



# UNITED

racism  
fascism  
nationalism

For  
INTERCULTURAL  
ACTION

## ANNUAL REPORT

# 2016



# ABOUT US

## UNITED

We believe that racism can only be combated by unity.

Since 1993, more than 560 organisations from 46 European countries have stand together to support an anti-racist and anti-discrimination vision and to speak out against the negative political tendencies in Europe.

**212,033**

REACHED THROUGH  
UNITED FACEBOOK  
PAGE

## FOR

We stand for unity and hope.

Our vision is one of peaceful co-existence and intercultural respect all over the world.

**102,875**

REACHED THROUGH  
UNITED TWITTER  
PAGE

## INTERCULTURAL

Diversity is a virtue, solidarity a duty!

Strengthening these existing intercultural relations between civil societies, minority groups and political and economical actors is UNITED's most important target.

**52,020**

PERSONS HAVE VISITED  
THE  
UNITED WEBSITE

## ACTION

It's the variety and creativity that makes UNITED campaigns unique. By linking local and national actions, we can generate European-wide solidarity and publicity.

We can show that there is an enormous amount of people who believe in an intercultural open society.





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# A WORD FROM ...

**BALINT JOSA**

PROJET  
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2019 was a year of solidarity for us. From coordinating anti-racism campaigns throughout Europe, to ensuring a sturdy presence of grassroots activists at our conferences, we stayed busy ensuring a stronger, better, more united Europe.

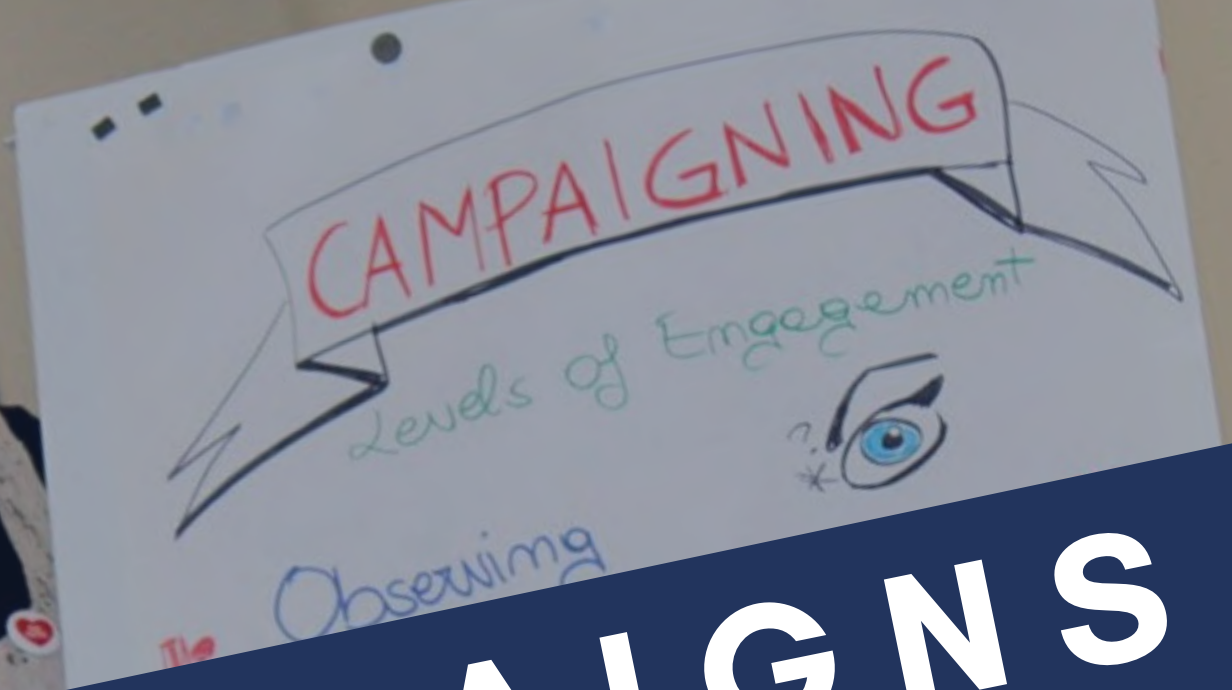
This year we were kept busy with spreading the word on our campaigns. We amassed 95 campaigns across Europe for our Action Week in March; invented our own game under the International Day against Facism; reached over 45,000 people with our campaign on the EP elections, and, with somber

hearts, released an updated List of Refugee Deaths.

