'KRISTALLNACHT' POGROM COMMEMORATION campaign report 2010





9 NOVEMBER INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST FASCISM & ANTISEMITISM

WIPE OUT HATE

Hundreds of Activities in 49 Countries

The 2010 International Day Against Fascism and Antisemitism was very much influenced by the current tendencies of right-wing extremism and antisemitism in Europe and the particular situation in each country. The lessons taught from human catastrophes, such as the Holocaust and totalitarian regimes, still seem not to be clear enough. Right-wing extremism is gaining ground all around and the alarming rise of hate crimes against particular groups within society becomes a daily constant. Freedom of individuals is encroached by unjust policies and state measures in the name of public security. And the political right-wing scent chances with the utilization of populist propaganda against a "new enemy" – the Islam – following in the wake of an economic crisis at the expenses of especially workers, employees, families and youth.

Yet again, UNITED unified hundreds of organisations and informal groups all over Europe under one common slogan to commemorate the Holocaust and take a stand against present right-wing tendencies and violence. The large variety and creativity of campaign activities in 49 European countries sent out the clear message "Never Again!" and inspired hope for a just and peaceful future in an inclusive Europe.

Although there is only one Holocaust, several indescribable genocides followed World War II – with the 1995 Srebrenica Genocide as the largest mass murder in Europe since 1945. It is a duty of the democratic European civil society to transmit generation by generation a collective memory based on the concept "Holocaust - Never Again" as a way to overcome hatred, right-wing extremism and totalitarian ideology. Thus, when we say "Never Again", it means that we commit ourselves to do everything in our power to prevent genocides and persecution and oppression by totalitarian regimes before they can manifest.

This report explains the historical background of the campaign and summarises the 2010 campaign activities with a selection of good practice documentations from different countries. The complete list is printed in the footer of this report and you also can find it on the campaign website at www.unitedagainstracism.org.

Why this Campaign around 9 November

On 9 November 1938, nazi Germany started a pogrom against Jewish people. SA Storm Troopers and civilians destroyed more than 1.400 synagogues and other places of religious service, as well as thousands of Jewish homes, shops and graveyards, and imprisoned, injured and killed hundreds of Jews in nazi Germany and parts of Austria. Pieces of broken windows covering the streets in many German cities gave rise to the name "Kristallnacht", which freely translated means the Night of Broken Glass.

The "Kristallnacht" pogrom is seen as the symbolic beginning of the Holocaust - the systematic extermination of Jewish people. the persecution of Jews by the nazis It reminds us that did not start with deportations and concentration camps, but developed step by step and eventually led to the murder of at least 6 millions Jewish people and 5,5 million "enemies of the German state": homosexuals, criminals and "asocial" people, Jehovah's Witnesses, people with mental disabilities, minorities like Roma and Sinti, political "offenders" such as communists, socialists, Spanish Republican refugees or simply people who challenged the national-socialist ideology (antifascists, so to speak).

Since 1993, UNITED coordinates a pan-European campaign on occasion of 9 November and coined this date *International Day Against Fascism and Antisemitism*.

The "Kristallnacht" pogrom: a short history

Until 9 November 1938, the daily terror against Jews and political opponents had the appearance of being unplanned and not sanctioned by the leadership of the nazi Party, the government of Germany. However, this changed when an incident in Paris that was utilized by the nazi regime to launch a pogrom against Jews throughout nazi Germany and parts of Austria.

On 6 November, a young Jew living in Paris, Herschel Grynszpan, received a post-card from his father Zindel who had been deported, along with 18.000 other German Jews, on 27 October to the Polish frontier. The postcard described the terrible conditions that the deportees were suffering. Herschel Grynszpan was so angered by what he read that he went to the German Embassy in Paris and shot the first German official that he saw, Ernst vom Rath, a diplomatic assistant. Vom Rath died of his injuries on 8

November and the news of his death reached Germany the next day. Adolf Hitler and his Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels were at that moment on the NSDAP-celebration on occasion of the 10th anniversary of the ill-fated Hitlerputsch on 9 November 1923. Goebbels directly used this occasion to hold an antisemitic hate speech in front of the assembled SA-leadership, where he blamed the Jews for the death of Ernst vom Rath.

The pogrom started in Berlin on 9 November 1938, organised unofficially by Hitler's SA storm troops. In a telegram-letter to all SA and SS-groups, Reinhard Heydrich, leader of the SS, clearly ordered the violence to begin. Synagogues were set on fire, Jewish shops and houses were ransacked and destroyed, and many Jews were physically attacked, arrested or murdered. The violence lasted 24 hours and an internal NSDAP party report documented that 91 Jews were killed, however, the actual number of murders is estimated significantly higher. More than 30.000 were arrested and sent to concentration camps. Many of them were killed in the following two months. More than 7.000 Jewish businesses across the country were attacked. Fires were lit in every Jewish area and the nazis burned religious books. More than 1.400 synagogues and other places of religious service were destroyed.



Campaigning with UNITED

Why do we need to care about something that belongs to history books? Surely, it is better to be concentrated on the future rather than on the past, but how do we know that past is a closed chapter? Can we be sure the events of 9 November 1938 are totally irrelevant to the present and the future? The answer is: "No". The seemingly distant past is not distant at all. All over Europe violence against minorities happens today. The lessons of tragic history are not learnt by our societies. We need to make sure the past is not forgotten. Even more importantly, we must react against the

rise of right-wing extremism, racism and intolerance here and now. History proves that hatred kills – thus we stand UNITED to wipe out hate!

Europe is in a permanent building process, and its civil society is contributing with its own voice by means of cooperation, education, networking and campaigning. Acting in defense of individual freedom at a European level is the political and moral commitment that the UNITED network takes on through its members all over Europe. Such a task requires not only determination and willingness but also effectiveness. Common campaigns provide a platform for true grass-roots activism and inspiration and motivation for those who want to organise low or no-budget activities in a pan-European frame of like-minded groups with a common goal.

The UNITED campaigns are based on the principle of "think globally and act locally". Organisations arrange activities on local level within an intercultural and international framework. The UNITED secretariat stimulates and coordinates the diverse campaign activities all over Europe on a common date and provides organisations with campaigning-tools (like posters, thematic leaflets, PR-material, background information on the campaigns, etc.) advice and contacts of local like-minded organisations for possible cooperation.

The strength of coordinating many actions on a common date is, that we are enabled to draw European-wide attention on one specific principal topic. Media, general public, but also policy makers are more likely to be interested and attracted by the highlighted issues. Another advantage of the UNITED campaigns is the "good practice" effect. The different participating groups are enabled to share experiences, ideas and good practice and empower each other in their actions.

What is UNITED?

UNITED for Intercultural Action is the European network against nationalism, racism, fascism and in support of migrants and refugees. More than 550 organisations from a wide variety of backgrounds, from 48 European countries, work together in common activities, such as European-wide campaigns. Like-minded organisations have the opportunity to meet each other at conferences and elaborate specific projects. UNITED is and will remain independent from all political parties, organisations and states, but seeks an active co-operation with other anti-racist initiatives in Europe. Information is received from more than 2.700 organisations and mailings go out to about 2.300 groups in Europe. Let us know if you want to get involved. And add UNITED to your mailing list!

RUSSIA

An antifascist non-violent alternative

The situation in Russia has been remained tense for the last years: a high number of hate crimes, attacks on antifascists, numerous cases of state oppression against civil activists, annual so-called "Russian marches" and a constant high level of xenophobia and aggression in society. There were some positive developments and improvements, which were achieved by authorities and civil organisations, but as recent events in Moscow and Saint-Petersburg have shockingly demonstrated, Russia is on the edge of mass ethnic pogroms and authorities have no clue how to stabilise the situation. Following the murder of the football fan Egor Sviridov, in December thousands attended mass demonstrations in these cities, and chanted nationalistic and racist slogans, ending with clashes with riot police and attacks on people with "non-Slavic" appearance.

We believe it is crucially important to promote non-violent action with messages of human rights and tolerance, freedom and civil responsibility, mutual support and solidarity. Activities of the European-wide campaign dedicated to November 9, which took place in Russia and Russian-speaking communities in Europe, are good examples of such practices.

The Youth Human Rights Movement and their various partners organised the Action week "Crystal Night - Never Again!". Diverse organisations and initiatives from more than 20 Russian-speaking communities in cities of Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Poland, Kazakhstan and Germany participated. In 2010, the Youth Human Rights Movement identified their aim as the following: "Our task is to fill the social space as much as possible with signs of humanitarian ideas and values, which are the core of the anti-fascist non-violent alternatives". So even though not everybody who shares the ideas of the action was able to hold a public event, many people made the Week significant by posting about it on blogs, twitters, social networks etc.

Thematic film screenings with following discussions were organised in several cities, such as Voronezh, Rostov-on-Don, St. Petersburg, Saratov (Russia), Izmail (Ukraine) and more. A Film Marathon against xenophobia, fascism and discrimination was also organised in Murmansk (Russia) whilst in Moscow a traditional Youth Film Festival "Go and Watch!" - cinema against hate took place.

