

Rapporter la Haine - RAHA

The RAHA project by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Brussels North (BruNo) police zone aims to encourage potential victims of hate crimes and discrimination to recognize themselves as victims and empower them to take the necessary remedial steps.

Introduction

The RAHA project is funded by the equal.brussels department of the Brussels Capital Region and is implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Brussels North (BruNo) police zone. An awareness-raising campaign is set up to make clear to citizens in Brussels which acts or words can be labelled hate crimes and what victims can do. Via a new online reporting system, potential victims will be referred to the "BruNo attitudes" network, which consists of reference officers who have been trained in anti-discrimination legislation, acting correctly on PVs, registering hate crimes and communicating empathetically.

The victim's first point of contact is always a police officer who knows the subject matter and can recognize the hate motive behind the crime. The BruNo police zone will offer several options for victims of hate crimes to report the crime. The victim can make an appointment online with the "BruNo attitudes" network to report to a trained reference officer. By making an appointment and being heard in a separate room, a 'safe space' is created for the victim to file a complaint if they want to. A mapping will also be done of all actors within the Brussels North zone who can provide further support to victims (medical, legal or psychological).

Project objectives



Awareness-raising

Make citizens aware of what constitutes a hate crime and the different reporting options within the communes of Schaerbeek, Evere and Saint-Josse-ten-Noode of the Brussels North police zone.



Reduce barriers

Reduce barriers for victims of hate crimes to report by establishing a network of trained police officers and creating a safe space.



Facilitate follow-up

Facilitate further counselling/support by referring victims according to their needs: internally (victim advocacy) or externally (partners)



Phases

1) Preparation of the project

Preparation of the awareness-raising campaign and corresponding materials (video, flyers and posters).

2) Partnerships

Compilation of a list of internal and external partners who can further support victims after they made use of the reporting system.

3) Awareness-raising campaign

Launch the campaign on social media and websites, distribute posters and flyers to Schaerbeek, Evere and Saint-Josse-ten-Noode area in the youth centres, CPAS and other public areas.

4) Evaluation

Evaluation of victims' experiences after reporting through anonymous feedback sheets.

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