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Preface

The start of the ETC's 16th year was assigned by intensive preparation and successful implementation of a forum on the implementation of human rights at the local and regional level for the Council of Europe, organized in cooperation with the city of Graz and the Federal State of Styria. In the presence of the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe and the President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities the International Forum on Human Rights Implementation "Focusing on Human Rights", held in Graz on May 28/29, 2015, adopted the Graz Declaration on the Implementation of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Level. International experts and municipal and regional decision-makers from 25 European States elaborated practice-oriented models for human rights implementation in a series of (prize-winning) workshops designed by Simone Philipp. We want to thank that-time Regional Minister for Finance, Women and Integration in Styria, Bettina Vollath, and the whole team of the ETC for their constitutive collaboration.

Another important contribution to human rights implementation at the national level was the design and implementation of a multi-day training event for the National Preventive Mechanism of the Austrian Ombudsman Board's commissions. International experts led by Renate Kicker and Klaus Starl monitored six groups visiting selected institutions where persons are deprived of or limited in their freedom to review the compliance with human rights standards. To round out the ETC compiled conclusions and recommendations for the improvement of working methods.

The important role of National Preventive Mechanisms obligatory for states after accession to the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture is being researched since early 2015 in a research project funded by the Anniversary fund of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank. An ETC team led by Renate Kicker analyses to which extent National Preventive Mechanisms contribute to the transfer of non-binding international human rights standards to binding national law.

In the framework of FRANET the ETC continued to conduct numerous studies on the human rights situation in Austria for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights in 2015. 2015 contributions to the research project on external and internal human rights policies of the European Union (FRAME) were, together with partners, the FRAME Access Guide on Human Rights Information as well as a contribution to the EU support for human rights defenders as non-state actors in general and with regard to their use of the internet and another on the human rights of immigrants at the border control and in matters of asylum. The ETC's part in the MOOC "The EU and Human Rights" was a lecture on human rights indicators. Wolfgang Benedek carries on as the cluster leader in the fourth part of the project dealing with policies.

The successful project "Kenne deine Rechte ("Know your Rights") started its sixth year with a new website and design, and also the human rights school project got its own website in

2015. In view of the refugee situation 2015 the ETC workshop offers on hate speech, civil courage and "The boat is full" saw continuing high demand, and a new edition of the brochure against hate speech had to be printed and immediately found readers. For the UNHCR initiative "Langer Tag der Flucht" the ETC designed a workshop on the human right to asylum.

In 2015 the preparations for the establishment of a UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Human Security, situated at the Uni-ETC and held by Gerd Oberleitner, were finalised. The chair will strengthen university research and teaching and, in cooperation with the ETC, facilitate science-to-public activities in the fields of human rights and human security thus fostering the visibility of human rights inside and outside the university. The chair will follow the priorities and strategies of UNESCO and therefore understands human rights education and research as contributing to societal development, intercultural dialogue, peace and human security and fosters inclusive live-long learning about and for human rights being relevant for social cohesion and intercultural dialogue. It aims at strengthening university and research cooperation, academic mobility and North-South partnerships in the field of human rights. By establishing the chair (initially for four years) within the framework of their UniTwin programme for the promotion of global scientific cooperation UNESCO acknowledges the long-standing and manifold activities of the ETC in cooperation with the university and the human rights city of Graz.

This and every single event you read about in the annual report has been enabled through the professionalism and commitment of the ETC team under the lead of Klaus Starl who, besides his management tasks is responsibly involved in most research projects.

Finally we want to thank the board members Karin Schmidlechner and Hans-Ferdinand Angel for their advice and support.

Renate Kicker, Director

Wolfgang Benedek, Co-Director

Gerd Oberleitner, Secretary



For the region of Styria the whole body of regional law has been presented from a human rights perspective. Based on this study, there has been produced a mapping of all relating policies and programmes implementing these laws. This was complemented by a survey on the population's consciousness of human rights. As far as known this is the first structured mapping of human rights at regional level in Europe.

2015 at a Glance

52

events

>2000

participants from schoolkid
to international expert

3

exhibitions of the
THAT'S RIGHT! posters
in schools and
youth centres

1

information stand

1

flashmob

4800

hours research
on human rights

18

publications

84

interviews

57

deadlines

381

Facebook
postings

13

newsletters

>5300

subscribers,
friends and fans

55

contributions (articles,
videos, photo series)
published by the Kenne
deine Rechte editorial team

217

tins of energy drink
emptied

17

times successful
in finding chocolate
in a drawer

3350

books
in the library

5.3

meters of papers
and documents piled
on our desks

1

new ETC baby

Highlight 1

International Forum
"Focusing Human Rights"

Highlight 2

The new website for
"Kenne deine Rechte"
(Know your rights)

Highlight 2

Conference and training
„NPM Shadow Monitoring“

ETC Team and Board

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Internships

In 2015 six students, partly from beyond the Austrian
borders, completed an unpaid internship at the ETC.
Three interns were from Austria, and one each from
Germany, Croatia and Great Britain.

We thank all for their commitment and their valuable
inputs to the work of the ETC!

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Research and Projects

Fundamental and Human Rights

Fundamental Rights in the European Union – FRANET

The multidisciplinary research network of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) is composed of National Focal Points (NFPs) in all EU member states, which continuously provide the FRA with socio-legal information and data on fundamental rights issues. The ETC is the National Focal Point for Austria within the FRANET project and continuously writes reports and conducts studies for the FRA. The current framework contract as the National Focal Point runs until 2018.

FRA Data Collection and Research Services on Fundamental Rights Issues:

Finished in 2015:

- FRANET Short Thematic Report: Contribution to the Annual Report 2014.
- FRANET Short Thematic Report: The right to interpretation and translation and the right to information in criminal proceedings in the EU.
- FRANET Extensive Thematic Report: Biometric data in large EU IT-systems in the areas of borders, visa and asylum-fundamental rights implications.
- FRANET Extensive Thematic Report: Migrants and their descendants- Social inclusion and participation in society.
- FRANET Information Request: Return/transfer of children at risk who are EU nationals.
- FRANET Information Request: Terrorist attacks in Paris.
- FRANET Short Thematic Report: The right to independent living of persons with disabilities.
- FRANET Short Thematic Report: Rehabilitation and mutual recognition – practice concerning EU law on transfer of persons sentenced or awaiting trial.
- FRANET Annual Report 2015: Short Thematic Report- Contribution to the FRA Annual Report 2015; Information Request- The use of the EU Charter at national level
- FRANET Report of Various Size: Weekly Data collection on the situation of persons in need of international protection

Started in 2015, to be finished in 2016:

- FRANET Short Thematic Report: National intelligence authorities and surveillance in the EU
- FRANET Short Thematic Report: Migration detention of children
- FRANET Report of Various Size: Monthly data collection on the current migration situation in the EU
- FRANET Short Thematic Report: Mapping minimum age requirements in respect to the rights of the child in the EU

FRAME – Fostering Human Rights among European (external and internal) Policies

Frame is a large-scale, interdisciplinary, four-year FP7 project aimed to cast European Human Rights Policies from a comprehensive, multi-actor and global perspective. FRAME is being carried out by a Consortium of 19 academic partners and approximately 100 researchers from Austria, Belgium, China, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Hungary, Italy, India, Ireland, the Netherlands, Peru, Poland, South Africa, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States.