In Gorlovka and Izmail (Ukraine), Saratov and Volgograd (Russia) public discussions with youth were organised in local universities.

In Berlin, Nürnberg (Germany), Murmansk (Russia), Kyiv and Izmail (Ukraine) commemorative events were held—both in memory of victims of the past and those who have been killed and injured by neo-nazis in recent times.

In many cities (for example in Nizhny Novgorod, Voronezh, Murmans (Russia), thematic lessons in schools were organised. In St. Petersburg, shortly before the action "Crystal Night - Never Again!", the conference "Xenophobia, Anti-fascism and Neo-fascism in the Contemporary Social Context" took place. Among many activities in Murmansk, an exhibition of antiracist posters was planned. In Kirov (Russia) activists organised musical performances and presented a fashion collection that was inspired by the tragic history of girls in Nazi time. An anti-fascist graffiti action took place in Kazan (Russia) and in Sochi (Russia) regional youth organised "Package for Local Mayor" and sent a package with images of hate symbols and graffiti found in the area to local authorities. An art installation was placed in the Pedagogical University of Voronezh and the regional Voronezh group also organised debates under the title "The Theory of Humanitarian



Hate crimes, attacks on antifascists, high level of xenophobia - that is still the current situation in Russia, but with the action week "Crystal Night-Never Again!" the *Youth Human Rights Movement* made a huge signal against all forms of hate.



Pupils of *Municipal Educational Institution Public School* 24 in Nizhniy Novgorod got active on the street and informed passers-by about the 9 November...



... and rolled up their sleeves and cleaned walls until they were free of racist and fascist graffiti. Because you don't have to accept it!



List of activities ...

• INTERNATIONAL > 09.11.2010 "Wipe Hate Out with Education!" International campaign in schools, universities & marches held in 10 cities in Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Montenegro & Macedonia in the frame of the program 'Education for Human Rights & Active Civil Society on Western Balkans', organised by offices of Serbian Youth Group of Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Belgrade, Zrenjanin, Krusevae & Novi Sad in cooperation with Centre for Civic Education (MNE), Center for Peace Studies (HR) & Helsinki Committee for Human Rights (BH). 09.11.10-16.11.10 "Kristallnacht' Never Again!" Action week with film festival, actions, open lessons, lectures & performances in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Armenia & Moldova, organised by Youth Human Rights Movement & different groups in Russian speaking area of Eastern Europe. 04.11.2010 "Combating Antisemitism through Education" Conference in Vienna, organised by ODIHR - OSCE - ALBANIA > 09.11.2010 "Youth Against Fascism" Workshop in Tirana, organised by AEGEE European Student's Forum Tirana. • ARMENIA > 07.11.10-11.11.0 "Youth Against Fascism" Campaign for young people all over Armenia, organised by Federation of Youth Clubs of Armenia. 09.11.2010 "A World Without Hate" Street action & concert in Yerevan, organised by Armenian Center for Youth & Students Int. Relations & Exchange. 09.11.10-16.11.10 "Kristallnacht' Never Again!" Action week with film festival, public actions, open lessons, lectures & performances in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Armenia, Moldova, organised by Youth HR Movement & different groups from Eastern Europe. • AUSTRIA > November "Spreading the Antifascist Word" Distribution of English & Russian UNITED material in Innsbruck, organised by MUT. 09.11.2010 "The Wave" Film & discussion in Percholdsdorf, organised by Moje-Mobile Jugendarbeit. 09.11.2010 "Everyday Racism - Exclusion, Xenophobia, Re-engagement" Vernissage of photo exhibition in Vienna, organised by Verein 8tung! 09.11.2010 "Never Forget! - Never Again Fascism!" Picket & manifestation i



Antifascism: a Utopia or a Recipe?". A competition of mini anti-fascist projects was held among students in Izmail (Ukraine) and students from the *Institute of Foreign Languages* of Gorlovka (Ukraine) were given the opportunity not only to wipe out "hate symbols", but also to participate in an essay contest. On the Day of Russian Unity where neo-nazi "Russian March" was organised, *Coalition Xenophobii* came together in St. Petersburg for a counter demonstration against their message of hate. This coalition of human rights activists, antifas, anarchists and migrant organisations embodied the strength of solidarity, the very spirit of UNITED. This worrying presence of fascism was explored during a round table held by *Student Union VAGS* in Volgograd, where young people were able to gain a better understanding of the far-right in contemporary Russia. In Nizhniy

Novgorod, in street action organised by *Municipal Educational Institution Public School 24*, pupils literally wiped out hate by rolling up their sleeves and cleaning walls until they were free of racist and fascist graffiti. The huge amount of campaign activity that took place in Russia and the diverse groups willing to take a stand against fascism is proof that wherever hate rears its ugly head, activists will mobilise civil society and be ready to stop them.

Antifascism - My Choice

International cooperation is the key to achieve your aims, this is what the examples below show us.

Members of 14 youth groups from the regional programme "Education for Human Rights and Active Citizenship in the Western Balkans" which is implemented in Bosnia and Herzegovina (*Helsinki Committee for Human Rights*), Croatia (*Center for Peace Studies*), Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro (*Centre for Civic Education*) and Serbia (*Youth Group of Helsinki Committee for Human Rights Belgrade/ Zrenjanin/Krusevac/Novi Sad and Women in Black*) marked 9 November by regional and individual action in the local community. 30 schools took part and introduced their pupils to the concept of human rights and its ideas, principles of democracy, tolerance, solidarity, non-violent communication and to improve critical thinking skills. Lectures about LBGTTIQ were organised to spread information and change listeners' prejudices and commonly held stereotypes in the face of rising homophobia and violations against LBGTTIQ people in the Balkan regions.

The Serbian NGO *Women in Black* prepared a street action in Beograd called "Antifascism - My Choice". About one hundred people gathered at the monument dedicated to fallen soldiers. Slogans of solidarity and tolerance called citizens to resist fascist influence. Promotional material consisted of a variety of posters and textiles, colorful polystyrene stars and flyers. All participants, coming from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia lay down bright red roses at the monument.

In Bijeljina the *Youth Group of Helsinki Committee for Human Rights Bosnia & Herzegovina* held a seminar. Twenty participants from three different high schools took part. The film 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' was shown, which looks at World War II from the perspective of a naive young boy. After the screening, the film was discussed as well as broader issues of fascism.

With so many lectures, workshops and sessions, scholars engaged by openconcept teaching which includes the use of alternative teaching methods to reach the students in a better way.

If we reach children and youngsters with ideas of tolerance and humanity we can reach a future in a better world as well.



In different workshops in Gent in Belgium the Netwerk Racisme Keren discussed about racism as a daily occurrence in health care.

- BELGIUM

Racism is Not Healthy!

Places where you search for existential help are spaces of trust and security. One of these places is surely the public health sector, or better to say: it should be. Racism is a daily occurrence in health care. Did you know that?

Supposedly a lot of people do not realise the connection between discrimination and health care. That is why *Netwerk Racisme Keren* held a conference with debates and workshops in Gent exactly about this issue. Different academic experts were invited to focus on the topic of discrimination of employees of foreign origin in hospitals and maintenance areas by their colleagues and patients.

At first the public health service was presented in general. At the following discussion the floor was given to members of different NGOs but to concerned persons as well; for example, to a woman who is one of the few employees of foreign origin working at a rest home and was regularly having problems with racism at work. In order to give practical advices, the workshops afterwards were concerned with questions such as 'how do we deal with discriminatory behaviour of clients or patients? Finally Netwerk Racisme Keren came to the conclusion that equality and fair conditions of employment has to be especially promoted in healthcare because all of us depend on this sector, we need to value and take care of each other.