Alongside this, we continued with our conferences; in Albania, about the power of co-existence in Europe, and in Slovakia, about living in a world without hate speech. Across both events, we brought over a 100 people together combining youth activists, networkers, grassroots organizations from around the continent, to get together and discuss how we come together and respond to the challenges of today.

It was a successful year, though we know we have a lot of work to do. We will continue to stand up for our values, and hope you will stand with us.





# CAMPAIGNS

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**ACTION WEEK AGAINST  
RACISM - MARCH 21**

**95**  
ACTIONS ACROSS  
EUROPE

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**INTERNATIONAL DAY  
AGAINST FASCISM  
AND RACISM**

**25,886**  
REACHED THROUGH  
UNITED AND 9 NOVEMBER  
FACEBOOK PAGE

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**THE FATAL POLICIES OF  
FORTRESS EUROPE**

**147,898**  
REACHED THROUGH  
THE FACEBOOK PAGE

**08**

**EUROPEAN ELECTIONS  
CAMPAIGN 2019 :  
MAKE THEM SMALL AGAIN!**

**48,020**  
REACHED THROUGH  
UNITED AND  
EP ELECTIONS PAGE



# ACTION WEEK AGAINST RACISM - MARCH 21



UNITED coordinated the European Action Week Against Racism again this year : a weeklong Europe-wide campaign to protest against all forms of racism and discrimination. This campaign is a commemoration of March 21, 1960, where the police opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration in Sharpeville South Africa, against the apartheid laws.

One more time, UNITED network showed its whole-hearted involvement against intolerance, around the slogan "Time to be UNITED!". There was also a special focus on #FaceToFace meetings. The campaign was a great success and had widespread outreach on social media: we reached 300,000 people through Facebook alone. As such, we would like to thank them, and hope that their commitment encourages others.





# time to be UNITED

#FaceToFace

## ACTION WEEK AGAINST RACISM - HIGHLIGHTS



### PUBLIC LIBRARY OF AMSTERDAM

Has teamed up with Critical Mass and 21MaartComite around Diversity and inclusion in Amsterdam, by organizing a free interactive event, with Virtual Reality game to step into someone else's shoes, panel discussions, art, spoken word, videos.



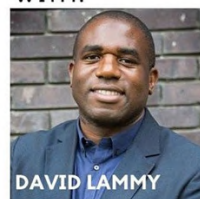
### CULTUR MIGRANT CENTRE

Has celebrated this day by holding an event mixing guest speakers presentations, refreshments and information on how work culture can reduce racism county-wide. March 2019 was also the occasion to parade for St Patrick's Day, and organize workshops on anti-racism.

20 MARCH '19 – 20:00

### ANTI-RACISM/DISCRIMINATION STRATEGIES AHEAD OF THE EU ELECTIONS

WITH:



### STIFTUNG FÜR DIE INTERNATIONALEN WOCHEN GEGEN RASSISMUS

Has launched the International Week Against Racism one more time, through walks all around Germany, and has reported hundreds of activities organized for this occasion.

### BOZAR

Has cooperated with ARDI (Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup at the European Parliament) to propose an evening of panel lectures & discussion with leading anti-racism advocates, about "Anti-Racism/discrimination strategies ahead of the EU Elections"

Check our interactive map!

# ELIMIN HATE

## DAY AGAINST FASCISM - 9 NOVEMBER



9th November 2019 has marked the 81th anniversary of the 'Kristallnacht' pogrom in 1938 in Germany and Austria, turning the discrimination against Jews that started in 1933 into a systematic persecution.

Fascism, however, did not disappear with 8th May 1945. Hatred has continued to transform, to creep into bodies and minds in multiple and moving forms.

This has led to discrimination, stigmatization, and violence, and a tracking of migrants, Muslims, Jews, Roma, LGBTQ, people with disabilities, and human rights activists.