FRAME's main objective is to provide the necessary building blocks for the development of comprehensive and coherent European Human Rights Policies, including: (1) a sound knowledge base taking into account the evolving factors, concepts and instruments underlying the protection and promotion of human rights at the EU, international and national levels; (2) a critical examination and appraisal of the EU's real and potential contribution to global human rights governance through its engagement with actors and its wide-ranging policies and instruments; (3) a thorough scrutiny of the effectiveness of human rights promotion in the maze of EU institutions, competences and policies; and (4) a set of indicators, tools and policy proposals allowing for a consistent and tailor-made integration of human rights into EU external and internal actions and policies.

The FRAME project started in May 2013. Besides a start-up meeting in Brussels, the ETC was involved in mapping existing human rights indicators schemes and EU initiatives to develop/apply human rights indicators. Building on these findings the team conducted interviews with EU representatives starting from April 2014 to identify the practitioners' perspectives and experiences. First results could be presented and discussed at the AHRI (Association of Human Rights Institutes) conference in Copenhagen in September 2014. The first part of the research project, the mapping of indicators, was completed by submitting the "Baseline Study on Human Rights Indicators in the Context of the EU" to the European Commission. The findings from the survey indicate that access to relevant human rights information and data is rather a problem than their general availability. This was also confirmed by the experts taking part in the Cluster IV Meeting in Graz in April 2015. After having discussed the issue with its partners the ETC team therefore concentrated on developing a "FRAME Access Guide to Human Rights Information" as an important step in making available relevant and reliable human rights information. Guidelines for specific information requests to existing data sources were developed to show how to gain access to human rights data in the fields of prohibition of torture, freedom of expression and children's rights and how to understand the



Isabella Meier

I'm especially happy that with our basic research in the FRAME project (Fostering Human Rights on European Policies) we supported the use of human rights indicators in EU policies and therefore the turn to evidence-based politics. All our EU projects that have been approved in 2015 strengthen our international profile and European dimension.

information gained. Besides the team analysed the social indicators elaborated by the Social Protection Committee (SPC) with regard to their human rights relevance.

Additionally the ETC team delivered contributions to surveys on the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union, on the external dimension of EU migration and asylum policies and about Digital Defenders. The team was also involved in the preparation of lectures and materials for the MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) "The EU and Human Rights." Wolfgang Benedek held a lecture in the framework of the MOOC that took place in autumn 2015, additionally he participated in the European Commission Retreat (DEVCO) in Leuven and in the Poznan workshop. The FRAME research results were integrated into human rights education not only in the MOOC and the current teaching of all project members but also were presented in a public event in Graz on occasion of the cluster meeting, to ECCaR participants in an workshop of the UNESCO network European Coalition of Cities against Racism in October 2015 and in November in the 7th Graz Workshop on the Future of Security, "Blurring Boundaries: Human Security and Migration".

Bringing Home Human Rights **Human rights standards and national law: The Role of National Preventive Mechanisms**

Human rights standards are non-binding in wide areas. The project *Bringing Home Human Rights* seeks to answer the question how to make these rendering standards effective in Austria. In July 2012, the Austrian National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) took up its mandate to monitor all venues where persons are deprived of their liberty. Adding this national layer of preventive monitoring to existing regional (CPT) and international (SPT) monitoring mechanisms raises important questions regarding the interplay of these actors and regarding the relationship of (non-binding) standards and (binding) domestic law applicable for preventing human rights violations. In a first step the roles and the cooperation of the international, regional, and national monitoring mechanisms were analysed. In a second step, the diverse standards developed and applied by these bodies will be scrutinised from a legal perspective to evaluate their added value for effective preventive monitoring of places where persons are deprived of their liberty.

After the comprehensive research paper *Bringing Home Human Rights: The Role of National Preventive Mechanisms* had been finished the team prepared a first publication which critically reflects the similarities and specifics of the UN Subcommittee for Prevention of Torture (SPT), the Council of Europe Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) and selected NPMs. The comparative analysis shows that these monitoring systems do indeed complement each other, furthermore they have the potential to provide added value to the whole system for the prevention of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment. The second part of the research, starting in 2016, will provide an in-depth analysis of the standards used for preventive monitoring by the Austrian NPM. Interviews with central actors will shed light on the question on how the Austrian NPM contributes to rendering (non-binding) human rights standards effective in Austria.

On the Move

EU citizens enjoy the freedom to move and reside freely within the EU to live and work in another member state. This right has been increasingly used during the financial crisis by young Europeans who migrated to seek work and life opportunities in countries that offer better prospects. However, several barriers occur before, during or after moving and problems are reported in relation to legislation, administrative procedures but also stereotypes and discriminatory practices.

The project objective is to look into the reality of free movement from the viewpoint of young Europeans (age 25-35) who exercise or plan to exercise this right and to identify real and perceived obstacles and barriers that they face, to identify practices that promote or hinder the enjoyment of this right, to raise awareness within young people on their rights and within national and EU bodies on barriers and ways to address them and to propose solutions (legislative and non-legislative) for making the right to free movement effective.

The project is based on legal and empirical research in 15 EU member states that have experienced increased outgoing migration (GR, CY, ES, PT, PL, EE, BG, RO) or incoming migration (DE, BE, AT, NL, UK, FR, IT) in the last 4 years. The parts of the project comprise data collection and analysis in the participating countries, the cross country comparative analysis and finally capacity building in the member states, awareness raising and dissemination of the results.

Human Rights at the Local Level

Human Rights Region of Styria

By decision 813 the Regional Parliament of Styria requested the Styrian Government to elaborate the necessary bases, background information and analyses for a self-commitment of the Province as the "Human Rights Region of Styria" and to present the results to the Regional Parliament. Based on this decision the ETC was commissioned with stocktaking and the elaboration of an implementation concept for the human rights region of Styria.

The inventory for the human rights region was elaborated following a structured, action-oriented and operationalizable approach which contains the normative human rights perspective of equality and freedom and the basic human rights requirements of respecting, protecting, fulfilling and promoting human rights and allows for the involvement of all relevant government levels (multi-level governance). Based on the stocktaking the ETC furthermore drafted recommendations for the implementation of the concept "Human Rights Region of Styria" which were conveyed to the public client. Detailed analysis dealt with the following issues: work, education, health, care and social issues, housing, political participation, and freedom of conscience, opinion and assembly as well as the cross-cutting issues non-discrimination and equal treatment.

For these issues mappings linked all relevant provincial regulations according to the constitutional distribution of competences to the relating human rights standards (structural level). In a second step relevant institutions/bodies, policies/strategies/action plans/programmes, guidelines/directives, needs-related benefits, other offers and measures and possibly outstanding projects for the selected issues were compiled (process level). The third step brought together both mappings using the respective legal basis as the linking element thus producing a comprehensive picture reaching from a human standard to the provincial law to the implementation measures for each of the selected issues. Hereby the connection between administrative practice and applicable human rights standards can be seen.