List of activities

organised by Initiative Aspangbahnhof. 09.11.2010 "No to Racism & Xenophobia!" Commemoration in Wels & "Wild Mint" Antifascist documentary evenings in Wels, organised by Welser Initiative gegen Faschismus. 09.11.2010 "Time Travel Through the Jewish Joke" Commemoration & reading in Steyr, organised by Mauthausen Komitee Österreich. 10.11.2010 "Never Forget" Memorial tour & lecture in Vienna, organised by Rosa Antifa Wien. 11.11.10-13.11.10 "Oral History in Austrian Schools" Seminar in Salzburg, organised by Nationalsozialismus & Holocaust, Gedächtnis & Gegenwart. 12.11.10-13.11.10 "Intervene Instead of Watching" Workshop in Vienna, organised by ZARA. 13.11.2010 "Trip to the Memorial in Lackenbach" Commemoration in Lackenbach & 17.11.2010 "Racism in Austria" Presentation in Ebensee, organised by Nationalsozialismus & Holocaust; Gedächtnis & Gegenwart • AZERBAIJAN > 09.11.2010 "Youth Against Fascism & Antisemitism" Action day in Baku, organised by Women & Modern World Center December "Wipe Out Hate with Education & Youth" Actionday & distribution of UNITED material in schools in Baku, organised by Youth League for Intercultural Cooperation • BELARUS > 09.11.2010 "Wipe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED Material in Grodno, organised by Stop Racism in Belarus. 09.11.2010 "Kristallnacht" Never Again!" Action week with film festival, actions, open lessons, lectures & performances in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Armenia, Moldova, organised by YHRM & different groups from Eastern Europe. 09.11.2010 "Wipe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material in Minsk, organised by Belarussian Helsinki Committee for HR • BELGIUM > 09.11.2010 "Active Against Hate" Distribution of UNITED material, organised by Party of European Socialists. 20.11.2010 "Concerns of Racism in Health Care" Conference, debate & workshops in Gent, organised by Kerkwerk Multicultureel Samenleven • BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA > 09.11.2010 "Wipe Out Hate with Education" Distribution of UNITED material in schools for Bosnian, Serbian & Croation students, organised by Nansen D

CYPRUS .

A Rainbow that Refuses to Break

Concerned by a rising toxic climate of hate in Cyprus, with National Popular Front (ELAM) activity being increasingly reported, the 13th annual Rainbow Festival organised by KISA took place over two weekends in both Nicosia and Larnaca, to coincide with an anti-immigrant march planned on 5 November. The theme for this year's festival was "Cypriots and Migrants United Against the Crisis", intending to bring communities together to help those most affected by the dismal economic situation and was attended in huge numbers by those wishing to show strength and solidarity in the face of hate and intolerance.

All organisations involved in the Rainbow Festival had requested that police discern the intentions the nationalist group and keep them a safe distance from the venue as they wanted a peaceful day, free of conflict. However, neonazis from the march organised by Greek Resistance Movement in collaboration with other nationalist and racist organisations soon made their way to the location. Thanks to poor monitoring and checking by police and limited intervention, the gang of nationalists were able to hijack the event, cutting the power supply and attacking audience members. Further away from the festival site, they beat and stabbed festival performers and even mindlessly victimised the general public.

Video footage of the incident has been circulating on Youtube and police failure to prevent or respond to these attacks has been internationally condemned. This cooperation amongst European activists in sending out a clear message that hate attacks will not be tolerated highlights the strength of our antifascist network

AUSTRIA

A Sign of Courage

Austria's far-right Freedom Party (FPÖ) celebrates a worrying revival after its gradual political collapse 2002-2005 that eventually let to the party's splitting. Throughout all the local and regional elections in 2010 the FPÖ was the party with the largest increase of votes. The FPÖ smartly utilises a furious populist campaign against immigrants (especially Muslims) and their supposedly affiliates (political enemies). The extensive use of New Media but also misuse of popular music styles (HC Strache Rap) and provoking public shows - e.g. Strache literally stepping into a boxing ring to show his will to "fight all political enemies" – are campaign characteristics that aim at young people. Many Austrian grass-roots groups and NGOs continuously engage in creative actions to counteract the strengthening of the far right.

M.U.T. organised a colourful art and performance program, starting with a youngsters play showing examples of successful interaction among people from different cultural backgrounds. The highlight was a fire installation made by the sculptor and painter Johann Lengauer. The acronym M.U.T. - standing for 'Menschlichkeit Und Toleranz' ('Humanity and Tolerance'), as well as for the German word "Mut" ("Courage") – overlooked the event area in huge letters. The bottom of the letters were framed in fire to symbolise the blazing courage that is the basis to take an active stand active against hate and for democracy, peace and solidarity. With this action M.U.T. sent an impressive signal of courage. Further, the role of peer pressure and group-dynamics in the rising of extremist movements was made a subject by showing the movie "The Wave", followed by a discussion





In Lackenbach, Austria, more than 200 people commemorated the deported Roma and Sinti from the province of Burgenland during World War II.



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The colourful art and performance program of *M.U.T.* in Ried im Innkreis was overlooked by the fire installation MUT, standing for courage.

List of activities -

Centre Sarajevo. 09.11.2010 "Touche Pas A Mon Pote" Action Day in Sarajevo, organised by Youth Initiative for HR Sarajevo • BULGARIA > 09.11.2010 "Stop Hate With Awareness" Awareness event in Varna, organised by Bulgarian Socialist Youth • CROATIA > 09.11.2010 "Wipe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material in Zagreb, organised by Interkultura. 09.11.2010 "Wipe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material in Zagreb, organised by Interkultura. 09.11.2010 "Wipe Hate Out with Education" Send postcards, distribute stickers/posters & march in Zagreb, organised by HR Education for Active Citizenship Western Balkans & Center for Peace Studies • CYPRUS > 06.11.2010 "Rainbow Festival" Concerts, dance, exhibitions, children activities & debates in Nicosia, organised by Kisa • CZECHIA > 09.11.2010 "Wipe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material in youth organisations, organised by HNF. 09.11.2010 "Wipe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material in Youth organisations, organised by LO Storkeboebenham, SOS Against Racism & others • ESTONIA > 09.11.2010 "Geducating Against Hate" Workshops & distribution of UNITED material in schools in Tallinn, organised by Sillname Vanalinna School. 09.11.2010 "Day of Antfacism" Debates in school in Estonia, organised by Sillname Vanalinna School. 09.11.2010 "Day of Antfacism in Europe" Presentation in school in Sillimae, 09.11.2010 "Without Fascism" Picture & essay competition in Sillname & 09.11.2010 "Remembrance of Holocaust, Contemporary Fascism & Discrimination" Radio interview in Sillname, organised by Sillname Vanalinna School • FINLAND > 09.11.2010 "Making our Communities Aware" Radio-program & distribution of UNITED-material in Turku, organised by Radio Robin Hood • FRANCE > 09.11.2010 "Commemoration of 9 November Pogrom 1938" Cathering & actions in Reims, organised by Collectif de Lutte Antifacsiste, LICRA & partners. 09.11.2010 "Wipe Out Hate with Talking & Acting" Distribution of campaign material in Chartres, organised by Clellectif de

Wanderausstellung zeigt Rassismus im Alltag Jugendliche gegen Fremdenfeindlichkeit

Der Verein "8ung!" entwickelte gemeinsam mit Jugendlichen das Projekt "Alltag-Rassismus" und eine Wanderausstellung, die die Themen Ausgrenzung und Zivilcourage ausführlich behandeln.



A. R. Wagenstein, a Bulgarian film director, spoke about his experience as a member of an antifascist group during the time of the nazi-regime.



In Estonia Euro Clio Eesti - Sinimae School organised a Day of Holocaust with presentations, drawing and essay competitions and debates on the topic of antifascism in different schools.

MOJA - Mobile Jugendarbeit Mödling and Verein 8tung! also hit the streets with a traveling exhibition called "Everyday Racism − Youth ≠ Xenophobia". This showed photographs of traces of exclusion, xenophobia and neonazism that had been contributed by young people since 2008. The uncommented and sometimes provocative pictures raised the question "How much have these signs of hate already become a 'normal' part in our everyday lives, and how far are limits of tolerance pushed?". It is a call for moral courage and to keep an eye on everyday racism in our streets and in our minds.

ZARA set its focus on civil courage and direct interventions against manifestations of hate. Therefore ZARA organised a 3-day-long workshop for youngsters to train the right behavior in situations that require civil courage and intervention, as well as to have youngsters understand where are their personal boundaries.

---- FRANCE

Are we Living in the Past or Present?

France's discriminatory policies of deporting Roma and shutting down traveller camps received widespread international attention this year. The crackdown, alongside deeply prejudiced statements from President Sarkozy, were strongly criticised by numerous NGOs and the EU. Collectif de Lutte Antifasciste in Reims organised a commemorative event in the symbolic "Square of the Victims of the Gestapo" alongside partner organisations to remember those that lost their lives in the "Kristallnacht" pogrom and the horrific events that followed. The programme included speeches from representatives of public institutions and the organisations involved in planning the successful evening. In this historically meaningful location, surrounded by monuments of remembrance and the Resistance, a circle of silence and a performance from Théâtre à Pattes also took place. As well as distributing UNITED material, Federation PS d'Europe et Loir made sure mayors in the region of Chartres received postcard reminders to plan acts of remembrance and Fédération des Associations de Solidarité avec les Travailleurs Immigrés (FASTI) contributed to campaign activities in France by organising a series of roundtables on 9 November that dealt with a broad range of discrimination issues. These events were not only an opportunity to educate participants on fascism and show solidarity and support for minority communities but also to expand FASTI's local and national campaigning network, the need fr which has never been more important.

