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Preface

This Annual Report starts by identifying three highlights of the ETCs work in 2016. The successful elaboration of the Toolkit for Equality in eight languages is an important initiative to combat racism and discrimination in Europe. This project is part of the ETC's focus on protection and implementation of human rights at the local level. In this line the ETC contributed substantially to the 15th anniversary of the declaration of Graz as human rights city by organizing and participating in a series of local and international events, thus confirming its role as the human rights agency of Graz and Styria. The fact that a series of challenging educational sessions on the freedom of religion, held in the prison Karlau with long-term serving inmates, is a main highlighted activity makes me particularly proud of the ETC team. A letter from the central prison administration in the Ministry of the Justice acknowledging the importance of the training team's final recommendations for making intercultural and interreligious diversity a central feature of the security strategy of the prison, demonstrates the success of this undertaking.

Apart from these highlights the activity report shows the enormous amount of work carried out again in 2016, as well as its variety. The collection and research services on fundamental rights issues for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) have continued with a series of interesting thematic reports. The cooperation within the project FRAME (Fostering Human Rights among European (external and internal) Policies) brought to life an "Access Guide to Human Rights Information" to support EU officials. A comprehensive research paper on "Bringing Home Human rights. The Role of National Preventive Mechanisms", which contributes to a better insight and constructive discussion of these rather new national monitoring bodies, was published. Being the chair of the advisory Human Rights Council to the Austrian NPM I see great merits in the outcome of this research project. Several other projects were successfully finished with final reports or continued like "On the Move", VICT (Developing directive compatible practices for the identification, assessment and referral of victims) and FAMME-LIRAB (Gaps in the right to education?).

The focus on human rights at local level and capacity building in/for Human Rights Cities, such as the City of Graz, constitutes one of the core activities of the ETC. This topic will also form the basis for the future focus of the centre which is being developed in cooperation with the City of Graz, the Province of Styria and the federal government in accordance with the UNESCO. With the establishment of the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights at the University of Graz, held by Gerd Oberleitner, now deputy chair of the ETC and chair of the UNI-ETC, the link between these bodies and the UNESCO becomes more specific.

Human rights education with a focus on young people, such as the successful project on "Know your Rights", as well as training for professionals like future judges, continues to be on the heart of the ETCs activities.

In the name of the ETC Board I would like to congratulate the ETC team under the professional leadership of Klaus Starl to the impressive activity report which indicates their contribution to create awareness and such may further the protection of human rights.

Renate Kicker, Chair of the ETC Board



Regrettably, in late 2016 the human rights city lost one of its outstanding personalities. The architect and city councillor Klaus Gartler passed away. Mr Gartler was vice president of the city's human rights council, as well as the president of the League for Human Rights in Styria. His commitment and deep understanding of local policy and human rights was an extremely important support for the success of the human rights city. In deep sorrow we do keep his memory.



2016 at a glance

68

events

>3000

participants from schoolkid to international expert

1

marathon: anniversary year
"15 years a human rights city"

4

exhibitions "Women, Peace and Human Rights" in the Congress Centre, the City Hall and two participating schools

1

award: Congress Award for Focusing Human Rights, International Forum on the Implementation of Human Rights at the Local Level

3

testimonial campaigns on social media

4500

hours research on human rights

18

publications

>150

interviews

3

info stands

1

human rights on-line Advent calendar

46

deadlines

>500

Facebook postings

16

newsletters

>8000

subscribers, friends and fans

44

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

3500

books in the library

2

new ETC babies:
Welcome Constantin and Valentin!

1

honorary citizen of the city of Graz:
Wolfgang Benedek

ETC Team and Board

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Internships

In 2016 two students from beyond the Austrian borders completed an unpaid internship at the ETC. One intern was from Germany, and the other one each from Great Britain. We thank both of them for their commitment and their valuable inputs to the work of the ETC!