In a parallel measure the ETC team surveyed to what extent the Styrian citizens are aware of and make use of human rights. A majority of the persons interviewed perceive human rights as relevant for daily life. Styrians know how to ask human rights questions in contexts of relevance, such as work, health or freedom of opinion. Furthermore a great majority of them is ready to secure these rights by seeking legal advice in case of problems. In autumn 2016 the survey will be brought to the attention of the Styrian Regional Government.

International Forum on Human Rights Implementation „Focusing Human Rights“

If human rights are to become a reality for all human beings they have to be implemented at all levels. This implementation is crucial in the places where people live – in the communities, cities and regions that play an ever increasing role in human rights implementation.

On May 28th/29th, 2015, the ETC Graz together with the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, the Federal State of Styria and

the City of Graz organised the interactive two-day event of the International Forum "Focusing Human Rights" attended by more than 100 municipal and regional politicians, public administration staff and ombudspersons and NGO members from more than 25 countries. The forum provided the unique possibility to discuss local policies' impact on human rights, to identify human rights challenges in the daily work of cities and municipalities and to exchange experiences.

Aim of this international forum held in the human rights city of Graz was to discuss good practices with representatives of local and regional politics and administration to sustainably support their work. International experts lectured on the human rights dimension of the work in cities and municipalities and discussed the human rights aspects of local politics and administration and the planning of human rights policies. Workshops offered the opportunity for exchange and networking.

The Forum was opened by the Congress' President Jean-Claude Frécon, the Mayor of Graz, Siegfried Nagl and the Regional Minister for Finance, Women and Integration, Bettina Vollath. All speakers underlined the role of regional and local authorities in the protection and promotion of human rights and stressed that a human rights policy at the level where authorities are closest to citizens, which ensures social cohesion is most appropriate to prevent radicalization in any form. The lecturers of the first day also stressed this point: Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe, in his speech focused on concrete examples of local and regional authorities. He pointed out the effectiveness of contextualized action programmes and specific training for decision-makers. Mayor Ivo Komšić from





Sarajevo spanned the bow from local identity politics to multi-level-governance challenges in the delivery of human rights at the local level.

The second day was held in St. Martin as a closed interactive workshop series. Three facilitator tandems, each combining a politician and a human rights expert, moderated workshops for the participants on Identifying human rights issues in local policy-making (Leen Verbeek, King's Commissioner of Flevoland; Barbara Oomen, Dean of University College Roosevelt), on Exchanging good practices (Lars O. Molin, Councilor of the City of Örebro and Thematic Rapporteur on Human Rights at local and regional level at the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities; Maria Nilsson, Senior Advisor and Human Rights Implementation Expert at Emerga Research and Consulting), and on Designing human rights policies (Bettina Vollath, Regional Minister for Finance, Women and Integration in Styria; Klaus Starl, Secretary General of the ETC). The results of the workshops were presented as Points for the future Agenda, right after President Frécon presented the Graz Declaration on the Implementation of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Level, reaffirming the respective resolutions of the Congress. Helmut Tichy, Director of the International Law department of the Austrian Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs, closed the Forum with concluding remarks from the national level's viewpoint.



TKE – Toolkit for Equality

The Toolkit for Equality provides a guide on the implementation of effective anti-discrimination policies in municipalities. The Toolkit is elaborated on the basis of evidence and its application will be facilitated by respective training and seminars.

In the first phase, research on policies applied in practice was conducted. The expert team identified and analysed policies in five areas: the city as a democratic institution, regulator, employer, service provider and contracting authority. The compilation of policies and the conclusions and recommendations for policy solutions that can be transferred to other cities were published in 2014 to discuss further proceedings and support from the member cities.

Based on the findings a questionnaire was elaborated and sent out to all member cities in summer 2014, in order to find out what policies are applied, how they are implemented and whether they are effective in terms of promotion of equality, improvement of equal opportunities, fostering inclusion and participation, as well as guaranteeing equal treatment.

The results of this survey were presented and discussed during the regular ECCaR member meetings.

In 2015 the project team visited eight European cities to research their experiences regarding policies against racist discrimination. In-depth interviews with members of city administrations, politicians and civil society members enquired into the details of practical implementation and asked for tips and tricks for other cities that might be interested. This research will continue in 2016. The findings will be used for model policies and step-by-step instructions for their implementation, to be published in a hand-book for cities – the „Toolkit for Equality“.

Human Rights City of Graz

Since February 2001 Graz is the first Human Rights City in Europe. The idea and initiative of “human rights cities” was developed in 1997 by PDHRE – the People’s Decade for Human Rights Education (today: People’s Movement for Human Rights Learning), an NGO located in New York. Since 2000, the ETC has been working for strong networking and capacity-building with regional actors such as NGOs, municipal departments and civil society in all areas related to the protection and the promotion of human rights at the local level in order to make Graz the first human rights city of Europe. A first analysis investigated the strengths and shortcomings regarding the implementation of human rights in Graz, and was presented at a conference in June 2002. The findings were utilised for the formulation of guidelines on whose basis a programme of activities was developed.

Graz, as a Human Rights City, is committed to protect, advance and respect the rights of every human being. Therefore, the city of Graz has established the Human Rights Advisory Council in 2007 which it commissioned to undertake human rights monitoring and to publish annual reports on the matter. The ETC serves as the office of the Human Rights Advisory Council. Together, numerous services have been and are being provided, such as: the coordination of the process to establish Graz as a human rights city; the respective coordination of institutions, NGOs and civil society; cooperation with other human rights cities and local NGOs.

Activities of the ETC as the Office of the Human Rights Advisory Council of the City of Graz

Tasks of the office

The Human Rights Advisory Council appointed the ETC as the official office in its rules of procedure of 6 June 2007. Besides the administrative preparation and follow-up work of the Human Rights Advisory Council’s meetings the ETC also serves as the central coordination and contact point, and also as the interface for communication. Another essential part of its activities concerns the organisation and support of the Human Rights Advisory Council’s working groups. The office was entrusted with the elaboration of the report on the situation of human rights in Graz for the municipal council and the city government.

Klaus Starl, Alexandra Stocker and Ingrid Nicoletti were assigned to the office. Alexandra Stocker was on maternity leave from September 2014 to December 2015, and Ingrid Nicoletti took over her agenda.

Permanent Working Groups

The Human Rights Advisory Council can establish working groups on special topics or to conduct projects. Working groups consist of members of the council but can also ask external persons to contribute. Eight working groups have been established following current needs and interests, some meet on a regular basis (e.g. Working Group Human Rights Report), some only depending on the occasion. The following working groups are operational (two or three have been closed after having fulfilled their purpose such as organizing an event):

- WG Age-appropriate City
- WG Barrier-free City
- WG on the Ban on Begging
- WG Know your Rights
- WG Human Rights Report
- WG Human Rights Learning / „Culture of Human Rights in Graz“
- WG Election Campaign Monitoring



Der Menschenrechtsbeirat
der Stadt Graz



Klaus Starl

The Forum „Focusing on Human Rights“ in cooperation with the Council of Europe, Styria and Graz brought about the Graz Declaration on Human Rights Implementation at local and regional level. Its workshops on identifying human rights relevance in daily political practice, exchange of promising practices and on policy planning were interpreted in five languages and recognised with the Congress Award 2016.