- BULGARIA

Reflection as First Step - From Past to Future

We should remember the past so we do not make the same faults in the present and future - this was the advice of *Bulgarian Socialist Youth 20*. In a public discussion in Sofia, Angel Raymond Wagenstein, a Bulgarian film director, was invited to speak about his experiences as a member of an antifascist group during the Second World War. His Jewish family emigrated for political reasons to France but Wagensteit returned to Bulgaria. He was arrested and condemned to death in 1944 for his acts of sabotage but the invasion of the Soviet Red Army saved him from execution.

To listen and have a discussion with a person who was a real part of history can make you more concerned about dubious action in the present. Reflection is frequently the first step towards action.

List of activities

Racism" Round tables in Paris & distribution of UNITED material to all FASTI network organisations, organised by FASTI. 09.11.2010 "Wipe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material in Paris, organised by European Jewish Congress • GEORGIA > 09.11.2010 "Visitalinacht" Pogrom - Never Again" Seminar in Tbilisi & Gori, organised by Jewish Georgian Info Center & LEA. November "Education Wipes Out Hate" Trainings & meetings in Tbilisi, Marneuli & Gardabani, organised by Circle Interpation Foundation • GERMANY > November "Actionweek Against Antisemitism" Annual Actionweek with 100s of activities in Germany, coordinated by Antonio-Amadeus-Stiftung, November "Wipe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material in Sachsen, organised by Augen auf! November "Wipe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material in Stuttgart, organised by Flüchtlingsrat Baden-Würtemberg, 01.11.10-07.11.10 "Become Active by Yourself" Team training in Baden-Würtemberg, organised by Netzwerk für Demokratie & Courage. 04.11.2010 "Student Associations in Germany - A Critical Review of Antifascist Point of View" Lecture in Kiel, organised by RLS in cooperation with Aktionskreis Kritischer Studierender Kiel. 06.11.2010 "Right-wing Extremist Subcultures" Seminar in Oranienburg, organised by Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung Brandenburg, 09.11.2010 "Tond Anniversary of 'Reichspogromnacht" Commemorative meeting & demo in Berlin, organised by V.09.11.2010 "Tone" Forget! Don't Forgive!" Commemoration & demo in Berlin, organised by Antifaschistische Initiative Moabit. 09.11.2010 "Voices in Commemoration of 9 November 1938" Church service in Berlin, organised by ASF. 09.11.10-11.11.10 "The Names of the Dead People in the City 1933-1945" Lecture in Stuttgart, organised by Antifaschistische Oliver Oliver Wipe Out Hate With Education" Distribution of UNITED material, organised by Antifaschistische Initiative Moabit. 09.11.2010 "Wipe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material, organised by Antifaschistische Initiative Moabit. 09.11.2010 "Wipe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material

GREAT BRITAIN

An Antifascist Occupation

British general elections this year saw a great triumph for the fight against the far-right, as the British National Party suffered an absolute defeat. However, the rise of the militant anti-Islam group English Defence League shows that ideologies of hate, even in repackaged forms, are a continuous threat to multiculturalism and community cohesion in the UK. Tackling this head on were Northamptonshire Rights and Equality Council, with "Kick it Out; Stamp it Out; One World; One Community", a cultural event demonstrating the unity and solidarity of Kettering in the face of recent attempts to stir up racial tension in the town. Amongst antiracist leafleting of UNITED material and creative activities for children, the event celebrated the community's diversity with African and Asian dance and food. Islamophobia and intolerance were then investigated in the debate "Human rights and wrongs about the debate on the niqab and the burkha" which explored prejudiced attitudes in the community.

Hope Not Hate were instrumental in the BNP's election failure and they continued their campaign to educate local communities about fascist activity in the UK by hitting over 60 venues with a day of street action and door-to-door leafleting.

Being vocal about our intolerance of racial hatred is our greatest weapon, and what could be louder than 5000 people demonstrating in London at "No to Racism, Fascism and Islamophobia" co-organised by Unite Against Fascism? When an antifascist presence is so strong, there is simply no space for anything else.

As well as ridding it from our environments, we also need to be able to deal with hate once it rears its ugly head. Hounslow Race and Equalities Council held a "Hate Crime Service Users Forum" to engage with victims, learn how to improve services for them and develop new ways of tackling hate crime. Participants were given an opportunity to speak frankly and openly about their experiences and agreed this was long overdue. Victims who were unable to attend or wished to remain anonymous could also contribute through questionnaires, demonstrating HREC's commitment to finding practical responses to hate crime.

GEORGIA -

Responding to New Forms of Antisemitism

In 2010 neonazi web sites have increased from 800 to 1872 in modern Europe. On the internet people are playing games as 'Kill the Jew' and children and young people find antisemitic rock music appealing. In response to these most recent forms of antisemitsm the Jewish Georgian Information Center & The International Foundation LEA organised a meeting titled "Spiritual and the Cultural Heritage of Jews - History and Present" to look deep into the problem and take a position against new forms of hate against Jews.

Youth Association Droni also got active by spreading their vision of peaceful coexistence and intercultural respect among youngsters from various minorities in Georgia. With 8 football teams consisting of young people from different backgrounds like African, Kurdish, Turkish, Armenia and Indian, Droni showed that it is possible to play fair with each other, to engage as equals. Brief speeches and the distribution of leaflets and posters raised awareness among young people about serious



Hope Not Hate remebered all those who risked their life in Great Britain to keep the country free from fascism during the World War II as Doris Walker.





"Kick it Out; Stamp it Out; One World; One Community" was the motto of the NREC event in Nothampton for a world without fascism and racism.



Georgia marked the 9 november with an LEA meeting going deep into the problem of antisemitsm and a fair play organised by Youth Association Droni.



List of activities

prayer for peace & tolerance & movie in Pößneck, organised by Aktionsbündnis Courage. 10.11.2010 "And Tomorrow? Right-wing Extremism in Sachsen" Presentation & discussion in Düsseldorf, organised by RLS-NRW. 10.11.2010 "Trier in National Socialism" Antifascist city tour in Trier, organised by Flüchtlingsforum Trier. 10.11.10-11.11.10 "Refugees at the EU Borders - A Challenge for Our Actions" Seminar in Magdeburg, organised by Lothar-Kreyssig-Ökumenezentrum der EKM in cooperation with Flüchtlingsrat Sachsen-Anhalt & Evangelischen Entwicklungsdienst. 11.11.10-20.11.10 "Siempre Antifascista - Remembering Means Fighting" Festival, commemoration & action day in Berlin & 12.11.10-14.11.10 "International Anfifascist Conference" organised by Siempre Antifascista. 13.11.2010 "Argue Against Right-wing" Debating training in Fehrbellin, organised by Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung Brandenburg. 13.11.10-19.11.10 "Nemember Instead of Forgetting" Educational leave to Oswiecim & Krakow, organised by Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung Nordrhein-Westfalen. 19.11.10-20.11.10 "National Socialist Migration Regime & "Ethnic Community" Symposium in Berlin, organised by Institut für Migrationsforschung. 19.11.10-20.11.10 "For a Better World! Youth Work Concepts Against Right-wing Extremism & Racism" Celebration of 20th anniversary of IDA in Berlin, organised by IDA. 20.11.2010 "Discussion Group Right" Discussion in Leipzig-Lindenau, organised by Northamptonshire" Public debate in Kettening, organised by Northamptonshire Racial Equality Council (04.11.10.21.11.10 "Mat Miss. Ellin Eastival" in London, organised by LIM. Evenish Ellin Eastival Racial Equality Council. 04.11.10-21.11.10 "14th UK Jewish Film Festival" in London, organised by UK Jewish Film Festival. 06.11.2010 "No to Racism, Fascism & Islamophobia" Demonstration in London, organised by Unite Against Fascism & Love Music Hate Racism. 09.11.2010 "Wipe out Hate" Distributing of UNITED material in Yorkshire, organised by JUST West Yorkshire. 09.11.2010. 11.11.2010 "Race & Hate Crime Victim Forum" Forum in Hounslow, organised by HREC & local Borough Council. 13.11.2010 "Hope not Hate Day of Action" Street action & door-to-door leafleting across the UK, organised by Hope not Hate



In their street action the Greek NGO Youth Centre of Corinthia took the campaign literally and wiped out hate!



In Greece the positive consequence of exchange was shown by using good practices of the last 9 november campaign as 'Tearing down the Wall of Fascism".

Kristallnacht Хрустальная ночь

In Bosnia-Herzegovina the Youth Initiative for Human Rights drew attention to unprotected marginalised communities, such as Roma, and called to local grassroot organisations to join in building strategies against the rise of right wing extremism and discrimination by distributing the message: "Touche pas a mon pote!" ("Do not touch my mate!")



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problems like racism, antisemitsm and xenophobia. This combination of sport and information reached its aim of encouraging youngsters to reflect on these difficult but nevertheless everyday topics.

Civic Integration Foundation who promote civic integration, human rights and civil society in Georgia held a seminar about how NGOs are created, how their projects work, general principles and guides for good practice. This was organised by staff members who also informed students about opportunities for working with NGOs. Efficient NGOs are the heart of campaigns like the 9 of November campaign, it is really important to understand how they operate so we can go on with the good work!

