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TACKLING UNDER-REPORTING AND UNDER-RECORDING OF HATE SPEECH AND HATE CRIMES AGAINST MUSLIM WOMEN



FINAL POLICY EVENT

On the 17th of January 2024, the Final Policy Event was held at the Sala Protomoteca of the Campidoglio, with **more than 100 participants**, including those who joined the conference online. Among the participants, **representatives of the Mayor and Councillor offices**, together with practitioners part of the Action Plan in Palermo, Milan and Trentino, namely the **Milan Local Police** and **Trentino's police forces**, **Progetto Aisha** and **Associazione Eva** (Muslim women associations), Imam Macaluso (**COREIS Palermo**), representatives from LEAs and institutions, such as the **Arma dei Carabinieri**, partner of the project, the **Quaestor and the Local Police of Rome**, representative from the **Municipality of Turin**, but also the **Rome Psychologists Association** and **Rome Social Workers Association** together with other relevant stakeholders and CSOs in the territory, namely **ARCI, LUNARIA, Idea Europa, Roma Network**.



The quality of the conference is demonstrated by the **high level of interventions**, such as **UNAR's representative** presenting the Italian context on the hate towards Muslim women, and Imam Yahya Zanolò (**COREIS Veneto**), Marion Lalis, **Coordinator of the experts' group on combating anti-Muslim hatred**, who was also invited to delineate the hate climate at the regional level.



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After the first round of interventions, Francesco Portoghese (A Buon Diritto) delineated the effort required for the interviews and the Focus Group in the first months of TRUST, underlining the **greatest complexity related to the ability to understand and analyse in depth the causes, drivers and developments related to hate speech and hate crime**; while Claudia Cui (Fondazione l'Albero della Vita) presented the background work of the workshop held from October to December 2022, referring to the **challenges and the good practices emerged after each meeting**, to finally provide the relevant elements that contributed to building the Action Plan.



The afternoon session represented the core of the event, with the work in each territory where the Action Plan was implemented (Palermo, Milan and Trentino), and the recommendations to relevant institutions and stakeholders. For these panels, speakers from the different areas were invited, to conclude with Agenfor International staff members, who drafted the Policy Brief, in cooperation with the other project partners.

In the afternoon panel, Chloé Saint-nom, representative of CESIE, presented the design and implementation of the Action Plan. The intervention of three representatives of the Arma dei Carabinieri (two Lieutenant-Colonels and one Lieutenant), underlining the **internal effort concerning the training courses on the hate phenomena**, including, for instance, **the draft of an operational protocol to delineate the guidelines on how to deal with hate survivors to avoid the re-victimization**.



After the debate and questions by the Chief of Turin Local Police, Gianfranco Todesco, and the representative of the Val di Fassa, Cristina Donei, all the participants congratulated the organizer for the event itself and the overall projects, stressing the relevance of creating spaces for Muslim communities, police forces and CSOs to meet, discuss and debate, to find common points and solutions. The need to train police forces, but also raising awareness for Muslims resulted to be the pillars for future actions, both from a tackling and preventive perspective in the online and offline environment.

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