Working Group: Ban on begging

In the year of 2011 the Styrian Regional Parliament adopted a general ban on begging in the framework of an amendment of the Provincial Security Act. The ban was repealed by the Constitutional Court in December 2012, following a complaint filed on initiative of the Saint Vincent Community. But the Court's decision did not end public debate on "begging in Graz"; discussions flared up again, using argumentation patterns that have been known for decades.

Against this background the Human Rights Advisory Council of the City of Graz appealed to the mayor to find new solutions for a human rights compliant dealing with the issues of begging and poverty, based on the widest possible political and societal consent. Mayor Siegfried Nagl accepted the Council's proposal to constitute an inter-institutional group of experts to develop a strategy and measures for the city government, the city council, the administration, companies, NGOs, media and the citizens of Graz. The expert group, coordinated by city councillor Thomas Rajakovics and Council member Christian Ehetreiber, elaborated the strategy paper *(New) solutions for a human rights compliant dealing with the issue of begging in Graz* to be used as a basis for discussion, planning and decision for the implementation of measures.

The strategy paper was presented to the public in a joint press conference by Mayor Siegfried Nagl, Elke Lujansky-Lammer, president of the Human Rights Advisory Council, and working group chair Christian Ehetreiber. The working group continues to urge the professional and rapid implementation of the paper.

Working Group: Human Rights Report

The Human Rights Advisory Council is commissioned to issue an annual report on the implementation of human rights at the municipal level. It was decided to issue a comprehensive report bi-annually and evaluation reports in alternating years. For this purpose a working group of advisory Council members chaired by Klaus Starl was established. This working group was entrusted to prepare the Human Rights Report in cooperation with the ETC Graz. The Eighth Human Rights Report of the City of Graz was published on December 10th, 2015 and focused, besides stocktaking and recommendations, on art and culture. Progress in the human rights city process is monitored by evaluating the implementation of the recommendations through duty-bearers in politics and administration.

All Human Rights Reports are available both at the city of Graz and ETC websites.





Know your Rights – The human rights portal from the youth for the youth

www.kennedeinerechte.at

Every year since autumn 2010 a group of young people aged 15 to 22 get together, on the initiative of the Human Rights Advisory Council of the City of Graz, to fight for more education on human rights. They investigate and write contributions on human rights and related socio-political topics over the time of one (school) year and deal with questions such as "Are my parents allowed to forbid my gay relationship?", "What can I do if I observe that someone is not allowed to enter a bar due to her/his skin colour?" or "Is my teacher allowed to take junk food away from me?" The articles are published on the on-line platform "Know Your Rights" (www.kennedeinerechte.at), and the web statistics show an ever increasing number of page views for the platform and the Facebook page, the latter pushed not only content-wise but through participatory actions such as a tattoo action ("Racism-free zone") on occasion of the International Day against Racism 2013 or the dance flash mob "Dance against Racism", organised in cooperation with the Styrian Anti-Discrimination Office in 2015.

During the fourth and fifth year raffles with fabric bags with the imprinted slogans "Racism doesn't match my shoes" and "I'm a bag with a migration background... and I don't f***ing care" delighted the fans of the project.

In terms of sustainability and due to many new applications of interested pupils the project is running year after year with unchanged drive. Besides basic information, news and Q&A on human rights the online portal offers the possibility to share and post opinions and discuss them. Adults are welcome to participate and discuss with the "human rights junior journalists". Completing the fifth project term in summer 2015 the year also offered ample opportunity to party, however, the five years' event including poetry slam, concert and DJ line had to be postponed until autumn because of the Graz mad drive in June. The greater part of the work was not dedicated to partying but to coping with the organisational und financial consequences of a hacker attack that destroyed the website of Kenne deine Rechte at

the end of 2014. From December 2014 until summer 2015 the contributions of the young human rights journalists had to be published temporarily on the Facebook page of the project while the project team worked hard to create the new website. Among other aspects, all previous contributions had to be restored and adapted to the new design. The new website went online in October 2015, when the sixth project term started with slight adaptations, for example weekly publishing and a focus on multimedia.

The Human Rights Council of the City of Graz and its office, the ETC Graz, support and accompany the "human rights junior journalists" in their work. Team leader Alexandra Stocker took maternity leave from September 2014 to December 2015, her work being continued by Barbara Schmiedl and David Weiss who switched from the journalists' team to the project staff.

We want to thank our project donors, the City of Graz and the Province of Styria, and the donors, especially Paragraph Software GmbH, Energie Graz and Styrian Chamber of Labour.

„15 years a human rights city“ - Preparation for the anniversary year of 2016

Starting with first meetings in spring 2015 and then mainly in autumn the ETC team prepared for the 15-year-anniversary of the human rights declaration of the city of Graz. The ETC prepared a line of programmes foreseeing events and actions throughout

the year to sustainably anchor the idea of human rights and to avoid excessive demand in favour of actors and recipients.

The programme comprised different events, starting with a great panel discussion as an opening event, from world cafés to human rights city walks to concluding events on International Human Rights Day in December 2016. Close cooperation with the great events of the city, the Women in Peace conference and the first human rights film festival in Graz was also started in 2015.

The human rights city walk project "Menschenrechte verorten" (Locating human rights) was submitted to the Österreichische Gesellschaft für Politische Bildung (ÖGPB); planning started upon approval in cooperation with other providers of thematic city walks in autumn 2015. The longest lead time was necessary for Fragments, the film festival for human rights that was planned to take place in Graz for the first time in the anniversary year of 2016. The festival organizers Franz Grabner (†) and Sarah Stross approached the ETC team during the conceptual stage to win the ETC as a cooperation partner for the festival. The cooperation foresaw thematic input of the ETC on concept, programming, movies and programme booklet, the organisation of a short film competition for young moviemakers, the elaboration and implementation of a frame programme in cooperation with the festival team and civil society actors and cooperation in public relation. Starting from autumn 2015 the ETC and Uni-ETC team met the Fragments festival team on a regular basis for coordination and working meetings, advance notices and the short film competition were started via social media in December 2015.

Human Rights Education

FRONTEX Fundamental rights trainings for border guards

In cooperation with the Fundamental Rights Agency FRONTEX, the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union, has started a fundamental rights programme to support the training and education of national border guards through the establishment of common training standards at the European level five years ago. The programme aims to raise awareness and ensure a harmonised training of all EU border guards in respecting fundamental rights and securing professional standards. Concrete training objectives include recognising the important role and responsibility of border guards to protect fundamental rights and prevent human rights violations, understanding fundamental rights in general and with a view to their duties, competence to respect and protect human rights and prevent violations in the performance of their duties and identifying persons in need of assistance and protection.

The ETC participated in the programme from the very beginning - a training design workshop in Vienna discussing and defining key elements for fundamental rights training for border guards in 2011 - and contributed to the pool of trainers. In the year of 2015 Daniela Grabovac, together with her tandem partner, held four trainings in Warsaw.