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Research and Capacity Building

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:

- FRANET Short Thematic Report: Contribution to the FRA Annual Report 2015 & Information Request: The use of the EU Charter at national level.
- FRANET Short Thematic Report: National intelligence authorities and surveillance in the EU
- FRANET Short Thematic Report: Migration detention of children
- FRANET Short Thematic Report: Mapping minimum age requirements in respect to the rights of the child in the EU
- FRANET Short Thematic Report: Rights of crime victims to have access to justice – a comparative analysis.
- FRANET Report of Various Size: Monthly data collection on the current migration situation in the EU.
- FRANET Short Thematic Report: Contribution to FRA Fundamental Rights 2017 & Information Request: EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.
- FRANET Information Request: Protecting media professionals and incitement to hatred.
- FRANET Report of Various Size: Monthly data collection II on the current migration situation in the EU (ongoing).

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

Frame is a large-scale, interdisciplinary, project that started in 2013 and 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.

In 2016 the ETC, together with the University of Utrecht, the Danish Centre for Human Rights and the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute, developed an "Access Guide to Human Rights Information" to support EU officials in need of reliable human rights information by demonstrating in an exemplary manner what information is available in the public domain. The Access Guide explains the particularities and differences, as well as strengths and limitations of various types and sources of human rights information and how they relate to the normative content of the human rights provisions at hand. 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 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 contributed to the survey "Policymakers' Experiences Regarding Coherence in the European Union Human Rights Context" which discusses how coherence or incoherence appears in practice in the activities and discourse of policymakers in EU institutions, the Member States and in their vertical and horizontal interaction. The results of the ETC contribution were presented by Wolfgang Benedek and Isabella Meier at the Dublin Workshop and at the 2016 AHRI Conference in Utrecht. Wolfgang Benedek also actively participated at the workshops in Venice and Brussels.



A highlight of 2016 was to my mind the project with high school students in Graz conducted in the framework of the Women for Peace Conference. Women for Peace brought the three Nobel Laureates Rigoberta Menchù Tum, Jody Williams and Leymah Gbowee to Graz to jointly stand up against sexualized violence towards women and girls. In the run-up to the conference we held workshops in three schools in Graz. Based on these, the students transformed their ideas into very personal large-format posters that were presented to an international audience at the conference.

ADPOLIS - Antidiscrimination policies successfully implemented

The project ADPOLIS builds on the previous work for the “ECCAR Toolkit for Equality” and aims at further promoting the implementation of policies against racism and racial discrimination in European cities. Co-funded by the European Union (JUST/2014/RDIS/AG/DISC/8084), the project allows to deepen and broaden the policy models in the “Toolkit for Equality” through further research, to create a user-friendly design, to publish nine language versions (English, German, Spanish, Italian, French, Dutch, Greek, Hungarian, Swedish) and to organize exchange events to discuss among decision-makers and to train civil servants and civil society actors.

ADPOLIS deals with the success factors of policies against racial or ethnic discrimination that are already implemented in European cities. The project aims at providing local politicians with knowledge on the key factors for policy success and arguments and tools for negotiations, providing city administrations with policy examples as well as instructions on how to implement them, and support civil society actors and vulnerable groups with arguments to advocate for the implementation of policies against racial or ethnic discrimination. Research served to collect, identify and analyze the concrete steps in the implementation of policies against racial discrimination, important arguments in negotiations, challenges in the implementation, impact assessment and lessons learned. This was realized through a total of 24 city visits in 11 European countries, including in-depth interviews with 78 civil servants, politicians and other stakeholders (e.g. NGOs, migrant associations, academia) responsible for or involved in the implementation of policies against racism and racial discrimination. This information was compiled into 12 thematic “model policies”, which are presented in a step-by-step guide to implementation.

The publication – which will be a second, enlarged and updated version of the “ECCAR Toolkit for Equality” – will be published at the ECCAR website in spring 2017 and made available to local authorities, politicians and practitioners also by exchange and training activities.

