My latest experience with hate-speech

My latest experience of hate-speech was on Facebook. Facebook has a long history of neglecting hate-speech: in Myanmar, in the Philippines, in America, etc., hate-groups have taken advantage of this "freedom" to spread hatred and discrimination.

 This example confirms that the social media platform cares more about visibility than about morals.

Someone published an article about the American Landings in Normandy, during WW2. One comment was calling for "another landing to chase all Muslims out of Europe".

I found it appalling. I could have understood (not excused) if the commentator called for another landing to help fighting terrorist groups.   But, in my view, this was a call to attack the whole muslim community out of the European continent. That means law-abiding citizens as well as criminals, based on their religious beliefs.

So, I signaled that comment to Facebook. I got an almost immediate reply, stating that the comment would be examined by their people.

After three days, I received another message stating that the reviewer didn't see any break of their community rules.

I was astonished. For me, this comment was targetting a group for their religious beliefs, asking to displace them with a foreign military force.

For me, there was not only a breach of the so-called "community rules" but a call for discrimination and brutal attack on a community on behalf of their religion. A fact non only condemned by most international conventions but also illegal and punished by law in Belgium.

I think Facebook favours the visibility of the posts "enriched" with comments and systematically minimises hate-speeches.

They don't care much about local legislation. They are a transnational platform and they consider themselves above the law. Now, it is time to limit the power of those corporations.