Campaign THAT'S RIGHT! Human rights in public discourse

Human Rights are everywhere! Or put differently: the denial of human rights is everywhere. To show up that every little saying not only attacks the dignity of a person but also touches and hurts people and therefore infringes rights, 24 hate-speech slogans were juxtaposed the corresponding articles of the ECHR. This campaign, consisting of postcards and posters in A3 format as well as a wandering exhibition in A1 format (in cooperation with Kulturvermittlung Graz) was created as a contribution to the 60th anniversary of the European Convention of Human Rights. Since its start on Human Rights Day 2009 it has been conducted at various events in public space. Zentrum polis – Politik Lernen in der Schule ("Learning politics at school") as project partner, created and published supplementary didactical material for teachers, which is offered in a package together with the postcards and posters. The material is available for free (reimbursement of the postal costs only) directly at the ETC or for teachers at the Zentrum polis as well. The wandering exhibition can be booked at the ETC, preferably together with a workshop on strategies against hate-speech slogans.

In 2012, the campaign materials were completed with the brochure "Anleitung zum Gegenreden" ("Instructions to counter-argue") which gives an overview on all 24 hate speech slogans juxtaposed with counter-questions, counter-arguments and basic background information. The availability of the brochure added a new momentum to the on-going campaign, the first edition was completely disseminated in 2012. Therefore in 2013 and 2015 the

second and third editions of the brochure were printed by the Federal Ministry of Education. All in all, the year of 2015 brought an increase in hate speech and therefore also an increased demand for materials and workshops.

Fundamental rights education for future judges: Fundamental rights in daily court practise

Cooperating with the Federal Ministry of Justice and the Fundamental Rights Section of the Austrian Judges' Association the three Austrian human rights institutions, the Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, the Austrian Institute for Human Rights and the ETC elaborated a fundamental rights training and a fundamental rights reader for judges' pre-service training in 2008. The ETC team drew up the civil rights part. Being revised and completed in 2010 this fundamental rights curriculum forms the basis for trainings aimed at sharpening future judges' and prosecutors' knowledge about and shaping their awareness of procedural fundamental rights infringements. Case studies with practical orientation, as well as an accompanying manual were compiled for the seminars in close cooperation with judges from the administrative districts of Vienna, Linz and Graz. In autumn 2013 the three human rights institutions started another revision of the curriculum and the reader to be used in the next seminar in spring 2014.

In cooperation with the Regional Court of Appeals at Graz the annual three-day seminars are held in St. Georgen/Längsee. In 2015 the seminar took place from 19th to 21st of October; the ETC trainers were Veronika Apostolovski and Markus Möstl.

The boat is full – on-line game on discrimination

The game "The boat is full" is referring to economic and labour market processes just as the classical game Monopoly. However, while playing Monopoly means acting in a social vacuum with equal chances for all players (in spite of local variations and adaptations) "The boat is full" is based on role-cards (woman/man, member of the majority/minority population, education, age, possibly also disability) and therefore gives each player another close-to-reality starting point. In the course of playing strategic skills and luck will be influenced by education cards, job cards and risk cards oriented on the different conditions for several (groups of) persons in real life. The learning effect of the game is based on making the players aware of the inequality of societal conditions by experiencing different starting conditions and (partly multiple) discrimination.

After developing and programming the on-line game, elaborating non-digital gaming materials and the concept of „gaming workshops“ and technical amelioration of the on-line game the fourth project phase was developed from autumn 2012 onwards. New trainers, especially with a migration history were educated and the workshop concept was adapted for mixed and predominantly migrant groups to broaden the basis for the project and to conduct more workshops.

While the face-to-face workshops run very well and demand increased due to the refugee situation the necessary general



Davis Weiss

The current political and social situations demand an approach focusing on the transformation of human rights to a tangible concept in our daily lives and actions. I am very happy that the ETC and its youth project “Kenne deine Rechte” (Know your Rights) have been able to make a small contribution to getting young people to tackle human rights issues and to making them human rights ambassadors for six years now. The relaunch of the newly designed project website in November 2015 can be seen as an important milestone and a further contribution to establishing the project. I hope that “Kenne deine Rechte” will stay a major institution for young motivated people who make an effort to promote human rights issues.



overhaul of the on-line game proved to be technically very laborious. The new programming of the game had been finished in the end of 2014 but the game continued to show stability problems, especially in the multi-player mode, which made necessary further testing and improving throughout 2015. Using the online game in schools as a user-friendly E-learning tool had to be postponed. Nevertheless it remains a long-term goal to publish it as a traditional cardboard game in spite of the very high production costs not to neglect face-to-face communication and to provide the workshops with professional material.

Human rights education based on the manual *Understanding Human Rights*

Since 2003 the ETC publishes the manual *Understanding Human Rights* which by now is available in 18 languages. The manual includes an introduction and 16 modules on various human rights issues, incorporating theoretical knowledge and practical examples as well as pedagogical and further training material. Based on the third English edition, updated and considerably extended by the ETC staff and published in 2012 the ETC team started to elaborate the fully revised and expanded third German edition in summer 2012. Besides reviewing and updating the existing modules the three new modules on the right to privacy, minority rights and the right to asylum had to be translated to German. The new edition of the German manual will be published in 2016.

Also based on the third English edition the manual *Understanding Human Rights* was translated by the Korea Human Rights Policy Institute and published in Korean in 2015.

OUR Human Rights School – Human rights learning at primary level

Based on findings about grammar school students' poor knowledge about and awareness on human rights the ETC decided to establish a new project line on early human rights learning and started "OUR Human Rights School" in early 2013. Pilot school and first beneficiary of the project was an elementary school in Graz that aimed to establish a human rights friendly environment at school where pupils, teachers and other actors can experience and live a "culture of human rights". The human rights school project involves all school stakeholders – not only the pupils and teachers but also the school management, other staff and the parents and commits itself – by analogy with the human rights city process – to implement human rights and children's rights as the leading principles and guidelines for all actions.

The pilot phase of the project comprised an information and training seminar for the head mistress and the teachers of the pilot school and workshops with all fourth-graders which served to determine core issues. The workshops and the children's feedback provided important findings for the elaboration of a curriculum for the primary level. The curriculum was used to produce a children's rights toolbox with activities, materials and additional information to support the teachers. The toolbox prototype had been handed out to the pilot school teachers for testing and was revised according to the feedback. Additionally the ETC Human Rights Library set up a course reserve on human rights education at primary level. The school project goes on with annual participatory workshops, usually for third-graders on the issue "Human rights school in the human rights city", and with further education for school staff. In 2015 teachers the teachers and the school mistress explored the human rights city in a human rights city walk.

For documentation, networking and further information of schools the website www.menschenrechtsschule.at was elaborated and presented to the public on the occasion of International Children's Rights Day in November 2015.

Awards: Fairness Award 2013 of the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture (2nd place, category "Primary schools"), „Places of Respect", winner for the Province of Styria 2014.



Barbara Schmiedl

The most moving moment in my work in 2015 happened during a workshop on children's rights at the Austrian integration Fund: Working with children we often use cards and stories to let the kids discover the differences between wishes, needs and rights. So far, the exercise has always run very well and led to heated debates on the necessary and the useless. In this workshop the game on casting overboard all unnecessary things went wrong for the very first time - two thirds of the refugee and migrant children managed to solve the task faster than I could narrate the accompanying story.

