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Combating HOMophobic And Transphobic bullying in schools



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What is it about?

Combating HOMophoBic And Transphobic bullying in schools (HOMBAT) is a European project, aiming to create a solid and sustainable framework for the prevention and combatting of Homophobic & Transphobic (HT) bullying in schools, in Greece, Cyprus and Lithuania.

The project is expected to:

- Promote & strengthen the prevention & tackling of HT bullying in schools
- Build the capacities of teachers & school advisors on preventing & addressing HT bullying
- Enhance multi-actor cooperation & exchange on combating HT bullying in schools
- Raise awareness about HT bullying in the educational environment & support prevention through counter narratives development & promotion

How will it succeed?

STEP 1: Research in Greece, Cyprus and Lithuania

Research has been conducted to map the national situations regarding HT bullying in schools. Quantitative and qualitative data have been collected from the educational community and other relevant professionals (including professionals from LGBTQI organizations), and parents. Following extensive data analysis, the relevant national and comparative reports were compiled and released in June 2018, including an outline of common issues and differences among the partner countries as well as policy recommendations at local, national and European level.

STEP 2: Cascade Training Methodology

Training curricula/programmes will be developed for the capacity building/training of school advisors and teachers at primary and secondary levels. A first generation of school advisors (and teachers) will be trained on preventing and addressing HT bullying, and, once proficient, they will become the educators of the next generation of school advisors and teachers, thus multiplying reach and impetus. As more teachers receive training, information will be disseminated quickly and to an even larger number of educators.

STEP 3: Online Learning Platform

The online learning platform and trainers'/ trainees' manuals will function as follow-up support structures for advisors and teachers who deal with the implementation of such training and will ensure avoidance of training dilution. The online learning platform will be available in Greek, English and Lithuanian. The platform will be used as a virtual learning environment where users will be able to find the online modules & manuals, participate in learning activities, use assessment tools to evaluate their performance and communicate with other learners and instructors.

How will you be involved?

As a teacher, you will be trained and build your capacities in dealing with HT bullying in the school environment (challenge prejudices and bullying, support LGBTQI youngsters, involve parents etc.).

As an education professional, civil society representative or policy maker you will participate in strategic workshops leading the change of discriminatory attitudes towards sexual diversity, by developing and implementing a national action plan to combat HT bullying.

As a parent or student, you will participate in targeted informational and awareness raising activities, enhancing your knowledge and helping to spread the word against gender and sexual orientation discrimination.