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Invitation to become a member of the Facing Facts Network

CEJI's programme Facing Facts is a dynamic informal network of civil society organisations, public authorities and community members that has started to transform understandings of and responses to hate crime and hate speech in Europe and beyond. We have a shared aim: to secure fundamental rights for all.

Since 2011, we have worked to make visible the nature and impact of hate and the relationships and national partnerships that must work together to address it. We have supported diverse stakeholders to work across institutional and community boundaries to co-describe national realities, co-diagnose the most important problems and to co-prioritise the most important actions. We have sought to understand and evidence how cooperation works on the ground, for example, through critical friendships between change agents across civil society and the police. We have brought these methods and knowledge into the online world to innovate new capacity building approaches.

In January 2022, with the financial support of the European Commission, we entered a new phase where the Facing Facts Network represents a collaborative space for International Organisations, national governments, and civil society organisations to put forward innovative solutions and opportunities to prevent and respond to hate crime and hate speech.

The Network amplifies the voices of those who are making extraordinary efforts to ensure a safe and just society for all despite the scarcity of resources and the struggle to establish effective cooperation across institutional and community boundaries.

Today the Facing Facts Network counts 31 members in 15 countries. The network brings together civil society organisations, public authorities and change agents across Europe to make visible the nature and impact of hate and the relationships and national partnerships that must work together to address it. [To consult the full list of members, click here.](#)

We are asking you to become a member because we think that you would benefit and contribute to the development of what we consider a truly transformational alliance at a time when we are facing some of our biggest challenges as an anti-hate community.

As a member of the Facing Facts network you will have the opportunity to:

- **Join an influential voice at European level:** the Network actively participates in and influences current policy and practices at European level such as the work of the EU High Level Group on combating racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance. You will improve the visibility of organisations like yours that are at the forefront of supporting victims and collaborative practice.



- **Move forward on your national activities and priorities:** the network develops annual activity plans and members have the opportunity to propose and get support for national projects related to hate crime and hate speech training and capacity building activities.
- **Access and co-develop cutting edge capacity-building resources:** the network has access to the broad range of training material and resources developed by Facing Facts. As a member you will have the opportunity to use and co-develop training material with online learning experts.
- **Access evidence-based research:** the network has the opportunity to inform and contribute to new areas of research in the field of hate crime, hate speech and discrimination.
- **Receive regular policy briefings** on international developments and trends, and have your input heard in policy-influencing forums.
- **Join an active, multidisciplinary, professional community** which aims to understand the problem of hate with its complexities and challenges and to innovate for effective responses.

As member of the Facing Facts network you would be required to:

- Commit to Facing Facts' social justice framework based on values of solidarity, shared responsibility and accessible education, ultimately aiming to ensure safety and justice for victims and communities.
- Commit to open exchange and mutual learning.
- Contribute to the needs assessment of the network by sharing your inputs at the beginning of the first year to inform the [4-year work-plan](#).
- Participate in regular consultation meetings to be held twice a year to inform EC and other IGOs key meetings/events.

No fee is required to become a Facing Facts Network member and you would have no legally binding commitments. We also recognise that members will have limited resources and time. We commit to ensuring that needs assessments and consultations are efficient and focused on supporting current and planned projects that meet national needs.

To take advantage of this fantastic opportunity, we need a **written commitment from you that demonstrate an intent to join the Facing Facts Network**. We are happy to provide you with a template that you can use for this purpose.

We are available for any questions you may have and very much look forward to our continued cooperation.

Thank you in advance for your attention and support.

Best wishes,

Melissa Sonnino on behalf of
CEJI and Facing Facts Team