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Events and Trainings

January 2015

14 January

Reception of the Mayor for the team of „Kenne deine Rechte“, Graz City Hall

22 January

Strategies against hate speech
(Simone Philipp, Barbara Schmiedl)

Workshop for prison guards
Educational Centre for the Judiciary, Schwechat

28 January

Once is not enough
(Klaus Starl, Simone Philipp, Isabella Meier, Karin Schmidlechner, Veronika Apostolovski, Margarethe Kreimer)

Presentation of the ETC publications on multiple discrimination
University of Graz

31 January

Human rights education and the freedom of religion
(Simone Philipp)

Lecture for future trainers on the issue of deradicalization in schools, AAI Graz

February 2015

5 February

Recognize multiple discrimination and act
(Klaus Starl, Simone Philipp)

Lecture and workshop at the symposium of the Ombud for Equal Treatment and the Styrian Chamber of Labour
Styrian Chamber of Labour, Graz

March 2015

6 March

Locating human rights (Barbara Schmiedl)
Human rights city walk for APFL, Graz

10 March

Human rights and development cooperation (Barbara Schmiedl)
Lecture, Medical University of Graz

12 March

Hate speech in history teaching
(Simone Philipp, Barbara Schmiedl)
Seminar, Styrian University for Teacher Training, Graz

16 March

Strategies against hate speech (Simone Philipp)
Workshop, HLW School for Social Management Graz

20. March

„Dance against Racism and Discrimination“
Flash mob on occasion of the International Day against Racism, in cooperation with the Antidiscrimination office Styria and the dancing school Conny & Dado
Main Square, Graz

21 March

Human rights at the local level
(Barbara Schmiedl, Klaus Starl)

Workshop for JUNOS, Graz

April 2015

16 April

Styrian Kick-off: Action Days Political Education 2015, in cooperation with RFDZ Geschichte und Politische Bildung dnd FDZ der Geisteswissenschaftlichen Fakultät
(Barbara Schmiedl)
University of Graz

21 April

Don't look aside!
(Simone Philipp, Barbara Schmiedl)
Workshops on civil courage, Realschule Feldbach

22 April

Strategies against hate speech
(Simone Philipp, Barbara Schmiedl)
Workshop for Lebenshilfe GU-V, Graz

23 April

The boat is full- Online game and E-learning tool on discrimination
(Barbara Schmiedl)
Presentation, Action Days Political Education 2015, Graz

23 April

Don't look aside! (Barbara Schmiedl)
Workshop on civil courage in the framework of the exhibition „Zivilcourage Dänemark 1943“
Institute for Contemporary history, University of Graz

25 April

Locating human rights
(Barbara Schmiedl)
Human rights city walk, Action Days Political Education 2015
ETC Graz

27 April

FRAME Cluster IV Meeting
(Maddalena Vivona, Isabella Meier, Markus Möstl, Klaus Starl)
University of Graz

May 2015

11 May

„The Waltz“

[human rights]movie on campus, in cooperation with forum stadtpark and the Austrian National Union of Students University of Graz

15 May

Human Rights and the City
(Barbara Schmiedl)

Presentation in the framework of the Calling all Crows Spring Tour, Graz

18 May

Locating human rights
(Barbara Schmiedl)

Human rights city walk in the framework of the project „OUR human rights school“, Graz

28/29 May

Focusing Human Rights

International Forum on the Implementation of Human Rights at the Local Level, in cooperation with the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, the Federal State of Styria and the City of Graz
Congress Centre Graz, Castle St. Martin

June 2015

3 June

Don't look aside!
(Barbara Schmiedl)

Workshop on civil courage, University of Graz, in the framework of the exhibition „Zivilcourage Dänemark 1943“, Grammar school Bruck/Mur

14 June

What are human rights and how are they implemented?
(Barbara Schmiedl)

Lecture and discussion, Kurdistan Information Centre Graz

16 June

Don't look aside!
(Simone Philipp, Klaus Starl)

Workshops on civil courage, BORG Feldbach

25 June

Genocide in Guatemala
(Sonja Perkic-Krempl, Moderation: Simone Philipp)
Lecture and discussion, ETC Graz

June/July

That's right!

Wandering exhibition against hate speech, Leibnitz

July 2015

2/3 July

Children have rights (Barbara Schmiedl)

Workshops in the framework of the project „OUR human rights school“, Elementary school Geidorf, Graz

13/14 July

Fundamental Rights Training for Border Guards
(Daniela Grabovac)

Training on behalf on FRONTEX

15/16 July

Fundamental Rights Training for Border Guards
(Daniela Grabovac)

Training on behalf on FRONTEX

September 2015

10-12 September

„NPM Shadow Monitoring“

(Renate Kicker, Klaus Starl, Markus Möstl)

Conference and Training including monitoring visits for the Austrian Ombudsman Board's Commissions, Vienna

10 September

Children have rights
(Barbara Schmiedl)

Workshop in the framework of the school preparation programme „Fit for school“, Austrian Integration Fund Graz

19 September

Retreat of the Human Rights Advisory Council of the City of Graz
(Klaus Starl, Ingrid Nicoletti), Graz

20-25 September

„Tell me...“ – Joint classroom

(Barbara Schmiedl, Lisa Heschl)

Workshops on flight and migration for Caritas-Fachschule, NMS Gratwein and Waldorf School Graz, in the framework of the UNHCR event „Langer Tag der Flucht 2015“
ETC Graz

25 September

„Slam for your Rights / Dance for your Rights“

Event on occasion of the 5 years anniversary of „Kenne deine Rechte“, Forum Stadtpark, Graz

October 2015

2-4 October

Know your rights

(Alexandra Stocker, Barbara Schmiedl, David Weiss)

Introduction workshop for the team journalists 2015/16
ETC Graz

7 October

Challenges in „Doing Gender & Difference“
(Isabella Meier)

Presentation and discussion of research focus, Symposium Gender-Performance & 15 Years Regional Office of the Ombud for Equal Treatment
Hotel Wiesler, Graz

7 October 2015 - 27 January 2016

Introduction to human rights

ETC Graz/UNI-ETC Lecture series for students of all universities and interested citizens of the human rights city
ETC Graz

9 October

Introduction to human rights education
(Barbara Schmiedl)

Lecture for the young Caritas Trainers' Academy, Graz

14 October

Human Rights and the City- implementing human rights locally
(Barbara Schmiedl)

Lecture in the framework of further education for ethics teachers, Faculty of Catholic Theology, University of Graz

19-21 October

Fundamental rights seminar for future judges: Fundamental rights in daily court practise
(Veronika Apostolovski, Markus Möstl)
St. Georgen/Längsee

19/20 October

Fundamental Rights Training for Border Guards
(Daniela Grabovac)
Training on behalf on FRONTEX

21/22 October

Fundamental Rights Training for Border Guards
(Daniela Grabovac)
Training on behalf on FRONTEX

22 October 2015 - 28 January 2016

Introduction to human rights education
(Barbara Schmiedl)

Workshop for students of all universities and interested citizens of the human rights city, ETC Graz

November 2015

9 November

Citizenship education and human rights education (Barbara Schmiedl)

Lecture and workshop at the Conference Global Learning 2015
Styrian University for Teacher Education, Graz

9-23 November

That's right!

