

Proxy Observatory



Region: Catalunya

Organisation responsible: Catalan Institute for Human Rights (IDHC)

Period: Since 2014

Activity: PROXI or the Online Project against Xenophobia and Intolerance in Digital Media is an initiative of various human rights entities to fight hate speech on the Internet.

Objectives

Fighting hate speech as well as its consequences, ranging from discrimination and stigmatization of people to hate crimes.

Description

The PROXI Observatory monitors daily the news about migrant and gypsy population in the three digital media with a highest audience in Spain (ElPais.com, ElMundo.es, 20minutos.es). News and comments are analyzed in order to observe the treatment of the information and to identify possible expressions of incitement to hatred. The results of this observation and its analysis are published monthly.

PROXI also provides counterarguments to hate speech with the elaboration of an alternative discourse based on human rights. It is done on the one hand, by participating directly in online commentary forums; on the other hand, elaborating articles and reports on cyberodium.

Beneficiaries

Open to the public.

GOAL 1: Monitor the drivers and impact of ALL forms of violent extremism

(51) Reinforce watch-dog and monitoring systems of all forms of violent extremism in the Euro-Mediterranean region, with a special focus in hate speech in traditional medias and authorities.