

## **Taking action against hate crime and hate speech**

**On 22 July the Council of Europe's No Hate Speech Movement organises a European action day to commemorate and support victims of hate crime.**

In recent years, we have witnessed continued and renewed violations of fundamental rights, including physical and verbal attacks on minority groups, immigrants, and on organisations defending human dignity. All European countries are committed to countering discrimination and intolerance, including hate speech and hate crime.

### **European Action Day for Victims of Hate Crime 22 July**

On 22 July the [No Hate Speech Movement](#) organises the European Action Day for Victims of Hate Crime and encourages people across Europe to commemorate and support victims of hate crime and to take action against hate crime. Recognition of hate crime and public awareness is an important part of the justice for victims.

The date 22 July was proposed by the young people taking part in the No Hate Speech campaign to commemorate the victims of the 2011 terrorist attacks against the Government Quarter in Oslo, Norway and on Utøya. The explosion in the Government Quarter and the massacre on Utøya 22 July 2011 claimed 77 lives, many of them young people.

### **What can you do?**

Go to the [No Hate Speech Movement](#) website and join the campaign against hate speech, racism and discrimination in their online expression. There you can also find out more about how you can get involved and what you can do on the action day.

Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway share the values of human rights and tolerance. As donors of the EEA and Norway Grant they are strategic partners to the Council of Europe's No Hate Speech Movement on combating hate speech.

Through the [support for civil society](#) and in other programmes the EEA and Norway Grants are mobilising to reduce the levels of rising hate speech and hate crime in Europe.

### **Find out more:**

[What the EEA and Norway Grants are doing to counter hatred](#)

[How we cooperate with the Council of Europe](#)

[Our support to civil society in 15 European countries](#)