- GREECE

How Tolerant Am I?

In the end of November two ultra-nationalistic young men were arrested by the police and charged with attempting an arson attack against the Synagogue of Athens. The *Central Board of Jewish Communities* in Greece issued: "Such criminal attempts are the result of antisemitic feelings that are systematically cultivated and incited by various circles. Society has to be alert and mobilised to fight against the manifestations of racism and antisemitism, taking also into consideration the dangers deriving from the increase of these phenomena".

The Greek NGOs Youth Centre of Corinthia and Youth County Council, following the motto "If hate is the answer it must be a stupid question!" mobilised a big street action in Korinthos in the frame of the International Day against Fascism and Antisemitsm. They used the good practice of 'Tearing down the Wall of Fascism' which was mentioned as a Serbian activity in the UNITED campaign report in 2009 as inspiration, showing us the positive consequences of interaction and exchange within the network. Furthermore, they took the slogan "Wipe Out Hate" literally and encouraged people to write "hate" on one another's skin in order to wipe it out. It is important to draw attention to these issues by making them more visible and touchable, to create the feeling of being part in making a change. After this, Youth Centre of Corinthia went deeper into topic through video and powerpoint presentations about the history of 'Kristallnacht' progrom by and passers-by had the opportunity to evaluate their own tolerance based on a small questionnaire which ask themselves: How tolerant am I?

Organisers prepared this action well by making and distributing posters, press articles, having discussions with volunteers and internet diffusion through their web portal. All of these made the street action to a big success and tells us: If you leave hatred unchallenged it will persist and grow - so do something!

- UZBEKISTAN

A Tribute to Civil Action

The International Museum of Peace and Solidarity in Samarkand has built an impressive collection that telling the long history of human rights and collective action across the globe. As it displays artwork, campaigning material and important historical artefacts promoting equal rights, democracy and civil solidarity, the collection was able to provide great inspiration to its visitors during the campaign. The museum also functions as an NGO with a strong educational focus, so to spread the importance of 9 November, they sent out UNITED material to schools all over Samarkand.

List of activities

26.11.2010 "Kick It Out, Stamp It Out! - One World - One Community" Sport & cultural event in Kettering, organised by Northamptonshire Racial Equality Council • GREECE > November "Wipe out Hate" Distributing of UNITED material, organised by United Societies of Balkans in cooperation with Youth Power. 09.11.2010 "How Tolerant am !?" Street actions & "Tear Down the Wall of Hate" Invisible theater, flash mob & Questionnaire in Corinth (GR) organised by Coninthian Youth Centers Network • HUNGARY > 08.11.10-12.11.10 "Week Against Fascism & Antisemitism" action, exhibition, movies & tour through Jewish quarter in Budapest, organised by HR Students' Initiative, 09.11.2010 "New Media Against Fascism - Spread the Message!" Online campaign with articles of experts & distribution of online infor material in Budapest, organised by HR Students' Initiative, 09.11.2010 "Wall March". 17 kilometer rally in Budapest, organised by Antifa-Hungary • ICELAND > 09.11.2010 "Wipe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material in Reykjavik, organised by Seeds - See Beyond Borders. 09.11.2010 "Human Rainbow Chain" Street action & distribution of UNITED material in Reykjavik, organised by Voluntary Service Int. Ireland • ITALY > 30.10.10-01.11.10 "Nover Forget" Visits to memorial sites at former concentration camps Mauthausen, Gusen & Ebensee, organised by Gruppo della Memoria. 05.11.2010 "Antifa Hardcore Live Concert Against Fascism & Racism" Concert marathon in Milano, organised by Ass. of Social Promotion Youth Action for Rights in cooperation with Velocie Furiosi Project. 06.11.2010 "Hip Hop Against Fascism" Mcs contest & show in Milano, organised by Ass. of Social Promotion Youth Action for Rights & NoMama Project 07.11.2010 "Against Racism & Fascism" Ethnic dinner & discussion in Milano, organised by Ass. of Social Promotion Youth Action for Rights & No Border Line Onlus. 09.11.2010 "New Awareness Through

ITALY

Antidotes not to Forget

The gaffe-prone Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, in October publicly made a crude joke about Jews and the Holocaust. An immediate reaction came from the opposition and Jewish groups blasted him for antisemitism and defamation of religion. ICARE reports a comparitive absence of multiculturalism and religious pluralism in Italy, so NGOs and civil society must raise their voice in the frame of this campaign. Young people and children were the main target of the activities implemented by various NGOs. Association of Social Promotion YARD, Cantiere, NoBorder Onlus and Association Terra Di Mezzo 2000 organised events in different Italian cities such as antifa concerts, hip-hop contests, meetings in schools, written essays and discussions to raise awareness against fascism and racism. As food is a good way to attract people, APS-YARD in cooperation with the Agency against RAcism and XEnophobia organised an ethnic dinner followed by a discussion about the rise of xenophobia in Milan. To keep the memory of the past alive, Gruppo della Memoria organised educational visits to memorial sites and former concentration camps in Mauthausen, Gusen and Ebensee. Social Networks such as Facebook and Twitter were widely used to spread a strong message against new manifestations of hate. Associazione Rieti Immigrants promoted an online campaign by publishing articles and useful links about the meaning of the 'Kristallnacht pogrom' commemoration, NoBorder Onlus created an online laboratory 'MemoriaAttivaLab' to post every day, for one month, information to keep the memory alive, as an 'antidote against ignorance, populism, racism' and to promote active and free thinking.

POLAND -

No Room for Holocaust Revisionism

Holocaust revisionism poses a constant threat and in Poland, the scene of countless nazi crimes, it is essential that history is not twisted to suit political motives. When convicted holocaust denier David Irving visited the country to offer a tour of former concentration camps in September, he was met by protests. The campaign activities in Poland showed NGOs making best use of the legal and networking tools available to them to stem the flow of hate. Never Again and the Anti-Nazi Group (GAN) presented a series of Music Against Racism concerts in Olsztyn and Godow as well as an exhibition of antiracist artwork, a street demonstration, fire show and commemorative performance from Ignis Fatuus dance group. To further mark 9 November, GAN arranged a visit to a Jewish cemetery nearby to pay their respects to the victims of the Holocaust.

Never Again also found ways of involving youngsters in the campaign by holding an antiracist plastic arts competition in schools, and film screenings, discussions and infomarkets related to antifascism to broaden understanding of the holocaust amongst youth. In Lodz the Silva Rerum Group and Never Again organized a special festival Different and Equal, Other activities took place in Slubice, Wloclawek, Bydgoszcz, Poznan and Luzino, among others. But the fight against right-wing extremism does not stop. Learning from the events of last year, when nationalists and neonazis organised marches to coincide with official Independence Day celebrations in Warsaw (on 11 November), in 2010 antiracist activists were well prepared. They formed a coalition named Porozumienie 11 listopada willing to create a strong opposition to hatred and met these marches with a counter demonstration.



To keep the memory alive the Italian NGO NoBorder Onlus posted information on their online laboratory 'MemoriaAttivaLab' about fascism, ignorance and populism. Gruppo della Memoria organised educational visits to Mauthausen, Gusen and Fhensee

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The fire symbolises two meanings: on one hand to commemorate the past in silence and on the other hand to combat new forms of fascism here in Poland.



With several antifascist concerts and movie screenings in different cities Never Again especially attracted young people to deal with the topics of 9 November.

ROCZNICA KRYSZTAŁOWEJ NOCY

List of activities ..

New Media" Internet campaign in Italy, organised by Associazione Rieti Immigrants • KOSOVO > 09.11.2010 "Go on the Street & Do Something Against it!" Street & graffiti action in Prishtina, organised by Youth Initiative New Media" Internet campaign in Italy, organised by Associazione Rieti Immigrants • KOSOVO > 09.11.2010 "Go on the Street & Do Something Against Itil" Street & graffiti action in Prishtina, organised by Youth Initiative for Human Rights Prishtina • KYRGYZTAN > Sept-Nov "We Are Against Intolerance" Seminars in Osh & Jalal-Abad, organised by Inst. for Regional Studies. 09.11.2010 "Wipe out Hate through Education" Lectures & distribution of UNITED material in Bishkek, organised by World Club of American University of Central Asia • LATVIA > 09.11.2010 "Wipe out Hate" Distribution of UNITED Material in Riga, organised by Luropean Minority Youth Network. 09.11.2010 "Education Wipes Out Hate" Seminar & distribution of UNITED material in Riga, organised by Union of Jewish Youth Centre • LIECHTENSTEIN > 09.11.2010 "Theme Day about Racism" Distribution of UNITED Material in Schaan, organised by Union of Union of Union Union of Uni State Museum in Vilnius, all organised by Panevezys Margarita Rimkevicaite Technological School. 09.11.10-10.11.10 "Commemoration of 'Kristallnacht'" Remembrance in Vilnius, organised by Int. Com. for Evaluation State Museum in Vininus, an organised by Patievezys wargarian knimetricate recimional control of Nazi Crimes & Soviet Occupation Regimes in Lithuania. • LUXEMBOURG > 99.11.2010 "United Against Hate" Distribution of UNITED material in Weinerskirch, organised by Confederation de la Communauté

Portugaise • MACEDONIA > 08.11.10-12.11.10 "Wipe Out Hate in Schools" Distribution of UNITED material in Schools in Kumanovo, organised by National Roma Centrum. 09.11.2010 "Wipe Hate Out



After detailed discussions about antisemitism these students in Timisoara showed all passersby their stand against hate and fascism with huge, colourful banners.

