Invitation to the European Conference
Freedom of Expression
June 14, 2019
Vienna

Time: 10:00 am – 04:30 pm
Venue: Albert Schweitzer Haus
Schwarzspanierstraße 13
1090 Vienna, Austria

Don’t miss this opportunity to share your questions, knowledge and experiences with European experts and best practices initiatives!

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Hate speech, fake news, misinformation and disinformation — how does civil society perceive and counter these threats towards democracy? The European Project “FreeEx — Responsibility. Freedom of Expression” aims at identifying and promoting strategic approaches to tackle these challenges today and tomorrow.

The Conference will bring together researchers, experts, activists and volunteers to review and discuss the state-of-the-art and the way forward to counter threats for freedom of expression for NGOs, initiatives and individuals.

**Programme**

09:30 am  Registration and good morning coffee

10:00 am  Welcome remarks  
            by representative of the University of Vienna, Department of Political Science

10:15 am  Presentation of the project “FreeEx”  
            Christiana Weidel and Hannes Meissner, The World of NGOs

10:30 am  European expert’s panel:  
            Counter-strategies towards hate and disinformation  
            Philippe Schennach, Outreach at Zara Civil Courage and Anti-racism, Austria  
            Marietta Herfort, project coordinator of phiren amenca and editor of RomNet, Hungary  
            Anna Tatar, NEVER AGAIN association, Poland  
            Andreas Andreou, EU-monitoring, researcher of AEQUITAS, Cyprus  
            Ieva Ivanauskaitė, head of communication, European anti-disinformation initiative Debunk.eu, Lithuania  
            Holly Babin, Strategic Communications, MITRE, United States  
            Andreas Andreou, EU-monitoring, researcher of AEQUITAS, Cyprus  
            Chair: Karin Liebhart, Senior Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Vienna, Austria

01:00 pm  Lunch break

02:00 pm  The No Hate Speech Movement  
            Verena Fabris, coordinator of the National No Hate Speech Committee

02:15 pm  Panel review and comments  
            Jürgen Nautz, Professor for economics, Technische Hochschule OWL University of Applied Sciences and Arts; University professor for economic history, Department of Economics, University of Vienna; Co-Chair of The World of NGOs

02:30 pm  Counter-strategies and real-life constellation – how does it work in practice?  
            Discussion groups

04:00 pm  Take the results with you!  
            Summary of discussion groups

04:30 pm  Farewell gathering, cheese & wine reception

The language at the Conference will be English.