PREVENTION OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM

GOOD PRACTICES

Anti-Islamophobia Declaration

Country: Spain

Organisation responsible: FUNCI

Date: 2004

Activity: Publication of a declaration with policy recommendations to fight

Islamophobia.



Objectives

Contributing to the improvement of intercultural relations and the eradication of prejudices which, for centuries, have tarnished the vision of the Islamic culture.

Description

The declaration entails the formulation of policy recommendations in the fields of education, information and economy. Interestingly, the ones regarding education include:

To improve the content of teaching programs and textbooks in the context of the international program "Islam in school textbooks" to present a balanced and objective view of the history of Islamic civilization, avoiding the secular stereotype of Islam as threat, to include Islam in the main branches of study: history, art, philosophy and law, among others; to include the history of Islam from the religious point of view in theology courses and to develop programs for the exchange of students and professors in the context of university cooperation between Spain and the Islamic world.

Beneficiaries

Decision-makers, civil society actors, citizens.

GOAL 6: Reinforce the role of youth as actors for change

(100) Implement education programs that promote global justice, soft skills and critical thinking, tolerance and respect for diversity, in order to promote peace and nonviolent values.

(101) Explore means of introducing civic and peaceful education into school curricula, textbooks, teaching materials and trainings and awareness to teachers.