Ziua Internațională Împotriva Fascismului și Antisemitismului



Right-wing populism drifts over Norway but SOS Racisme and Norsk Folkehjelp don't accept it and marked the 9 November with a torchlight procession.



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ROMANIA

Creative Paths to Inclusion

The main victims of the extreme-right in Romania are Roma and LGBT communities. Prolonged campaigns of hate and intolerance against Roma are being carried out both politically and in wider societies all across Europe, and Romania has seen many returning or arriving there following explusions from France, Italy and Germany. Strong integration policies that can shrink the widening gap and improve communication between Roma and the Romanian mainstream are urgently needed, and campaign activities here focused on building these bridges. Romania was filled with creativity and enthusiasm in making sure 9 November grabbed everybody's attention. Elie Wiesel, The National Institute for the Study of Holocaust in Romania held a conference to launch and develop ideas for a larger project intending to educate the public about the meaning, methods and consequences of discrimination. The conference set the stage for creative projects seeking to fight discrimination through art. In an exhibition that followed and in the continuous research that Elie Wiesel conducts, positive qualities of those communities affected by hate were highlighted, helping to change stereotypes and prejudices. Meanwhile Generatie Tanara Association organised the action day "We fight Against Fascism", which included a roundtable discussion exploring individual interpretations and perspectives about the meaning of fascism and antisemitism for teenage students. Inspired by this, they spray painted huge, colourful banners and displayed them outside school for all passersby to notice their stand against hate.

Diverse Association were able to drum up lots of media attention with a flash mob in Tirgu Mures. Armed with huge letters, participants arranged themselves to spell out antifascist messages, using lamps and candles to make themselves seen. Almost 100 people took part to raise awareness of the damage hate and prejudice can do to their local community, especially Roma. As the event was covered on television, radio and in both local and national newspapers, their call for solidarity and respect reached a huge audience.

- NORWAY

Activism Shines a light in the Darkness

As right-wing populism slowly drifts over Europe, the Progress Party has been enjoying its position as the second largest party in government by further stirring up nationalist sentiment and intolerance. In the past year they have proposed a number of anti-immigrant policies and blamed multiculturalism for a loss of Norwegian culture. In Fredrikstad, where a city centre mosque was vandalised with vicious nazi and anti-Islam graffiti, SOS Racisme held its annual torchlight procession to commemorate the victims of the "Kristallnacht" pogrom. In many other cities across the country, similar evening events were held involving activists, youth and local communities listening to guest speakers, singing "The Youth" and paying tribute to victims of the past whilst sipping on hot chocolate. In Trondheim, the twilight demonstration organised by SOS Racisme benefited from a strong presence of youth from Norwegian People's Aid, an organisation working hard to warn communities about the harm of letting history repeat itself by presenting a speech on the persecution of Roma across Europe. Carrying anti-fascism banners and posters, and distributing campaign material on an info stand, over 100 youth made this annual action against hate louder than ever.

List of activities

with Education" Send postcards, distribute stickers/posters & march in Skopje, organised by HR Education for Active Citizenship Western Balkans & Macedonian Helsinki Committee for HR • MALTA > November "Wipe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material in Valetta, organised by Moviment Graffitti • MOLDOVA > 09.11.10-16.11.10 ""Kristallnacht" Never Again!" Action week with film festival, actions, open lessons, lectures & performances in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Armenia, Moldova, organised by YHRN & different groups from Eastern Europe. November "Wipe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material, organised by National Youth Council of Moldova • MONTENEGRO > 09.11.2010 "Wipe Hate Out with Education" International campaign in schools, universities & marches held in 10 cities in Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Montenegro & Macedonia, organised by Youth Groups of Helsinki Committee for HR in Belgrade, Zrenjanin, Krusevac & Novi Sad in cooperation with Centre for Civic Education (MNE), Center for Peace Studies (HR) & Helsinki Committee for HR (BH), 09.11.2010 "Wipe out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material in Podgorica, organised by HR Group Montenegro • NETHERLANDS > 07.11.2010 "Peace is Not the Absence of Conflict, But the Ability to Cope With It" Commemoration in Eindhoven, organised by Stichting Kleurrijke Stad & Altstad. 09.11.2010 "The Wave" Movie in Vught, organised by Nationaal Monument Kamp Vught. 09.11.2010 "Kristallnacht" Commemoration" Annual gathering & speeches in Amsterdam, organised by NBK. 09.11.2010 "Wipe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material in former concentration camp Westerbork, organised by Herinneringscentrum Kamp Westerbork. 11.11.2010 "Listen in Silence - Commemorate & Reflect on the Present" Meeting in Amsterdam with movie & discussion, organised by Aktion Sühnezeichen Friedensdienste NL & in cooperation with Hollandsche Schouwburg • NoRTHERN IRELAND > 09.11.2010 "Standing Tall Against Fassism" Distribution of UNITED material across Northern Ireland, organised by Northern Ireland, Ouncil

SPAIN .

Creating a Hate-Free Area

Under the figure of "the other", a feeling of insecurity had gotten stronger in Spain and racist attitudes are shown at an individual, societal and institutional level. How can a democratic society combat it? A good example took place in Valencia, one of the leading cities in hatred attacks. The atmosphere of the main square of the city provided the soul of this non-violent action. Migrant organisations, the Islamic Cultural Center, the Jewish and Roma communities and some antifascist groups got together and illustrated that the best defense against hate is a united community. A total of 200 participants created a "hate-free area" where people were challenged to get rid of threatening images and clichés about minorities that circulate in mainstream society. In addition Acció Popular Contra la Impunitat organised a press conference where victims of racist and fascist attacks gave personal testimonies and emphasised how important it is for society to speak out and stand tall against every sign of hate and violence. They condemned the high level of impunity that right-wing organisations enjoy in Spain, making them able to spread their messages in football stadiums or on the net. Moreover, dozens of antifascist organisations all over Spain prepared many thematic workshops from October until 20 November. On this day, known as "20N" (the commemoration of Franco's death, Spain's fascist dictator for 36 years) hundreds of people came out in the streets to rise up against the continuous emergence of xenophobic ideas and far-right speeches in Europe. Madrid, Sevilla, Salamanca, Zaragoza... tens of demonstrations celebrated under the same slogan: "Recover Your Memory, Conquer Your Rights!". Along with other antifascist organisations, Sare Antifaixista in the Basque Country drew attention to current injustices of human rights that cannot go ignored and also highlighted the link between the severity of the economic crisis and the growing infection of fascism. To complete the action days, rock concerts against racism and fascism were planned to denounce that hate and racist concerts are still allowed in Spain.

SERBIA -

Start with the Youth

Serbia, which lost more than one million citizens during World War Two, preserves the memory of the "Kristallnacht" pogrom and the 63000 Serbian Jews killed during the Nazi occupation. Not to repeat all the horrors of nazism and fascism, Serbian activists cherish the legacy of antifascism and are aware of the necessity to suppress any expression of hatred.

In Belgrade, the campaign was marked with a central manifestation held at the National Theatre in the presence of the representatives of the Serbian government, parliament, veterans' associations, religious communities and diplomatic corps.

Club for Youth Empowerment 018 (CYE 018) aims to promote intercultural values with non-formal education and organised a football match in the primary school iVuk Karadzicî in Nis. This school has often been a target of neonazi groups and skinheads because the majority of pupils are from the Roma community. To make youth aware of what can happen if we let hatred go unchallenged, pupils also visited the concentration camp "12.February" to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust. CYE 018 made good use of online media to attract interest from many people.



In Valencia, one of the cities with the most hatred attacks, Jewish, Islamic, Roma, migrant and antifascist organisations created a 'hate-free area' together.





On an improvised wall in Nis (Serbia) passersby wrote messages of everyday fascism to have one conclusion: fascism seperates people!



The Youth Council of District Kovacica organised workshops and a big multicultural party for nearly every pupil in the district.

List of activities .

