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**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

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.

The language at the Conference will be English.

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 amencia 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
Stefan Cibian, Executive Director of Făgăraș Research Institute, Romania
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