje Zovko, President

13:15 – 14:00

Panel 2 – Challenges in Processing and Punishing Hate Speech

Moderator: Associate Professor Željko Karas, Police Academy of the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Croatia

- Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Croatia – Renato Grgurić, Head of the Cyber Security Service, Criminal Police Directorate, Police Directorate
- State Attorney's Office of the Republic of Croatia - Natali Novak Koštić, Deputy County State Attorney in the County State Attorney's Office in Zagreb
- Attorneys at Law – Vesna Alaburić, Attorney at Law
- High Misdemeanour Court of the Republic of Croatia – Snježana Oset, Judge, President of the Department for Misdemeanours in the Field of Public Order and Peace and Public Security and the Department for Monitoring European Regulations and Case Law of the Court of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights with the service of records, monitoring and analyses of case law
- Municipal Criminal Court in Zagreb – Dijana Rizvić, Judge, President of the Juvenile Justice Department



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