

Cities against hate!

Study visit to Italy involving representatives from four Moldovan Municipalities, local NGOs, representatives of the Equality Body of the Republic of Moldova, and State Police, to share best practices in combating discrimination at the local level

Brescia, 24 to 26 March 2025

Reggio Emilia, 27 March 2025

AGENDA

Day 1: Monday, 24 March – Arrival, welcome, and guided tour

Venue: La Loggia, Brescia Council Room

14:30 – 15:30 Official institutional welcome and roundtable on presenting partners and expectations

- Laura Castelletti, Mayor of Brescia
- Anna Frattini, Councillor for Equal Opportunity and Social Cohesion of the Municipality of Brescia
- Mattia Peradotto, Director of the National Office Against Racial Discrimination (UNAR)
- Ian Feldman, President of the Council for Equality of Moldova
- Eugenio Spina, Questore of Brescia
- Representatives of Moldovan delegation

Moderated by Angela Longo, Head of the Council of Europe Anti-Discrimination Cooperation Unit; Federico Faloppa, Coordinator of the Italian National Network to Combat Hate Speech and Hate Phenomena, and Maddalena Alberti, Director of the Association Ambasciata della Democrazia Locale a Zavidovici.

16:00 – 18:00 Visit to Santa Giulia Museum

Day 2: Tuesday, 25 March – Conference/workshop

Venue: Auditorium Santa Giulia, Brescia

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 - 10:00 Greetings and introduction to the event

- Anna Frattini, Councillor for Equal Opportunity and Social Cohesion of the Municipality of Brescia
- Angela Longo, Head of the Council of Europe Anti-Discrimination Cooperation Unit
- Federico Faloppa, Coordinator of the Italian National Network to Combat Hate Speech and Hate Phenomena
- Maddalena Alberti, Director of the Association Ambasciata della Democrazia Locale a Zavidovici
- Elena Buscemi, President of the Milan Municipal Council

Moderated by Paola Arcari, Association Ambasciata della Democrazia Locale a Zavidovici.

10:00 – 11:00 National networks and strategies and the role of Council of Europe

- Ian Feldman, President of the Council for Equality
- Mattia Peradotto, Director of the National Office Against Racial Discrimination (UNAR)

- Irina Corobcenco, Promo-LEX Association, Republic of Moldova
- Federico Faloppa, Coordinator of the Italian National Network to Combat Hate Speech and Hate Phenomena

Moderated by Mirela Chiriac, Council of Europe

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30 Legal frameworks and Law enforcement

- Andrei Cazacu, Project Officer, Council of Europe
- Galina Plesca, Deputy Head of the International Relations and European Affairs Directorate of the General Police Inspectorate
- Giulia Tiberti, DIGOS, General Investigations and Special Operations Division, Questura of Brescia
- Nannarel Fiano, Researcher, University of Milan

Moderated by Irina Corobcenco, Promo-LEX

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:00 National strategies to address anti-gypsyism and discrimination based on 'race' and 'ethnicity'

- Roberto Bortone, Coordinator of the National Strategy for the Equality, Participation, and Inclusion of Roma and Sinti (2021–2030), National Office Against Racial Discrimination (UNAR)
- Nicolae Radita, Deputy Director of the Agency for Interethnic Relations of Moldova
- Valentina Onica, Representative of NGO "Casa Speranțelor", Moldova
- Representative from Italian NGO

Moderated by Federico Faloppa, Coordinator of the Italian National Network to combat hate speech and hate phenomena

Session for discussion

15:00 – 16:00 Policies and practices to address gender and LGBTQI+ based hate speech and discrimination

- Ian Feldman, President of the Council for Equality of Moldova
- Angelica Frolov, Director of the GenderDoc-M Information Center
- Paola Arcari, Representative of ADL Zavidovici and Centro Aristofane

Moderated by Andrei Cazacu, Council of Europe

Session for discussion

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:30 Youth prevention and addressing hate speech targeting youth

- Rodica Stratan, Executive Director of the Support Association for Youth and Children with Disabilities "Dorința" (Călărași District)
- Debora Barletta, Representative, Italian No Hate Speech Network
- Clara Tirloni, psychologist and editor of the online magazine Echoraffiche and Antonino Bascetta, SISM (Italian Medical Students' Union)

