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EU CAN

EUROPEAN COUNTER AND
ALTERNATIVE NARRATIVES
NETWORK

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*..facing the current challenges posed to a culture of
democracy and human rights..*





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In today's Europe we are facing:

- **hate speech**
- **intolerance,**
- **discrimination**
- **xenophobia**

These trends stand in sharp contrast to the values and aims of Europe, which is dedicated to the spread of human rights across the continent and over.



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The **EU CAN Network** consists of local authorities, NGO's, trainers, social workers and CSO's committed to support integration and democratic participation.

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Industry Map



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OBJECTIVES

- 1) To contribute to citizens' understanding of the Union, its history and diversity.
- 2) To foster European citizenship and to improve conditions for civic and democratic participation at Union level.



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SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- 1) **Raise awareness** of remembrance, common history and values of the EU that promote peace and the well-being of its peoples through debate, reflection and development of networks.
- 2) **Encourage democratic and civic participation** of citizens at Union level, by developing citizens' understanding of the Union policy making-process and promoting opportunities for societal and intercultural engagement and volunteering at Union level.



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PRIORITIES OF THE PROGRAMME

Combatting stigmatisation of "immigrants"
and building counter narratives to foster
intercultural dialogue and mutual
understanding.



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In order to achieve its aims, EU CAN project pursues two major ways:



EDUCATION



AWARENESS

PAREDES, PORTUGAL
APRIL 9-12, 2018

KICK-OFF MEETING



European Counter and
Alternative Narratives
Network

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VALENCIA, SPAIN
JUNE 18-21, 2018

TRANSNATIONAL WORKSHOP

European Counter
and Alternative
Narratives Network



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BUCHAREST, ROMANIA
SEPTEMBER 24-27, 2018

TRANSNATIONAL SEMINAR

European Counter
and Alternative
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ATHENS, GREECE
MARCH 25-28, 2019

TOOLS DESIGN LAB

European Counter
and Alternative
Narratives Network



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BRUXELLES, BELGIUM
JULY 1-4, 2019

FILM FESTIVAL FINAL CONFERENCE

European Counter
and Alternative
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EDUCATION

- 1) **Research** - analyzing how subjective interpretations and constructions of social reality can hide implicit prejudices that leads to discrimination and violence.
- 2) **Transnational workshop** - to present the research results and draft the guidelines for the organization of local workshops aiming at dismantle these prejudices.
- 3) **Local workshops** - to dismantle prejudices and replace hateful narratives with alternative narratives.
- 4) **The "CAN Campaign"** - allowing social/youth workers and front line actors to be involved in the fight against intolerance, racism and xenophobia.



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- 5) Transnational training course for social/youth workers** - provide tools and methods to counter radicalism and technical competences to build alternative narratives.
- 6) The “CAN LABs”** (local level) - skilled participants share with local communities what they have learnt during the training (public laboratories)
- 7) “EUCAN toolkit”** - collecting practical tools to improve citizens' knowledge and understanding of the EU, to support the integration process of immigrants and refugees - EUCAN manual, the guidebook and CAN educational videos.
- 8) Final conference** - projection of CAN Educational Videos during the Film Festival, presentation of the EUCAN toolkit, launch of EUCAN Network



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AWARENESS

- 1) **International Conference** with open debates on the role of the youth sector in preventing violent extremism and discussion on the “Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education (EDC/HRE)”
- 2) **Study visit** to discover how works a Portuguese Migrants Center, in order to look closely the cooperation with voluntary sector and local institutions.
- 3) **International Conference** on “Unaccompanied foreign minors: the experiences of reception centre in mediation and intercultural communication”
- 4) **World Refugee Day** where participants will be involved in screenings of thematic films and will take part to the #WithRefugees petition of UNHCR Spain.



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5) Visit to the Refugee Reception Centre (CAR) of Mislata (Valencia) where the participants will Interview both the local CAR project responsible, the social workers, and migrants that live inside.

6) International Conference with open debates on the multicultural societies, integration policies.

7) Study visit to KHORA Foundation to learn about a self-organised collective of individuals that bringing together skills and abilities will show the importance of private sector involvement in the humanitarian crisis.

8) Study visit to Ritsona Refugee Camp to learn how to provide immediate crisis response that simultaneously improves the conditions for both refugees and local actors.