The project is a joint effort with the European Coalition of Cities against Racism (ECCAR) and UNESCO as member of the International Coalition of Cities against Racism (ICCAR) and realized together with five partners: Stockholm University, Department of Law, Sweden; Legal Defence Bureau for National and Ethnic Minorities (NEKI), Budapest, Hungary; Cidalia, diversity consultancy, S.L.L, Madrid, Spain; Centre for European Constitutional Law (CECL), Athens, Greece; University of Padova, Human Rights Centre, Padova, Italy.

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 to 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 were 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* was 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 project was dedicated to the standards for preventive monitoring as applied by the Austrian NPM. Taking Austria as an example the project researched the relevance of international standards for preventive work on the national level and the corresponding role of the NPM. This survey was based on the analysis of the relevant legal standards, an assessment of existing references and a critical review of the publicly accessible materials of the National Ombudsman Board. To gain deeper insight of which standards the NPM uses for its preventive work, how relevant these international requirements are for its work and to which extent it can help to establish these standards in Austria eleven guided interviews were conducted with heads of NPM commissions, division managers of the Ombudsman Board, ministerial representatives and members of parliament from July to October 2016. Results of the survey will be published in summer 2017.

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.

In 2016 the ETC produced the Austrian National Report. The implementation of the right to free movement from a socio-legal point of view, was enriched by the personal experiences of the drivers and barriers of 30 EU citizens aged between 25 and 35, who made use of their right to free movement in the EU, as well as of experts on free movement.

A coordination meeting took place in Athens in November 2016 in order to put the findings of all partners together and compare and discuss them. The further steps in the project and the following work streams have been clarified; the dissemination strategy and public relations have been refined.

VICT - Developing directive compatible practices for the identification, assessment and referral of victims

The position of victims of crime in criminal procedure has evolved significantly in the last decades. In only a few years, victims moved from being the 'forgotten party' of the criminal justice process to actors with a clearer and stronger role. Overall, the progress in the position of victims in criminal trial can be summed in three evolutionary steps: compensation schemes, victim assistance, empowerment and support programs; specific rights

to information and, more recently, concrete rights to participate in criminal proceedings.

The Victims Directive was part of this horizontal package that aims to ensure that any victim can rely on a basic level of rights, independently of nationality and place of the crime. Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA (Victims' Directive) came in force on 14 November 2012 with a deadline for transposition in 16 November 2015.

The Directive introduces a new approach in the provision of protection by combining the personalized approach to victims' needs and the obligation to offer holistic services. The aim of the project is analyzing the comparability of the practices applied in the partner countries with the provisions in the Directive 2012/29/EU. Thereby the main interest is in 3 thematic areas: identification of victims (Art. 2), individual assessment of special protection needs (Art. 8, 9, 22, 23) and referral mechanisms (sharing information about victims between authorities while considering data protection issues).

In 2016 a detailed report on victim protection and support in Austria was produced by the ETC. The report comprises a legal analysis on the implementation of the Directive 2012/29/EU in Austria, as well as a compilation of existing literature on victim support and a mapping of existing services for victims of violence. Furthermore, the report contains an analysis of the practices followed by authorities ('entry points' for victims to the criminal justice system) in the identification, needs assessment and referral of victims on the basis of the data collected through field research. These entry points are law enforcement authorities, healthcare authorities and victim support services.



FAMME-LIRAB – Gaps in the right to education?

Started in spring 2012, LIRAB was a sub-project of the project FAMME, in cooperation with Union for Women's Service Graz (responsible body), Girl's Center Amazone, Girl's Center Klagenfurt and Maiz – Autonomous Centre from & for Female Migrants.

The right to education includes adult education and serves inter alia the participation in society and society's affluence. Due to unequal structures in society, unequal chances for certain social groups – like for instance for migrants, people with disabilities, very young or elderly women – become evident in the intersections of axes of inequality. Special guaranteed obligations for the right to education were hence included in official legal documents of the EU, the Council of Europe and the United Nations.