Moderated by Virginia Di Pasqua, Council of Europe

Session for discussion

Day 3: Wednesday, 26 March – Three lateral meetings and best practice exchange

Venue: MO.CA, Brescia

9:30 – 11:00 Presentation of good practices in Brescia against three forms of discrimination and raising awareness in the society (Gender, Sexual orientation and gender identity, ethnicity and religion)

- Camilla Federici and Silvia Bonizzoni, Representatives of the Anti-Violence Network
- Greta Tosoni, Representative of Brescia Pride
- Raisa Labaran, Representative of the citizenship project and Maddalena Colombo, Representative of Dòsti Festival
- Federica Di Cosimo, Representative of Anffas Brescia Onlus

Moderated by Maddalena Alberti, ADL Zavidovici

Feedback and discussion

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 Presentation of good practices in Moldova against three forms of discrimination and stigmatisation and marginalisation at the local level

- Ian Feldman, President of the Council for Equality of Moldova
- Angelica Frolov, GenderDoc-M Information Center, Director
- Nicolae Radita, Deputy Director of the Agency for Interethnic Relations
- Stella Climenco, CSO “Алые папыса” (Dubăsari District), Domestic Violence Prevention Specialist
- Representatives from NGO working for the inclusion of people with disabilities

Moderated by Margareta Florea, Vice President of Calarasi District Council

Feedback and discussion

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 Peer to peer

- GROUP 1: meeting with the councillors and the Equal Opportunities Commission (facilitated by Roberto Rossini, president of the City Council)
- GROUP 2: meeting with the State Police and the local police (facilitated by Maddalena Alberti, Director of ADL Association and Angela Longo, Head of the Council of Europe Anti-Discrimination Cooperation Unit)
- GROUP 3: meeting with the CSOs (facilitated by Paola Arcari, a National Network for Combating Hatred and Hate Speech and Federico Faloppa, Coordinator of the Italian National Network to Combat Hate Speech and Hate Phenomena)

20:00 Dinner

Day 4: Thursday, 27 March – Morning visit to Reggio Emilia Municipality

Venue: Reggio Emilia Council Room, Sala Tricolore

10:00 – 10:30 Greetings and a short introduction to the event

- Marwa Mahmoud, Councillor for Educational Policies, Interculturalism, and Human Rights at the Municipality of Reggio
- Gianluca Grassi, President of the NGO Mondinsieme
- Representative of Plai Association of Moldovan Diaspora
- Angela Longo, Head of the Anti-Discrimination Co-operation Unit, Council of Europe
- Federico Faloppa, Coordinator of the Italian National Network to Combat Hate Speech and Hate Phenomena, Professor of Language and Discrimination at the University of Reading (UK)

Moderated by Reggio Emilia Municipality

Venue: Reggio Emilia Sala Rossa

10:30 – 11:30 Local strategies to combat racism and discrimination in Reggio Emilia, Italy

- Representative from Reggio Emilia Municipality: Presentation of the local Action Plan to Combat Racism and Discrimination, developed by Reggio Emilia Municipality in collaboration with local NGOs
- Representative from Reggio Emilia Municipality: Presentation of the training for local administration staff on anti-discrimination and anti-racism, a key component of the Action Plan

Moderated by Gianluca Grassi, President NGO Mondinsieme

11:30 – 12:30 Moldovan experience in combating discrimination and hate speech in policing and cooperation with the Council of Europe.

- Ian Feldman, President of the Council for Equality
- Nicolae Radita, Deputy General Director of the Agency for Interethnic Relations
- Galina Plesca, Deputy Head of the International Relations and European Affairs Directorate of the General Police Inspectorate
- Mirela Chiriac, Council of Europe: presentation of the training modules for civil servants

Moderated by Andrei Cazacu, Council of Europe

12:30 – 13:00 Introduction of the Moldovan diaspora in Reggio Emilia

Active citizenship example and key role in intercultural dialogue

Moderated by Plai Association

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch and departure

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