In other terms, "everything moves but nothing changes."

This is why UNITED has decided this year again to coordinate a year-long campaign to remind fascism and intolerance defenders that they will never win.

An efficient way to fight these ideas is to have a clear view of the diversity of how hate manifests.

To this purpose, our 2019-2020's Day Against Fascism has focused on the question "What is Hate Today?", under the slogan #EliminHATE.

In addition to a call to our network to share with us their activities to this occasion, UNITED created visual activities, and the "Secret Dictator" game.





# ELIMINATE HATE

## DAY AGAINST FASCISM - ACTIVITIES

### WHAT IS HATE TODAY ?

**WHAT IS "HATE" TODAY?**



Reports of antisemitic attacks online have been steadily rising across Europe.

89% of young Jewish Europeans have stressed that antisemitism on the internet and social media is a very big problem.

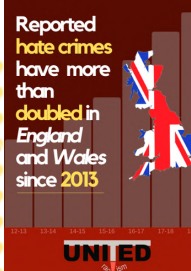
80% of young Jewish Europeans most commonly come across antisemitic statements online.

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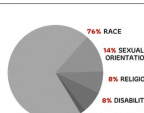
Source: 2019 Fundamental Rights Report

**WHAT IS "HATE" TODAY?**

Reported hate crimes have more than doubled in England and Wales since 2013



**Motivating Hate Crime Factors 2018/19**



**ELIMINATE**

Source: Police Recorded Crime, Home Office

### WHO IS THE AUTHOR ?

**WHO'S THE AUTHOR?**

☐ Matteo Salvini, 2017

☐ Adolf Hitler, 1943

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"We need a mass cleansing, street by street, square by square, neighbourhood by neighbourhood."

**WHO'S THE AUTHOR?**

**Matteo Salvini, 2017**

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# THE FATAL POLICIES OF FORTRESS EUROPE

## LIST OF REFUGEE DEATHS

Since 1993, UNITED has been monitoring the deadly results of the building of 'Fortress Europe' by making a list of the refugees and migrants that have died in their attempt of entering the 'Fortress', or as a result of Europe's immigration policies.

By the end of 2019, more than 36.570 deaths have been documented in the UNITED List of Refugee Deaths. Since its inception, the list has grown to become an important tool for activism, advocacy, and awareness raising worldwide.

In 2019, the List of Refugee Deaths was used in art, music, cinema, media and social media, books, public readings and performances and more. The List of Deaths is free for anyone to download from our website and use, mentioning UNITED for Intercultural Action as source.



**Check our map!**







## PETER WEISMANN

During his project Mare Nostrum, the artist engraves names of refugees who have drowned in the Mediterranean onto Isar river stones and takes the stones back to the 300km long river from its source till the river Danube



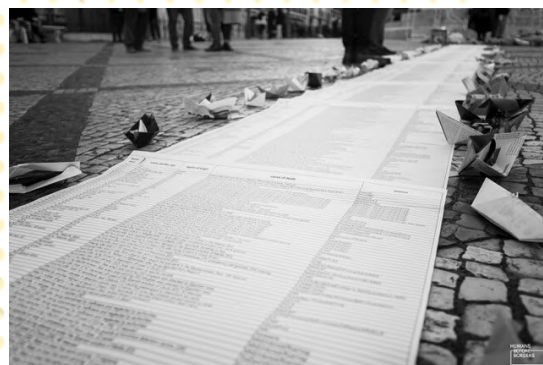
## 5TH BAKU BIENNIAL OF CONTEMPORARY ART

UNITED List of Deaths was transformed into the installation "NO NAME" List of 36 750 documented deaths of migrants due to the restrictive policies of "Fortress Europe" by Cristina Ataide.



## HUMAN BEFORE BORDERS

Has organized on 12 January 2019, the public event #WeWontForgetYou in Lisbon, Porto, and Poznan, Portugal.