"Kristallnacht' Commemoration" Torchlight processions across Norway, organised by SOS Rasisme Norway, 09.11.2010 "Wipe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material across Norway, organised by Norwegian People's Aid • POLAND > 04.11.10-10.11.10 "Music Against Racism" Concerts in Olsztyn & 09.11.2010 "Multiculturalism" Plastic art competition in Olsztyn & 09.11.2010 "Stop Fascism" Discussion in schools in Olsztyn & 09.11.2010 "Art Against Racism" Vernissage in Olsztyn & 09.11.2010 "Gommemoration Against Hate" Visite to Jewish cemetery in Olsztyn & 09.11.2010 "Judeo • Communism" Movie & discussion in Olsztyn, all organised by Never Again Association. 02.11.10-09.11.10 "Stop Racism" Workshops in schools in Tychy, organised by Ass. of Friends of School "Pro Europa". 05.11.2010 "Music Against Racism" Concerts in Poznan & 08.11.2010 "Kristallnacht' • Never Again!" Article at local website Slubice24.pl in Slubice, all organised by Never Again Association. 09.11.2010 "Wipe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED-material in Oswiecim, organised by Auschwitz Jewish Center. 09.11.2010 "Hate? Never Again!" Radio program in Bydgoszcz & 10.11.2010 "Music Against Racism" Concert in Godow & 11.11.2010 "Fascism Shall Not Pass" Demonstration in Warsaw & 13.11.2010 "Football Against Racism" Antiracist football tournament in Luzino, all organised by Never Again Association. 09.11.2010 "Wipe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material during seminars, workcamps & trainings in Granja do Ulmeiro, organised by Never Again Association of UNITED material during seminars, workcamps & trainings in Granja do Ulmeiro, organised by Never Again Association of UNITED material during seminars, workcamps & trainings in Granja do Ulmeiro, organised by Never Again Association of UNITED material during seminars, workcamps & trainings in Granja do Ulmeiro, organised by Never Again Association of UNITED material during seminars, workcamps & trainings in Granja do Ulmeiro, organised by Never Again Association of UNITED material during seminars, workcamps & trainin

ABC Aktionsbündnis Courage

Aktionstag gegen das Vergessen 10. November 2010

Kommt zum Mahngang im Gedenken an die Pößnecker Opfer der Reichspogromnacht 1938!



Kundgebung gegen Faschismus am 9. 11. 2010



Aktionbündnis Courage and Antifa Aktion Gera prepared commemorations along the city's 'Stolpersteine' in Pößneck and Gera to remember actual victims of the 'Kristallnacht' progrom and the Second World War.





To make children or young people aware of serious and difficult topics such as fascism or antisemitism it is helpful to let them start in a creative, active way! The UNITED campaign material like posters and stickers can be an inspiration.

Creating a world without hate with the help of young people was also the goal of the *Youth Council of District of Kovacica*. Nearly every pupil in the district took part in painting workshops and celebrating with a big multicultural party that showed differences can make your life more colourful and filled with friendship.

The four NGOs Board for Human Rights, Women' Space, Center for Development of Civic Resources and Center for Local Democracy joined forces to motivate people in the city of Nis to confront their own prejudices, reflect on contemporary manifestations of hatred and forms of fascism. An improvised wall was set up in front of the biggest shopping mall and passers-by wrote messages of everyday fascism on it. Making it visible showed everyone: fascism separates people, it doesn't let us be equal!

— GERMANY

Something in the Way

"Multiculturalism has failed, utterly failed!", said chancellor Angela Merkel and declared that the so-called "multikulti" concept - where people would "live side-by-side happily" - did not work. The intense debate about "multiculturalism" and the rising anti-immigration feeling in Germany also dominated this year's campaign actions. The anniversary of the brutal 'Kristallnacht' pogrom gave rise to reflection on the country's darkest past. Hundreds of different people set an example for a peaceful together and for respect of the individual freedom of everybody.

"Stolperstein" is the German word for "stumbling block" - something in the way that makes you stop or pause. Artist Gunter Demming created small, cobblestone-sized memorials for every single victim of nazism, commemorating those who were deported and killed by the nazis. The hundreds of cities that have "Stolpersteine" extends over several countries.

"It is not what is written [on the stolpersteine] which intrigues, because the inscription is insufficient to conjure a person. It is the emptiness, void, lack of information, the maw of the forgotten, which gives the monuments their power and lifts them from the banality of a statistic." says Cambridge historian, Joseph Pearson.

Aktionsbindnis Courage (ABC) and the Protestant church of Pößneck called for a walk against the oblivion along the city's "Stolpersteine". Students used the personal stories of victims to create a theatre scene that made a bridge to the past and the individual fates of victims and the local antifascists of Antifa Aktion Gera prepared a related manifestation as well. However, in the evening hours the local synagogue monument and some "Stolpersteine" were disgraced in an act of vandalism. Incidences like this show how important it is to remember the past, because without the lessons that can be learned from it, history will repeat itself in different shapes again and again.

Anstifter - Bürgerprojekte gegen das Vergessen approached young people who face problems with violence and discrimination in their environment. Their project "Against Violence and Oblivion" was implemented in 100 schools in Baden-Württemberg, whereby actors and ordinary persons read texts of contemporary authors on topics such as exclusion based on social, religious and political reasons.

List of activities

Demonstration in St. Petersburg, organised by coalition of different HR, antifa & migrants organisations & anarchist groups. 08.11.10-12.11.10 "Presence of Fascism in Contemporary Russia" Round Table in Volgograd, organised by Student Union VAGS. 09.11.2010 "Kristallnacht' - We Have to Remember" Conference in Moscow, organised by Jewish Org. of Fascist Concentration Camp Prisoners. 09.11.2010 "Wipe Out Hate!" Cleaning walls & street action in Nizhniy Novogrod, organised by Mumanistic Movement of Youth. 09.11.10-11.11.10 "Go & Watch" Fillmfestifal in Moscow, organised by Humanistic Movement of Youth. 09.11.10-11.11.10 "Go & Watch" Fillmfestifal in Moscow, organised by 1HRM. 09.11.10-16.11.10 "Kristallnacht' Never Again!" Action week with film festival, actions, open lessons, lectures & performances in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Armenia, Moldova, organised by YHRM & different groups from Eastern Europe • SERBIA > 26.10.10-09.11.10 "Multicolor" Debates, workshops & distribution of UNITED material in District of Kovacica, organised by Youth Council of District of Kovacica, 09.11.10-11.10 "Unit of Commemorate" Education in Belgrade. 09.11.2010 "Gomemorate" Streetaction in Nis Novi Sad. 09.11.2010 "Gomemorate" Streetaction in Nis, organised by Local Democracy Agency for Central & Southern Serbia. 09.11.2010 "Public History Lesson on Antifascism - Antifascism is my Choice" Street Action in Belgrade, organised by Women in Black. 09.11.2010 "Forum Theatre for Int. Day Against Fascism & Antisemitism" Action day & activist meeting, distribution of UNITED material, reporting to local media, discussion & movie in Kraljevo, organised by Against Fascism & Antisemitism" Action day & activist meeting, distribution of UNITED material, reporting to local media, discussion & movie in Kraljevo, organised by Against Fascism & Antisemitism' Action day & activist meeting, distribution of UNITED material, reporting to local media, discussion & movie in Kraljevo, organised by Asserting the Asserting to local media, discussion & movie in

UKRAINE -

Antisemitism? Not in Our Town!

Poor interethnic relations pose a big problem for minorities in Ukraine. Many victims of ethnically-motivated harassment are reluctant to contact human rights advocates while law-enforcement agencies often ignore obvious manifestations of xenophobia.

To combat such problems it is important not to pay attention to them for only one day per year. To challenge prejudices or even to prevent them from growing, you have to organise regular and periodic activities and must start at the very base of society. That is exactly what the Council of National Societies of Mykolaiv Region has set about to do. Every two months for almost two years they have held "The Days of Different Cultures and Countries" at the Mykolaiv Municipal College, accompanied with meetings with members of ethnic communities on a range of topics such as the 'International Day against Fascism and Antisemitism'. On 9 November, students were educated on the history and culture of Poland, Germany and Israel by members of these communities. After the seminar, pupils visited the Mykolaiv Jewish Community Center to see Jewish culture in practice. At a roundtable they together discussed tolerance as a challenge of our time. Students concluded that being tolerant is the only way to keep peace in society, develop social cohesion and prevent conflict.

Project Kesher Ukraine subscribed to that view by organising the event "Not in our town!" which took place in more than 50 cities of Ukraine, Russia, Georgia and Belarus. Project Kesher encouraged the struggle against manifestations of interethnic hostility with their "Lessons of tolerance", during these interactive sessions, young people communicated with representatives of different ethnic and religious institutions, developing a tolerant attitude by making, for example, a big picture board called the "Scroll of tolerance". These scrolls show how we should see our world, as a diverse and colourful place!

