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sCAN project – Platforms, Experts, Tools: Specialised Cyber-Activists Network (2018-2020)

Identification of online hate speech

sCAN aims at gathering expertise, tools, methodology and knowledge on cyber hate and developing transnational comprehensive practices for identifying, analysing, reporting and counteracting online hate speech. This project draws on the results of successful European projects already realised, for example the "Research, Report, Remove project: Countering Cyber-Hate phenomena" and "Facing Facts", and strives to continue, emphasize and strengthen the initiatives developed by the civil society for counteracting hate speech.

Objectives

The sCAN project partners will contribute to selecting and providing relevant automated monitoring tools to improve the detection of hateful content. Another key aspect of sCAN will be the strengthening of the monitoring actions (e.g. the monitoring exercises) set up by the European Commission. The project partners will also jointly gather knowledge and findings to better identify, explain and understand trends of cyber hate at a transnational level. Furthermore, this project aims to develop cross-European capacity by providing e-learning courses for cyber-activists, moderators and tutors through the Facing Facts Online platform.

The 'Get the Trolls Out' project (2015-2022)

Get the Trolls Out is a project and campaign to combat discrimination and intolerance based on religious grounds in Europe. Led by the Media Diversity Institute (MDI) with the support of 6 partners spread throughout Europe (see partner's section) the campaign will harness the power of social media to disseminate innovative media outputs and generate dialogue in order to deliver a powerful counter-narrative against diverse forms of hate speech, including antisemitism, Islamophobia, anti-Christian sentiment, and associated attempts to turn public opinion against migrants and asylum-seekers (see the anti-religious hatred section for further information).

Re-ACT – Remember and Act!

Analysis of hate data collected by members of the International Network Against Cyber Hate, INACH, in Europe has shown that there are strong and documented links between current online hate phenomena and hate-slurs, prejudices and practices that have been propagated in the Third Reich. To transform these worrisome findings into effective warnings, especially since remembrance and knowledge on the Holocaust and its horrors are fading, the project Remember and ACT! (Re-ACT) is putting a special focus on researching how "old" concepts of antisemitism and antigypsyism are being re-enacted by concerted hate campaigns and where they originated from. Starting from there, Re-ACT will develop, collect and provide educational materials and tools for the prevention of racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance. These self-generated sets of information plus a curated collection of high-quality educational materials will build the foundation for the establishment of an online prevention-hub at INACH.