In the framework of this project, the ETC took over two areas of research:

An accessibility study investigated which groups participate in educational offers in the sector of occupational orientation, and if these offers increase the participation of various groups in the labour market. For this, a norm-based approach was chosen.

The publication presents challenges for women and girls with a migration history when they make use of offers on educational and job orientation and challenges for those who offer such measures.

Starting Famme_plus in 2016 re-activated the FAMME Network und the partners' cooperation. Practical experiences were analysed and the job orientation materials, brochures and survey recirculated. Feedback brought up by the users since 2014 was processed. The project website was relaunched after being updated relating to technology and content.

Human Rights at the Local Level

In October 2016 world leaders adopted the New Urban Agenda at the UN "Habitat III" conference, which sets a new global

standard for sustainable urban development, and will help to rethink planning, managing and living in cities. The New Urban Agenda is a roadmap for building cities that can serve as engines of prosperity and centres of cultural and social well-being and delivers sets of commitments and priorities which can be considered directive for governments and non-governmental actors worldwide although they are not formally binding. This counts as well for the Agenda for Sustainable Development, which dedicates one of its seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to urban development and governance. SDG 11, "Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable", includes ten target areas some of which such as accessible housing or services for all seem to be directly taken from a human rights and anti-discrimination catalogue.

Both agendas meet the trend that in the last years more and more cities and regions take steps forward in implementing human rights at local level. In this aspect they often benefit from scientific consultancy as delivered by ETC where different areas of intervention can be defined, e.g. in the field of human rights protection for vulnerable groups, in the area of human rights programming and policy making at the local level or in the field of awareness raising and exchange of knowledge. Making use of the experiences and expertise gained in projects such as the election campaign monitoring, the analysis of its structures, processes and outcomes in the Human Rights Region of Styria process, the elaboration of the ECCAR "Toolkit for Equality" or the International Forum "Focusing on Human Rights" ETC made further steps towards globalizing the local human rights agenda, by preparing the establishment of a new UNESCO Centre for Human Rights at the Local Level in Graz. This might be finalized in 2017 and set a new focus, together with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights and Human Security established at the European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy at the University of Graz in spring 2016. A first thematic focus was set by chair holder Gerd Oberleitner when organizing the opening event "Speak Your Mind! - Defending Academic Freedom in Europe" together with UNESCO and CARA- Council for At-Risk Academics in December 2016.

Definitely one of the most demanding and challenging human rights education task is working with prison inmates. In an eight meetings course on the freedom of religion, we could experience the core challenge of working with a target group in a coercive environment on an issue the prison authorities have sincere concerns of. The outcome was a full set of recommendations of making intercultural and interreligious diversity a central feature of the overall security strategy of the prison while respecting human rights. The results were exceeding all expectations by the trainers, the authorities, but also the participating inmates as well.

Highlight

Human Rights City of Graz

The main focus of ETC's work on local level, which is based in the human rights city of Graz but also aims for further outreach, is capacity-building on human rights through training, elaborating tools and consultancy. Graz declared itself the first Human Rights City in Europe in February 2001. As a Human Rights City it 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.

„15 years a human rights city“ – The anniversary year of 2016

Starting in 2015 the ETC team prepared a series of programmes for the 15-year-anniversary of the human rights declaration of the city of Graz, 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 organised by ETC as well as participation and cooperation in events by the city of Graz and other actors.

The opening event of the anniversary year was a stocktaking panel discussion at the local TV studio in January, asking for the human rights impact of the city's self-commitment and enquiring into expectations fulfilled and disappointed. The prominent panel, consisting of Bettina Vollath (President of the Provincial Parliament), Mayor Siegfried Nagl, former mayor Alfred Stingl, Elke Lujansky-Lammer (Chair of the Human Rights Council), Klaus Starl (ETC Graz) and Wolfgang Benedek (University of Graz) was moderated by Gernot Rath (ORF Steiermark). The opening was closely followed by the first in a series of Human Rights City Walks which aimed to bring, in close cooperation with a bunch of civil society partners, human rights issues closer to the people of Graz and at the same time to display the wide range of these issues. The timely focus of the series was set at the end of the year, around International Human Rights Day.