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# MAKE THEM




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## AGAIN

### #letsvote

# EP ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN - #MAKETHEMSMALLAGAIN

#### Freedom Party of Austria (FPÖ)

-  Austria
-  Founded in 1956
-  Nationalist
-  Radical right
-  Europe of Nations and Freedom (ENF)
-  4/18 seats in the 2014 EP Elections



#### Freedom and Direct Democracy (SPD)

-  Czech Republic
-  Founded in 2015
-  Radical right
-  The party is not sitting in the current European Parliament
-  The party did not participate in the 2014 EP Elections



#### CasaPound Italy (CPI)

-  Italy
-  Founded in 2003
-  Nationalist
-  Neo-fascist
-  The party is not sitting in the current European Parliament
-  The party did not participate in the 2014 EP Elections



In the run-up to the 2019 European Parliamentary Elections, UNITED for Intercultural Action launched the #MakeThemSmallAgain campaign. In addition to encouraging a broad and massive vote to counter the dismantle of European values of equality, respect and solidarity, we have collected European Union-wide data on discriminatory parties and politicians running for the elections.

Thanks to our European network of activists, we have built an index of political parties that we, UNITED across Europe, did not want to see in the European Parliament, because they are campaigning for hate and intolerance towards European minorities - including migrants, refugees, Muslims, people of African descent, Jews, Roma, LGBT+ and disabled people.

We have particularly paid close attention to reporting the parties featuring nationalist, radical right, far-right, neo-fascist and neo-Nazi ideologies.

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**POWER OF COEXISTENCE:  
Turn it on! Bridge, Cooperate,  
Overcome**

15 - 20 May 2019

Near Tirana, Albania

**70**

PARTICIPANTS

**16**

**UNITED #WITHOUTHATE:  
Building Partnerships towards a  
Hate-free society**

17 - 22 Nov 2019

Near Bratislava, Slovakia

**65**

PARTICIPANTS





# POWER OF COEXISTENCE: TURN IT ON! BRIDGE, COOPERATE, OVERCOME – ALBANIA

15 – 20  
MAY 2019

PREPARED WITH  
YOUTH CENTRE  
PERSPEKTIVA  
&  
PROJEKTE  
VULLNETARE  
NDERKOMBETARE

UNITED's conference "Power of Coexistence – TURN IT ON! Bridge, Cooperate and Overcome" was held between 15 and 20 May 2019, near Tirana, Albania. The conference focused on coexistence, not only as a general value of understanding and peaceful living within a community, but as a practical strategy that can help facing the current challenges of Europe on many different levels.

Coexistence can in fact help us bridge our differences, make us cooperate among ourselves so that together we can overcome these challenges by turning on our common power. For this reason, UNITED decided to invite activists from all over Europe who work on the field and to work together to build the basis for this strategy and to share the vision of peaceful coexistence as a possible and concrete achievement.



The conference featured:

- Panel discussions with experts that helped clarify what coexistence means
- Successful examples and good practices of coexistence
- Focal working groups on Communication, Campaign, Advocacy, Education and Community Building as basis for a coexistence strategy
- Practical workshops on how to raise funds for a strategy
- Networking and initiating joint actions to pave the way for future cooperation.





# "POWER OF COEXISTENCE" (ALBANIA) - 5 DAYS







# UNITED #WITHOUTHATE: BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS TOWARDS A HATE-FREE SOCIETY (SLOVAKIA)

19 - 22  
NOV. 2019



**This conference featured:**

- Panel discussions with media experts that will help deepen understandings on the relation between hate speech in traditional and new mass media.
- Workshops to gain experience in fighting online and offline hate speech, helping the participants to better develop existing tools and good practices.
- Focal working groups on activism, advocacy, education and community building to think about the future and legacies of the No Hate Speech Movement in Europe.

On November 17th to 22nd, UNITED for Intercultural Action held its biannual conference in Slovakia.

This conference built on the No Hate Speech Movement which began with the Council of Europe. The NHSM campaign was designed to counter hate speech online and offline, prevent and counter hate speech through human rights education, raise awareness about the risks hate speech poses for democracy and for young people's well-being, and develop and disseminate tools and mechanisms for reporting hate speech.

