



EUROPEAN UNION
OSCE Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting
Policies and strategies to further promote tolerance and non-discrimination
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EU Recommendations

To participating States:

- Ensure that all efforts to promote tolerance and non-discrimination, including to combat hate speech, are based on and fully respect human rights and fundamental freedoms, particularly the rights to freedom of expression and freedom of thought conscience religion or belief.
- Take all appropriate measures to encourage the reporting of hate crimes, as well as their effective investigation so that offenders are prosecuted and punished and that victims are offered proper assistance and protection.
- Enact or reinforce hate crime legislation
- Report in a timely and sufficiently detailed manner hate crime statistics to ODIHR
- Develop the capacity of criminal justice agencies to respond to hate crimes, and seek OSCE expertise and assistance as needed.

To participating States, OSCE Executive Structures and Civil Society:

- Maintain a comprehensive approach and address cross-cutting issues in the fight against intolerance and discrimination; one which protects each human being whatever his characteristics.
- Political leaders, elected and state officials and civil society should denounce public manifestations of intolerance and discrimination with a loud and clear voice and in a timely manner.
- Ensure that public campaigns against discrimination address all citizens, regardless of their age.
- Ensure that further OSCE work and commitments on tolerance and non-discrimination reaffirm our cohesion on common principles including the fight against all forms of intolerance, and the equal dignity of all human beings without exceptions.
- Pay particular attention to persons subject to multiple forms of discrimination – discrimination against the same individual on the basis of several characteristics – who

are the most vulnerable, and that multiple discrimination needs to be addressed in a comprehensive manner.

To ODIHR:

- Encourage ODIHR to address effectively the connections between fundamental human rights, especially freedom of religion or belief and tolerance and non- discrimination issues and recommend that this be reflected in all relevant OSCE events and activities, through close cooperation, and coordination between and with equal engagement by its Human Rights and TND departments.