April 2016 saw one of the highlights of the anniversary year: fragments, the first Film Festival for Human Rights in Graz. The festival organizers Franz Grabner (†) and Sarah Stross had approached ETC during the conceptual stage to win ETC as a cooperation partner for the festival. The close cooperation saw thematic input of the ETC and Uni-ETC team 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 relations. Apart from the screenings organized in three programme lines (Focus: Flight, Spectrum focusing on general human rights issues and Tribute to Abderrahmane Sissako) and

a short film programme the festival saw school screenings and accompanying events such as panel discussions (Obliged to tell the truth: Refugees and the media; Liking, sharing, hating – digital racism and social media), lectures (Human rights on the run, Lisa Heschl), a human rights city walk and the networking event Volunteer Day.

Another great event of the city was the International Women for Peace Conference in June. ETC contributed with a dissemination programme for young people by organising school workshops and the elaboration and exhibition of students' artwork on the conference issue to ensure sustainability and to embed young people into the conference which proved the extraordinary possibility to meet the three Nobel Prize Laureates Rigoberta Menchú Tum, Jody Williams and Leymah Gbowee. The Human Rights Council's youth platform Kenne deine Rechte (Know your rights) also covered the event by articles, interviews and photo series.

In July the "Torch of Dignity" campaign stopped at Graz: By initiative of Shulamith Koenig human rights cities organized torch marches or torch runs illustrating the inclusive idea of human rights. The Graz torch run, led by Special Olympics athlete Gerhard Schwab, heard moving speeches by Elke-Lujansky-Lammer, chair of the Human Rights Council, and, during a stop at the Refugee Camp of Hope, Iraqi journalist Rafed Almanhalawi. A video compilation filmed at torch runs all over the world was screened at the Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro in September.

Furthermore ETC closely cooperated with different civil society and arts projects. The latter was marked through cooperation in the Womens' Rope Teams event, a street event in April and an exhibition of civil society organisations, coordinated by the Afro-Asian Institute AAI Graz and in the arts project in public space, Menschenrechte wörtlich nehmen (Taking human rights literally) where human rights experts of ETC and Uni-ETC met with artists to give input and discuss human rights issues thus contributing





to the artistic process. The results, short video spots on human rights issues, were shown on the displays in public traffic from 10th of October to 10th of December and aimed at interrupting the flood of commercials and trivial everyday info chunks.

The spots were further, together with the arts installation of "Asylum Kites," displayed at the GrazMuseum framing ETC's central event on occasion of International Human Rights Day. In the human rights dialogue "Why human rights?" author Cordula Simon and lawyer Ronald Frühwirth, moderated by Barbara Schmiedl (ETC), reflected upon human rights, taking as a starting point human rights issues that popped up during the year, such as the issue of limiting hate speech versus the freedom of expression. The formal debate as well as the informal discussions at the GrazMuseum all evening long summed up the events and activities of the anniversary year.

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

Tasks of the office

The Human Rights Advisory Board 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 Board'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 Board'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 are assigned to the office.

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. Several 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): Age-appropriate City, Barrier-free City, WG on the Ban on Begging, Know your Rights, Human Rights Report, Human Rights Learning / „Culture of Human Rights in Graz“, Election Campaign Monitoring, Integration and Human Rights.



Working Group: Human Rights Report

The Human Rights Advisory Board 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 board 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 Ninth Human Rights Report of the City of Graz was published on December 9th, 2016. Main topics of this year were Integration of refugees, Gender equality and measures against violence against women, Youth work and Prevention of and combatting extremism. The Human Rights Advisory Board presented respective recommendations to the City Government and City Council, which will be evaluated in the subsequent report. For the first time the Human Rights Report was elaborated and published in two variations: the traditional long version and additionally a more accessible “easy-to-understand” version.