Wandering exhibition against hate speech, BAKIP Hartberg

10 November

Locating human rights (Barbara Schmiedl)

Lecture and Human rights city walk, in the framework of the lecture „Political adult education“
University of Graz

12 November

Locating human rights (Barbara Schmiedl)

Lecture on human rights education and human rights city walk, in the framework of the “Global learning” training course
University of Graz

24 November

Access to (public) space (Barbara Schmiedl)

Lecture and workshop in the framework of Global Campus
University of Graz

27 November - 18. Dezember 2015

That's right!

Wandering exhibition against hate speech, Grammar School WIKU Graz

December 2015

7 December

What are human rights? (Barbara Schmiedl, David Weiss)

Workshops on occasion of International Human Rights Day
Grammar School Kirchengasse, Graz

10 December

Eighth Human Rights Report of the City of Graz

Presentation and press conference

(Klaus Starl, Elke Lujansky-Lammer, Max Aufischer, Claudia Unger), Styrian Media Club, Graz

11 December

Don't look aside! (Simone Philipp)

Workshop on civil courage on occasion of International Human Rights Day, Grammar school Klusemannstraße, Graz

11 December

The boat is full (Barbara Schmiedl, Lukas Lerchner)

Game workshops on discrimination on occasion of International Human Rights Day
Grammar school Klusemannstraße, Graz

18 December

Human rights and migration

Information stand on occasion of International Migrants Day, in cooperation Migrants Council of the City of Graz
Main railway station, Graz

19 December

fragments 16- Short film competition for the youth
(Barbara Schmiedl)

Info event in the framework of fragments 16- First Film Festival for Human Rights in Graz
ETC Graz



Maddalena Vivona

Last year FRAME gave us the opportunity to shape European policies, for example by contributing with ideas for the new Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy that was adopted last year. Seeing our ideas become part of the European Union policies is one of the most rewarding aspects of working at the ETC.

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„Scheiß Tschusch?“ Nicht



HILFE. Viele stehen Verhetzungen und Stammtischparolen hilflos gegenüber. Expertin Barbara Schmiedl gibt Tipps für Zivilcourage.

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ner – Zivilcourage zu zeigen und deutlich Stellung gegen diese Beleidigungen zu beziehen. „Nur wissen die wenigsten, wie man so etwas macht“, berichtet **Barbara Schmiedl** vom Europäischen Trainings- und Forschungszentrum für Menschenrechte und Demokratie ETC Graz, die österreichweit Kurse zu Strategien gegen Stammtischparolen abhält. „Einerseits will man die Situation nicht eskalieren lassen, andererseits will man solche Parolen aber auch nicht unwidersprochen stehen lassen.“

Ein Dilemma, dem sich selbst „Profis“ nicht immer gewachsen fühlen, wie Schmiedl einräumt. „Idealerweise sollte man versuchen, die Situation zu beruhigen und klarzustellen dass man zwar die Meinung des anderen ablehnt, aber nicht ihn als Mensch.“ Wenn das gelungen ist, kann man dem Phrasendrescher

mit Nachfragen „auf den fohlen“ (siehe Infokasten) sollte sich derjenige nicht Vernunft bringen lassen, i auch in Ordnung, wie Sch meint, denn: „Grundsätzli immer: Alles ist besser, als zu tun!“

Parolen-Antwort

■ „So einer wie du hat be uns nix zu suchen!“
Antwort: Wie kommen Sie auf die Idee, dass ich da nic zuhaus bin?

■ „Die gehören alle einge sperrt!“
Antwort: Aso, hat das Geri das so entschieden?

■ „So wie der ausschaut, der sicher kriminell!“
Antwort: Wie schaut denn Krimineller genau aus?

Quelle: ETC, Kampagne gegen Stammtisch

Gegen Stammtischparolen kann man sich nur schwer wehren – Barbara Schmiedl (kl. Bild) vom ETC Graz ermuntert zum sozialen Engagement und präsentiert Strategien gegen primitive Beschimpfungen.

Diskriminierung nicht nur aus einem Grund

35 bis 60 Fälle von mehrfacher Diskriminierung in der Arbeitswelt landen pro Jahr vor der Gleichbehandlungsanwaltschaft.

Bei einer Veranstaltung im Grazer Kammersaal berichtete Simone Philipp vom ETC Graz von gehäuften Fällen von Mehrfachdiskriminierungen besonders in männerdominierten Branchen, öffentlichen Einrichtungen und am Hilfsarbeitsmarkt. In männerdominierten Bereichen seien besonders Frauen im gebärfähigen Alter, Kopftuchträgerinnen und Personen mit Behinderungen betroffen.



Fälle von mehrfacher Diskriminierung von Frauen in der Arbeitswelt wurden in drei Arbeitskreisen im Kammersaal diskutiert. (AK/Selina Graf)

Mag. Bernadette Pöcheim erklärte, dass eine Rechtsdurchsetzung im aufrechten Dienstverhältnis oft schwierig sei, da die betroffenen Personen Angst vor Sanktionen oder Kündigungen hätten. Punkto Entgeltdiskriminierung kritisierte die AK-Expertin, dass Männern viel eher Vordienstzeiten und Zusatzqualifikationen angerechnet werden. Laut Elke Lujansky-Lammer (Regionalbüro Steiermark der Gleichbehandlungsanwaltschaft) nennt das Gesetz sechs Gründe, bei denen Diskriminierung in der Arbeitswelt verboten ist: Geschlecht, Alter, Ethnie, Religion, sexuelle Orientierung sowie Behinderung.

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100.000 Zugriffe auf Menschenrechts-Webseite

Vor vier Jahren startete das Menschenrechtsprojekt „Kenne deine Rechte“, bei dem Jugendliche komplexe Menschenrechtsthemen für andere Jugendliche aufarbeiten und auf ihrer Internetseite veröffentlichen. Die Bilanz des vom Menschenrechtsbeirat initiierten Projektes zeigt: Die Zahl der Teilnehmer steigt stetig an – mittlerweile sind 30 junge

Grazer involviert. Dass das Team in den Redaktionsräumlichkeiten in der Elisabethstraße ganze Arbeit geleistet hat, zeigt ein Blick auf die Statistik: Seit 2010 wurden nämlich 177 Menschenrechts-Artikel veröffentlicht. Das hatte 100.000 Zugriffe auf www.kennedeinerechte.at zur Folge. Das Projekt hat zudem 1.300 Fans auf Facebook.

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Mehrfachdiskriminierung

Neue Publikationen des Europäischen Trainings- und Forschungszentrum für Menschenrechte

Wenn Frauen mit Migrationsgeschichte oder Menschen mit schwarzer Hautfarbe am Arbeitsmarkt diskriminiert werden, liegen meist mehrere Diskriminierungsmotive vor. „Intersektionalität“ bedeutet – grob gesagt – dass jede Person in sich mehrere Charakteristika, wie beispielsweise Alter, Geschlecht oder ethnische Zugehörigkeit, vereint beziehungsweise diese ihr von außen zugeschrieben werden. Um diese Formen der Mehrfachdiskriminierung drehen sich drei vom Europäischen Trainings- und Forschungszentrum für Menschenrechte (ETC) koordinierte, miteinander verknüpfte Forschungsprojekte. Die Ergebnisse wurden am 28. Jänner 2015 an der Karl-Franzens-Universität vorgestellt.