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9) International Conference “The Asylum and Migration Fund-European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)”

10) The town twinning ceremony aims at mobilizing citizens at Union levels bringing together partner towns around topics addressed by the project

RESULTS EXPECTED

Research

Kick-off meeting

Transnational workshop

Local workshops

Transnational seminar

“Counter and Alternative Narratives Labs”

Tools Development Phase - Videos

Tools Development - Manuals

International Conference

Project Closing



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1. RESEARCH PHASE

Reveal the perception and construction of *“self/WE”* as opposed to *“others/THEY”*.

1.1. Campaign Phase

Fostering partnerships and supporting actors in their work to uphold and promote values of human rights and democratic citizenship



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2.KICK-OFF MEETING

Identify the communities to involve in the project, to collect their data, to design and approve the 2 years timetable and to approve the work methodology.

Encourage local authorities to provide long-term investment in quality education, both formal and non-formal; to inspire more young people to participate to the youth sector activities in order to fight radicalization; to build a joint strategy for all stakeholders. (International Conference)

Hosts large group dialogue with a simple, effective, and flexible format. (**World Café EUCAN**)

Discover how works the Center of Refugees in Portugal (**Study Visit**)



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3. TRANSNATIONAL WORKSHOP

Results of a research aiming at observing intergroup attitudes towards immigrant outgroups and the perception and construction of “self” and “they” by immigrants themselves.

Involving locals and non-EU foreign national currently living or staying in EU .

An useful action plan with monitoring tool included in order to implement the workshops “From knowledge to empathy, from empathy to integration”.

Increase consciousness and perception of participants and public to the millions of refugees and internally displaced persons worldwide who have been forced to flee their homes due to war, conflict and persecution. (**Celebration of World refugees day**)

Discover how works a Spanish Refugee Reception Centres (**Study Visit**)



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4. LOCAL WORKSHOPS

Dismantle and replace hateful narratives thus promoting democratic, intercultural engagement and civic participation of both citizens and non-EU foreign nationals.

Support communities to develop genuine/credible messages to counter radicalization, taking into consideration the local context and culture.

Building and spreading locally tailored counter-narratives thus promoting alternative role models.



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5. TRANSNATIONAL SEMINAR

Improve counter extremism and radicalism NGO tools

Develop capacity to create a learning environment where the social and youth workers is flexible, confident, engaging the young into the space for dialogue.

Improve confidence and ability of social and youth workers to act in such a way that 'connects' with young people by allowing honest, trusting, and through appropriate use of humour and role-modelling of expected behaviours.



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5.1 Workshop - Training session - Laboratories - Reflection / Mid term self assessment

Get and develop skills and know-how of participants to support young people to be able to cope with a range of different life pressures and challenges

Improve method that help young people become skilled at working collaboratively with others

Improve method that develop young people into critical thinkers who are able to appreciate a range of different perspectives in coming to their own judgments

To develop flexibility and creativity in counter-narrative design

Develop technical skills and knowledge about the right type of counter narratives in a given cultural context

Develop abilities to create dialogue within the communities on violent extremism to generate counter-narrative content.



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5.2 Building labs

Gain skills for video preparation, script writing, recording, editing, finalizing and subtitling.

Gain the know-how to create an easy-language manual paper and digital version for a more easy exploitation of its contents.



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6. COUNTER AND ALTERNATIVE NARRATIVES LABS

Develop and disseminate locally tailored counter-narratives

Promote alternative role models

Support communities to develop credible messages to counter radicalization, taking into consideration the local context and culture as well as challenges and feelings faced by their members

Introduce recommendations for civil society to counter radicalization

Develop an understanding of different attitudes towards violent extremism



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7. TOOLS DEVELOPMENT – VIDEOS

Production of educational videos intended to promote citizens' understanding of the Union, its history and diversity on one side.

Production of videos with specific welcoming resources in order to assist non-EU foreign nationals, immigrants and refugees to understand cultural difference, Union aims and its values thus giving them a help for a successful integration into EU.



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9. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Increase awareness on the policies of Integration, Human Rights, Asylum, participation and political rights, intercultural communication and cultural mediator, minors, women and gender perspective, services to immigrants, and advocate policy.

9.1. Laboratories

Prepare a toolkit that will support non-EU foreign nationals, immigrants and refugees to understand cultural differences, EU aims and values to facilitate their integration process.



