

Annex 2

Visioning Exercise: Challenges and Solutions When Building a Coalition Scenario

* The following organizations are fictitious.

Example: The Teaching Alliance works to promote human rights, tolerance and diversity through education about the Holocaust and anti-Semitism through media literacy. The network has developed teaching materials and methodologies to empower educators, librarians, archivists and others to take an active role as educational multipliers and effectively promote and share information that leads to changes in attitudes and behaviour.

Example: The Eurasian Council of Interfaith Women has worked with the Media Diversity Institute and several other civil society organizations on the “Get the Bullies Out!” project to encourage young people to combat discrimination and religious intolerance on social media. The current phase of the project includes monitoring and responding to diverse forms of hate speech, including anti-Muslim and anti-Christian sentiments, and attempts to turn public opinion against migrants and asylum-seekers.

Example: A large group of the most active members of an interfaith coalition throughout Central Asia formed a non-profit organization called Learning through Solidarity. The organization provides integration workshops for recently arrived refugees and operates a community centre that brings together long-time residents and new arrivals to build understanding, increase economic opportunities and address prejudice.

Example: The Baltic Council Against Xenophobia hosts webinars and massive open online courses that feature tools on organizing to combat racism and examples of ways that groups from around the world have come together to achieve political change.

Example: The Central European Hate Crime Recording Network is made up of 22 civil society groups, with various European Ombudspersons as observers. The network was formed to help fill gaps in official data collection systems and to address the need to better co-ordinate civil society’s efforts in recording hate crimes. The coalition publishes an annual report on hate crime incidents in several European countries.