Bei der Präsentation der Projektpublikationen hob Joseph Mario, Dekan der Rechtswissenschaftlichen Fakultät, in seiner Einführung insbesondere hervor, dass die vorliegenden Ergebnisse nur durch die Interdisziplinarität des Teams erzielt werden konnten, da fachliche Beschränkungen und Begrenzungen, etwa der juristischen Perspektive auf ausschließlich individuelle Grundrechte, den Blick auf systemische und strukturelle Diskriminierung verstellen.

Präsentierten ihre Ergebnisse zur Mehrfachdiskriminierung: Klaus Start, Simone Philipp, Isabella Meier, Karin Schmidhauer, Veronika Apostolovski und Margareta Kreimer (v.l.). Foto: Uni Graz/Kastner

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Schön, Herr Stadtrat, dass Ihnen die Menschenrechtsarbeit unger Menschen ein großes Anliegen ist, wie Sie sagen. Die Grazer Jugend-Aktion „Kenne deine Rechte“ ist durchaus beachtlich. Wir beschäftigen uns ja gerade in diesen Tagen mit grundlegenden und verbrieften Rechtsansprüchen wie Meinungsfreiheit. „Je suis Charlie“ heißt es allerorts nach den barbarischen Anschlägen auf das Pariser Satiremagazin Charlie Hebdo und den jüdischen Lebensmit-

die eigene Meinung geht, sondern auch die anderer. „Je suis Charlie“ hat zwei Seiten.

Ähnlich verhält es sich mit Rechten – sie ziehen unvermeidlich Pflichten nach sich. So existieren nicht nur Menschenrechte, sondern auch Menschenpflichten, 1997 wurden diese den Vereinten Nationen vorgestellt (de.wikipedia.org). Es wäre schön, Herr Stadtrat, Sie auf einem Foto zu sehen, auf dem junge Leute ein Transparent mit der Aufschrift „Kenne



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VERDAMMT GUTER START NUR NACH DER DEMO

David Weiss vom Menschenrechtsprojekt „Kenne deine Rechte“ freut sich über die neue moderne Homepage, die alle Stücker spielt.

Neue Homepage von „Kenne deine Rechte“

MENSCHLICH. Nach einem erfolgreichen Jahr stellt sich „Kenne deine Rechte“ neu auf.

Das Grazer Menschenrechtsprojekt für Jugendliche ist in den vergangenen Jahren sehr erfolgreich gewesen. Das Interesse war groß, weshalb man sich jetzt noch größer aufstellt.

„Im letzten Jahr hat sich das Redaktionsteam wieder mit verschiedensten Themen, unter anderem Fremdenfeindlichkeit, Gleichstellung von Mann und Frau oder Homosexualität, befasst und dazu alle zwei Wochen drei Artikel veröffentlicht“, berichtet Redaktionsmitglied David Weiss stolz. Auch neue Schwerpunkte, die menschenrechtliche Fragen aus einer anderen Perspektive beleuchten, wie zum Beispiel die Themen Filme und Games, wurden eingebracht. Beispielsweise haben wir den neuen „Mad Max“-Film auf feministische Rollenbilder hin abgeklippt oder analysiert, was das Computerspiel GTA und den IS verbindet.“

Für dieses Schuljahr hat sich wieder ein Team aus motivierten

Jugendlichen gefunden, das mit Beiträgen zu menschenrechtlichen und gesellschaftspolitischen Themen in regelmäßigen Abständen Inhalte liefern wird. Dennoch ist der Start in die neue Runde diesmal nicht wie jeder andere, gibt es doch heute eine wichtige Neuigkeit, wie Weiss berichtet: „Unsere Website haben wir im letzten Jahr aufgrund von Hacker-Angriffen vom Netz nehmen müssen. In den letzten Monaten haben wir sie einem umfassenden Relaunch unterzogen. Jetzt ist sie in völlig neuem Design und neu strukturiert wieder online gegangen.“

Vorbeischaun lohnt sich – unter www.kennedeinerechte.at wird es neben den Interviews, Kommentaren und Reportagen der Jungjournalistinnen im nächsten Jahr auch vermehrt Videos zu Schwerpunktthemen geben. Wenn man daran interessiert ist, mitzuarbeiten, ist man ebenfalls jederzeit willkommen!

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Ein klares Menschenrechtsbekenntnis

Zweitätiges Menschenrechtsforum in Graz eröffnet

Ein Forum mit dem Schwerpunkt auf Menschenrechte wird derzeit in Graz abgehalten. Der zweitägige Kongress widmet sich dabei vor allem Menschenrechtsfragen für Gemeinden und Regionen.

Es wird eine Konferenz mit Beiträgen des Menschenrechtskommissars des Europarats, sowie Menschenrechtsexpertinnen. Die Veranstaltung richtet sich in erster Linie an Kommunal- und Regionalpolitikerinnen und zielt darauf ab, eine gemeinsame Erklärung zu den Menschenrechten auf lokaler und Regionaler Ebene abzugeben.

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Library

The ETC library holds an extensive selection of books and human rights related materials (e.g. materials for human rights education, DVD, etc.).

In 2015, the ETC library has acquired 293 new books, bringing the library to almost 3350 books and human rights related materials. In particular the sections on (Anti)Discrimination, Human Rights Education, Human Rights at the Local Level, Human Security, Torture, Racism and Migration saw the largest gains of books and materials.

The main focus of the library in 2015 was set on developing a new cataloguing system that will allow for a more comprehensive search, as well as, in the near future, for the possibility of creating bibliography lists, choosing between the main bibliographic style in use. Another issue that needs to be mentioned is the digitalization of our library that now does not only encompass printed copies, but also digital books, articles and legal documents.

The library is open to the public during the week (Monday to Friday 09:00 am to 12:00 am or upon appointment).

Finances

In the year of 2015 the ETC had a total budget of € 469.400 (total income). On an adjusted basis the total financial conduct is positive and was assessed as stable and balanced by the financial auditors.

Income

The ETC received total revenues of € 469.400. Revenues from public funds amounted to € 70.000, income from commissioned work to € 41.000, and € 357.000 resulted from third-party project grants (international, regional and national).

15% of the income came from public subsidies, 72% came from project grants and 13% from fees and sponsoring.

Expenditures

The ETC's total expenditures mounted to € 469.800 in 2015, expenditures for personnel (including contracts for work and labour and honoraria for independent contractors) to 410.900 € (87.5%). On average employment during the reference period came up to appr. seven full-time equivalents.

Material expenses amounted to € 58.900 (12,5 %).

Partners

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In the year of 2015 we were further contracted by the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) as the National Focal Point in the multi-disciplinary research network FRANET, by the Council of Europe / Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, the Austrian Ombudsman Board, the Regional Court of Appeals at Graz and the Federal State of Styria.



Klaus Starl

In 2015 the ETC could further deepen the cooperation with UNESCO and the International Coalition of Human Rights Cities. The ETC ranks as „Global Player“ in Capacity Building for human rights at local and regional level.