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9.2 Study Visit to KHORA Foundation

Participants can study what are the necessary skills for establishing successful and sustainable projects that help thousands of refugees living far away from their home countries.

9.3 Study visit to Ritsona Refugee Camp

Study the good example of cooperation between a non-profit social enterprise, a non-profit organization actively supporting Greek civil society and a non-profit organization that provides humanitarian aid through the coordination of skilled volunteers and translators.



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10. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Develop citizens' understanding of the Union policy making process and how UE helps civil society to become force for political reform and defence of human rights.

10.1. Round Table: EUCAN Long-term sustainability plan

Production of guidelines to ensure that the project results will be used beyond the end of it.

Ensure long-term sustainability.



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10.2 Final conference: Film Festival

Present the results achieved by the project and to disclose the future framework of the EU CAN Network so motivating the stakeholders to improve conditions for democratic participation at Union level.

10.3 Town Twinning Ceremony

Encourage cooperation between municipalities and to better explore the issues discussed and to foster the exchange of best practices.



11. PROJECT CLOSING

Assess the knowledge of Europe for Citizens program, the level of commitment for future projects, to determine the extent to which general and specific objective and outcomes will be achieved

Identify the factors of success or failure and to assess the sustainability of the benefits generated.

Draw conclusions that may inform future programming and policy making.

Assess the partner consortium organizational capacity and adopt the plan for EUCAN Network future sustainability

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



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MUNICIPALITY OF PAREDES

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- Managing the 6-months local workshop "From knowledge to empathy, from empathy to integration"
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- 9-months CAN LABS local workshop phase
- Record educational videos
- Organization of Kick-off Meeting
- Organization of International Conference in Paredes
- Organization of study visit to Refugee Center and draft guidelines for interview handling



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WALK TOGETHER ASSOCIATION

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ASOCIATIA MONOMYTHS

- Draft contents, activities, simulation exercises, laboratories and workshop for the training course
- Draft contents for training to record educational videos
- Collect data of communities backgrounds (migrants, refugees, asylum seekers etc) that will be involved
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- 9-months CAN LABS local workshop phase
- Record educational videos
- Organization of training course in Bucharest

PENTHESILEIA

- Collect data of communities backgrounds (migrants, refugees, asylum seekers etc) that will be involved in the project
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- Managing the 6-months local workshop “From knowledge to empathy, from empathy to integration”
- Managing and implementing the 9-months “Counter and Alternative Narratives Campaign” at local level
- 9-months CAN LABS local workshop phase
- Record educational videos
- Organizing study visit to KHORA Foundation
- Organizing study visit to Ritsona Refugee Camp
- Organization of Conference in Athens



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AJUNTAMENT DE GUADASSUAR

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- Managing and implementing the 9-months "Counter and Alternative Narratives Campaign" at local level
- 9-months CAN LABS local workshop phase
- Record educational videos
- Organization of transnational workshop "Otherization: language, discourse and dialogue"
- Organization of Conference in Valencia
- Organization of activities for World refugees day
- Organization of visit to SPRAR Center and draft guidelines for interview handling
- Organization of study visit to Refugee Reception Centre (CAR) and draft guidelines for interview handling



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MUNICIPALITY OF DEMIR KAPIJA

- Collect data of communities backgrounds (migrants, refugees, asylum seekers etc) that will be involved in the project
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BASHKIA LEZHE

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KOINE SOC. COOP. SOCIALE

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- Record educational videos
- Drafting the Guidebook of the project
- CAN Manual contents drafting
- Tools producing phase



ALPHABET FORMATION

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- 9-months CAN LABS local workshop phase
- Record educational videos
- Organization of International Final Conference in Brussels
- Drafting guidelines for first research phase and "Counter and Alternative Narratives Campaign" handling
- Draft dissemination plan for exploitation and dissemination of results
- Draft the work methodology
- Set timelines of each phase of the project



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ASSOCIACAO PAREDES PELA INCLUSAO SOCIAL

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- Tools producing development phase
- EUCAN Toolkit development



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ASOCIACIJA APKABINK EUROPA

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XANO CHANNEL ASOCIACION PARA EL DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO

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COMUNE DI VIAREGGIO

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MORE INFO ABOUT PARTNERS



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