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Hatespeech: A “Non-issue” in Education

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Preamble: The Mission of the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Pre-University Education (RAQAPE / ARACIP):

- *The external evaluation of the quality of education offered by accredited educational organizations.*
- *The external evaluation for authorization and accreditation of all educational organizations at pre-university level.*



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Preamble: The quality of education – the “legal” Romanian definition:

The totality of characteristics belonging to a study program and to its provider, by which there are fulfilled all the **beneficiaries expectations** as well as the **quality standards**.



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Consequences:

To deal with hate speech, the topic must be part of:

- Quality standards in education.
- Beneficiaries' expectations.
- Evaluation proceedings.



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Facts:

- As such, prevention of hate speech and intervention in such cases **are not** part of standards, of beneficiaries' expectations, of evaluation proceedings.
- Nevertheless: correlated issues are dealt with.
 - Examples: non-discrimination, equity and equal opportunities, learning the minorities mother-tongues, history and traditions, representation in decision making bodies, affirmative measures for at-risk / marginalized groups / individuals, intercultural education, education for diversity etc.
- There is no systematic data collection regarding hate speech (only anecdotic and “outside” information).



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What to do next (types of interventions):

- Regulations and standards development – defining and “measuring” hate speech – NGOs input needed !
- Evaluation instruments development and data collection: e.g. possible correlation between hate speech and bullying, violence and vandalism in schools.
- Awareness raising – information, mass media campaigns etc. – parents as the main target group; “humanizing” the possible target groups.



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What to do next (types of interventions):

- Specific training of teachers, community mediators, inspectors, evaluators etc.
- Public and multisided support for hate speech victims
- Public interventions: e.g. very public “pilot trials”, initiated by / with support of NGOs. (There are regulations – are they applied ?)
- Surveys (online / offline) and public reports - NGOs input needed !



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A possible survey: “Hate speech and education”

- Possible targets:
 - Ethnic groups / minorities: **Roma**, Jews, Hungarians, Romanians.
 - Sexual minorities – GLBT.
 - Migrants.
 - Religions.
 - Disabled persons or other so called “ab-normal” / marginalized groups / individuals (e.g. institutionalized, HIV positive children etc.).
- Data sources:
 - Textbooks, teaching aids and official documents.
 - Official statements and other public documents.
 - Complaints.
 - Reports.
 - Media surveys.
- Best / worst practice collection.



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