

# Words into Action to Address Anti-Semitism

- Addressing the security needs of Jewish communities;
- Countering anti-Semitism through education; and
- Fostering coalition building among different communities.

The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) is implementing the Words into Action to Address Anti-Semitism project to strengthen the capacity of OSCE participating States and civil society to prevent and respond to anti-Semitism.

The project began work in 2016, under the German OSCE

Chair-in-Office, which has generously provided funding for the three-year project. The project is based on the three interconnected programmatic components listed above.

From the 2004 Berlin Declaration onwards, OSCE participating States have made numerous commitments on preventing and responding

to manifestations of anti-Semitism and other acts of intolerance, incitement, harassment or violence against persons or communities based on ethnic origin or religious belief. ODIHR will undertake extensive activities geared toward developing new channels of assistance for participating States and ways of encouraging governments to fulfil their commitments.

#### **Activities**

The project involves activities in all three key areas, including:

#### **Addressing the security needs of Jewish communities**

The publication of a practical guide to deepen understanding of anti-Semitic

hate crime and the security needs of Jewish communities; supporting participating States in the implementation of the guide; and supporting civil society in the documentation and reporting of anti-Semitic hate incidents through the establishment of a new reporting platform.

#### **Countering anti-Semitism through education**

Developing education policy guidelines through expert and practitioner consultations; working out practical solutions to challenges faced by teachers when they address anti-Semitism and intolerance in the classroom; and the production of a new training curriculum on anti-Semitism education for teachers.

“The Words into Action project offers a unique opportunity for reinforcing common efforts to prevent and respond to manifestations of anti-Semitism. By engaging in the project’s activities and applying its tools, OSCE participating States and civil society can establish effective partnerships in the areas of security, education and coalition building, and address one of the most enduring challenges to stability and security in the OSCE region.”

Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir  
Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights



#### **Fostering coalition building among communities**

Identifying a practical model to support organizations in engaging in inclusive coalition-building to promote tolerance, the creation of a training package to support this model, and the organization of workshops to promote networking and coalition-building exchanges among civil society activists.

#### **Partnership**

ODIHR will engage stakeholders by employing both bottom-up and top-down approaches, to help ensure that government officials – including parliamentarians, civil society and intergovernmental organizations are committed to addressing anti-Semitism. ODIHR will seek partnerships with civil society organizations in order to generate innovative approaches in the further development of the technical tools developed by the project.

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