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## The EPLO supports the STAND UP project Against Hate, Discrimination and Intolerance in the EU

The European Public Law Organization (EPLO) is participating as a partner in the new project STAND UP “*Standing Up Against Hate, Discrimination and Intolerance in the EU*” funded by the European Union (DG Justice and Consumers Affairs, CERV programme) . The partnership includes seven organizations, representing four (Spain, Greece, France, Italy) countries and is led by the Prosecutor Office of Trento, Italy.

The **Stand Up project** aims to establish a public authority-led, multi-agency model for countering hate crime.

The specific **objectives** of the project are:

1. Enhance multi-agency cooperation in countering hate crime by establishing harmonised definitions of hate crime, embedded within a blueprint framework for cooperation
2. Standardize reporting procedures through the co-design and validation of a reporting forms for law enforcement agencies and CSOs/NGOs
3. Deepen relevant actors' understanding of the phenomena of hate speech and hate crime, including the sentiments behind them on a local level through enhanced monitoring tools and skills.
4. Strengthen victim support through awareness and skills on “sensitive investigation” and prosecution through which “victims are recognised and treated in a respectful, sensitive, tailored, professional and non-discriminatory manner”
5. Design and implement training for CSOs, LEAs, and prosecutors and judges on reporting, investigating, prosecuting, and preventing (RIPP) hate crimes and discrimination, with parallel victim support.

The project started in January 2022 and will last for two years.

The kick-off meeting which was held online on 2 February 2022 was an opportunity for the partners to get acquainted with the activities, methods, expected results and outputs of the project, as well as to get to know each other.

The Kick-off meeting of the successfully held online on 2nd of February 2022.