**Check our entire report!**





# "UNITED #WITHOUTHATE" (SLOVAKIA) - 4 DAYS IN PICTURES







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# NO HATE SPEECH MOVEMENT



**UNITED** has played a key role in the Council of Europe's "No Hate Speech Movement" campaign since its inception, which is a youth campaign led by the Council of Europe Youth Department seeking to mobilise young people to combat hate speech and promote human rights online.

Representatives from the Council of Europe, and specifically the No Hate Speech Movement were invited to act as panelists on the **UNITED #WithoutHate** conference in Slovakia in November 2019. They situated their movement within the context of the conference theme, and gave overviews of their history, as well as their recent publications such as **Bookmarks**, and **We CAN!**



## STAR E - STANDING TOGETHER AGAINST RACISM IN EUROPE

The Standing Together Against Racism in Europe (STAR E) project was inspired by a group of youth and voluntary service organisations based across Europe who wanted to explore how to raise issues of racism, privilege and discrimination with our young people.

The project explored methods and concepts in racism-sensitisation: adapting them, testing them, and assessing their impact on our staff, volunteers and young people.

UNITED has been one of the organizations supporting this project, and is proud to announce the publication of a handbook that has been produced under this project.

### STANDING TOGETHER AGAINST RACISM

- A Training Handbook -



Standing Together Against Racism: A Training Handbook provides concepts and methods for staff to use in youth and voluntary service organisations. These activities provide a forum in which to identify and challenging racist attitudes and their harmful effects.





# UNITED NETWORK REPRESENTATIONS IN 2019

**This year, the UNITED delegate group strengthened the 560-member-strong network by participating in 35 different events across Europe.**

**To further strengthen our work on #antiracism and #diversity in Europe, the pool of UNITED Delegates consists of experts and activists, who act as the ambassadors of the network, and represent UNITED at various international meetings and events – online and offline.**

**These events included a meeting the the Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, Fernand de Varennnes, on collecting existing practises in combating hate speech; a European Network Against Racism training in Brussels to promote th EP elections campaign; a Voice4Migrants training in Spain, and another in Hungary, designed to challenge the narrative on migration in journalism;**



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Delegate!**

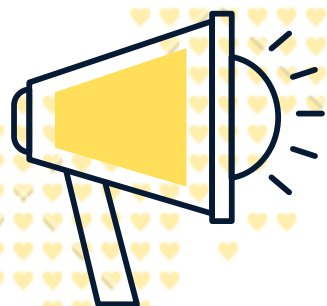
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**a Generation Europe Method Workshop in Weimar, to train and test active citizenship methods; an OIDHR training on hate crime legislation based on human rights activism; attendance at the Sziget music festival to attract new people to the network; a Roma summit in Bulgaria, to learn from Roma empowerment campaigns; to confront football racism at a Football Against Racism event in Italy; and many others, all of which have strengthened the network, and enforced the work in human rights in Europe.**



## UNITED NETWORK REPRESENTATIONS IN 2019 EXAMPLES

- World Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth, 2019 06 22-2019 06 23, Lisbon, Portugal
- Lisbon Forum (North-South Centre, Council of Europe), 25th-26th November, 2019, Lisbon, Portugal
- European Youth Centre Budapest (EYCB) Human Rights Day, December 10th, 2019, Budapest, Hungary
- Executive Committee meeting of the North-South Centre, 18 October 2019, Strasbourg, France
- Ad Hoc Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller issues (CAHROM) 2019 06 11 - 2019 06 14, Toulouse, France
- Seminar "Roma Youth Participation: What now?" (Council of Europe), 24-26 September, 2019, Strasbourg, France
- Meeting of the Informal Contact Group - Roma Youth Action Plan (Council of Europe), 13-14 May, 2019, Strasbourg, France
- "The Future Of Young People's Political Participation: Questions, Challenges And Opportunities" (EU-CoE Partnership), 18-20 September, 2019, Strasbourg, France
- Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (United Nations), 21-22 March, 2019, Geneva, Switzerland



THANK YOU FOR REPRESENTING US ALL AROUND EUROPE





# THANK YOU ALL!



Thank you, all staff members, volunteers, interns, Network members, NGOs, associations, organisations, and friends who have helped to make this year a success.

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