LITHUANIA -

Human Rights Are my Pride

Activities organised in the frame of the campaign included a diverse cultural programme at the Jewish State Museum that included film screenings and a music concert focused on the themes of remembrance and antifascism. These events were part of a wider film festival in Vilnius. The International Commission for the Evaluation of Crimes of Nazi and Soviet Occupation Regimes in Lithuania organised a "Kristallnacht" pogrom commemoration event to honour those who died during the nazi regime. Elsewhere, Panevezys Margarita Rimkevicaite Technological School had put a lot of work into planning a week-long series of events for the Day Against Fascism and Antisemitism. They had sport, visual and educational elements to their exciting programme that involved over 300 people, mostly students. A display of antifascism posters designed by the students and a photo exhibition "The way of Jews in Panevezys" took place, with a speech by a representative from Panevezys Jews community. Tutored sessions about tolerance, classroom discussions and even a theatre production "Kristallnacht" in perspective of Today" were held to enlighten students about the pogrom. Other activities included a basketball competition "We against Fascism and anti-Semitism" and the week was rounded off with an excursion to Vilnius to visit a synagogue, the Vilna Gaon Jewish State museum and the Museum of Genocide Victims. By bringing people of all ages together, these Lithuanian organisations were able to demonstrate that hate is an issue for all of us.



The National Societies of Mykolaiv Region does periodic activities to combat for example poor interethnic relations for minorities in the Ukraine.



With 'lessons of tolerance' kids learned by playing how to avoid fascism and any form of discrimination in future, just in enjoying different cultures.



'We against fascism and antisemitsm' was the slogan in Lithuania in a week-long series of events as exhibitions, theatre and sport competitions



List of activities ...

Workshop. 09.11.2010 "Multicolor" Multicultural party in District of Kovacica, organised by Youth Council of District Kovacica. 09.11.2010 "Wipe Hate Out with Education" Hang posters, send postcards, distribute stickers & march in Belgrade, Novi Sad, Krusevac & Zrenjanin, organised by HR Education for Active Citizenship Western Balkans & Serbian Helsinki Commitee for HR in Beograd & Zrenjanin. 09.11.2010 "Wipe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material in Trstenik, organised by Antifascist Forum Trstenik • SLOVAKIA > 09.11.2010 "Wipe out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material in Bratislava, organised by People Against Racism • SLOVENIA > 09.11.2010 "Wipe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material, organised by Young Liberal Democrats • SPAIN > 23.10.2010 "Love Music, Hate Fascism" Concert in Madrid, organised by Antifascist Committee Madrid 29.10.2010 "Antiracism – The Spanish Migration Law" Discussion in Madrid, organised by Antifascist Committee Madrid. November "Commemorate!" Distribution of UNITED material all over Catalonia, organised by Antifascist Committee Madrid. 05.11.2010 "Ordan, Gladio Network & Fascist Parapolicial Groups" Movie & discussion in Madrid & 06.11.2010 "RAC Music as Form of Fascist Propag&a" Video Forum in Madrid, organised by Antifascist Committee Madrid. 9.11.2010 "Wipe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material in Malaga, organised by Movimiento Contra la Intolerancia Málaga, 09.11.2010 "Star Antifarsitas CSS Agrazakeria: Ehona & Option of Propagations 1.11.2010 "Years Without You." 09.11.2010 "International Day Against Facism, Homophobia & Racism" Different events in Bilbao, organised by Sare Antifaxista, SOS Arrazakeria, Ehgam & other organizations. 11.11.2010 "3 Years Without You, 3 Years With You - No Sink into Obscurity, No Pardon" Manifestation & commemoration in Madrid, organised by Friends & Colleagues of Carlos & many antifascist organizations. 18.11.2010 "Truth, Justice & Reparation for the Franquist Victims" Round table in Madrid, organised by Antifascist Committee, Archivo, Guerra y Exilio & others 19.11.2010 "International Antifascist Resistance" Round table in Madrid, organised

Kristallnacht herdacht in Amsterdam



De herdenking bij het Amsterdamse stadhuis, waar enkele een Israëlische vlag dragen.

In Amsterdam more than 200 people came together on 9 November to the annual gathering in front of the City Hall.



ASF Nederland drew attention to the often forgotten group of disabled people that were killed by the NS regime.



Improving awareness of discrimination in Albanian society amongst youth is one of the main aims of AEGEE European Student's Forum in Tirana.



NETHERLANDS

Beware the Beginnings

In September, a new minority government was build by the Christian Democrats and VVD Liberals with the support of the populistic Geert Wilders. Wilders' party, the PVV, wants to ban the Koran, close Islamic schools, ban the building of new mosques and to end immigration from non-Western countries. Now, the Netherlands, which has an international reputation of tolerance and open mindedness performed a tremendous rightward-shift. Wilder's propaganda ignores one vital factor for a peaceful society: "Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of justice" [Martin Luther King].

Aktion Sühnezeichen Friedensdienste Nederland dedicated their organisation's meeting in the 'Hollandsche Schouwburg' in Amsterdam - the local deportation center 1942-1943 - to draw the attention to an often forgotten group of victims: the more of 100.000 disabled persons that were killed by the nazi regime, because they were seen as "unworthy life". In this sense, the documentary "Anna's Stille Strijd" (Annas Silent Struggle) was shown. The survival of Anna van Dam, a 17 year old deaf Dutch-Belgian girl in Auschwitz is a unique story. Anna's Silent Struggle is the first film documenting the dramatic story of this forgotten group. For the hearing, Auschwitz is characterized as a place of horrible sounds, for the deaf, the terror was silent. Anna herself, the deaf director of the film Tom Linszen and other deaf persons were at this occasion attendant. After the screening, the audience was impressed and deeply moved - of this story, this strong woman and her will to survive. Eventually, the audience got the chance to get into discussion with the special guests with help of a sign-language translator.

Similar touching was the annual gathering with lectures of a contemporary witnesses, poems and music in front of the City Hall in Amsterdam, organised by *Nederland Bekent Kleur*. 86 years old Miriam Ohringer told the story of her deported family and her participation in the Jewish resistance. Similar manifestations also took place in Westerbork, Breda, Groesbeek and Eindhoven.

- ALBANIA

Never Too Young to be Aware

In 2010, Council of Europe published a report investigating xenophobia, racism and intolerance in Albania. Whilst it noted the positive developments and further recommendations, one of the key issues of concern that it identified was the low awareness of discrimination in society. The campaign activity organised by AEGEE-Tirana and Vizion Integrues was therefore focused on improving awareness and knowledge of racism amongst Albanian youth. Concerned that this group were indifferent on the issue, they held a seminar in a Tirana high school that educated students on the dangers of this social phenomenon and what UNITED and other NGOs do to combat it. They were also encouraged to develop new tools that could teach children about issues of intolerance and discrimination from a younger age. Through developing these ideas and distributing information, these organisations, along with Contemporary VISION for Development and Human Rights helped to create awareness in Albanian society.

List of activities

by Antifascist Committee Madrid & Antifaschistische Linke Berlin. 20.11.2010 "Antifascist Memorial Valley" Commemoration in the Valle de los Caidos in Madrid, organised by Forum of Remembrance of Madrid & Social Forum of Sierra del Guadarrama. 20.11.2010 "Recover your Memory, Conquer your Rights!" Antifascist manifestation in Madrid, Barcelona, Zaragoza, León & many cities in Spain, organised by Antifascist Committee Madrid & SWEDEN > 11.11.2010 "Wald Antifascist Zone" Concert in Madrid, organised by Antifascist Committee Madrid & SWEDEN > 11.12.010 "Walpe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material across Sweden, organised by National Council of Youth Orgs. 09.11.2010 "Wipe Out Hate" Distribution of UNITED material in Stockholm, organised by Swedish Equality Ombudsman • SWITZERLAND > 09.11.2010 "Survive - Remember" Sikkaron-Commemorance in Basel, organised by Christlich-Jüdische Projekte • TURKEY > 09.11.2010 "Make Hate Crimes History" Launch of campaign, forum & distribution of UNITED info material in Istanbul, organised by Sy Stop to Racism & Nationalismin - DurDe! • UKRAINE > 08.11.10-12.11.10 "Stop Intolerance Before It Will Stop Society" Street Actions, expositions, info st&s & round tables in Kiev, organised by National Council of Youth Organizations of Ukraine. 09.11.2010 "The Tragedies in the History of Jewish People" Seminar in Mykolaiv, organised by Cuncil of National Societies of the Mykolaiv region in cooperation with Mykolaiv Jewish Cultural Society & Mykolaiv Municipal College. 09.11.10-16.11.10 "Tolerance Week - Say No to Ethnic Hostility" Round tables in . 14 cities of Ukraine & Russia, organised by Novement & Org. Project Kesher. 09.11.10-16.11.10 ""Kristallnacht' Never Again!" Action week with filmfestival, public actions, open lessons, lectures & performances in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Armenia, Moldova, organised by Youth HR Movement & different groups from Eastern Europe. activity planned by Ukrainian Union of Jewish Students vul Grushevskogo • UZBEKISTAN > 09.11.2010 "Wipe Out Hate with Ed

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