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

Working group: Election Campaign Monitoring

After the coalition break-up in the city hall the last weeks of 2016 saw the beginning of an unexpectedly early and short election campaign. The working group took up its work when the election campaigns started.

Capacity building for Human Rights Cities

In September 2016 a workshop for developing determined criteria for being a Human Rights City or Region was organized in the town of Saltsjöbaden, right after the city of Lund delivered the political decision stating that they are to become the first Swedish Human Rights City. For the workshop local politicians, staff of local governments as well as experts and researchers from different institutions were brought together to share their knowledge. This model of interprofessional and interdisciplinary cooperation to set human rights on the local agenda followed the example of the International Forum “Focusing Human Rights”, organised by ETC in Graz, Austria, in 2015 under the umbrella of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities. Simone Philipp and Klaus Starl, invited by the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR), shared the ETC’s experiences and expertise in the field. The Lund process is only one of several European actions to anchor human rights more firmly in the day-to-day work in municipalities and regions with the aim to ensure that staff meeting citizens act according to and work within a human rights culture.

Other initiatives, besides the ECCAR Toolkit for Equality, are set throughout Europe, including cities such as Plovdiv/Stolipinovo (Bulgaria) or Athens (Greece). Working to improve the situation at Stolipinovo, a Roma quarter of the Bulgarian city of Plovdiv and the largest Roma settlement in the Balkans, has already been a target for the Salzburg-based Platform for Human Rights (together with the Roma Foundation) when the Platform approached ETC to join the project of developing a human rights city (or quarter) in Plovdiv. The year of 2016 was dedicated to definition and analysis of challenges and to planning and scheduling of adequate project measures. In cooperation with UNESCO and ECCAR the Athens-based Marianna V. Vardinoyannis Foundation started the initiative of “Welcoming Cities for Refugees” to meet the challenges posed to local authorities by the increasing numbers of refugees and migrants in Europe. The initiative aims at supporting cities’ efforts by enhancing knowledge and providing guidance for local authorities, by facilitating exchanges among cities on policies, practices and experiences; and by networking for cooperation and mutual support among ECCAR cities and with other partner networks..



Capacity-building on human rights through training, elaborating tools and consultancy is the main objective of ETC’s work. In 2016, within the frame of the project ADPOLIS, our six European partners and the ETC could collect material from more than 40 cities through almost 100 interviews on successful policies to prevent, counter and overcome racism and discrimination at local level. The outcome is the Toolkit for Equality, presenting 12 policy chapters in eight languages to local authorities.

Highlight



Isabella Meier

All EU citizens have the right to settle down and work in another member state. ETC was part of an EU project aiming to find out how free EU movement works in practice. The economic crisis which hit the Southern member states from 2009 on was seen in the project as a push factor for movement from the south to the north of Europe. The findings however indicate an equally important stream of movement from the East to the West. I was really surprised on how movers from Eastern Europe are discriminated against in their destination countries. Eastern European movement is still perceived as movement into the Western social welfare pots, rather than into their labour markets and career opportunities. Needless to say that the reality is different than prejudices: However, Eastern European citizens still face barriers in accessing the labour markets in the destination countries – because of employers' stereotypes. A vicious circle.

ECCAR Toolkit for Equality

The "Toolkit for Equality" is to provide city authorities with practical guidance that encourages and enables them to implement policies that have a substantial impact in fighting racist and ethnic discrimination and promoting equality in the society. The Toolkit for Equality is primarily addressed to local politicians and civil servants, but also to civil society organizations working in the fields concerned, be it for the purpose of advocacy or for constructive cooperation with authorities in the establishment and joint realization of non-discriminatory policies at local level. The Toolkit was elaborated through research since 2014. The findings were used to compile model policies to be presented in the Toolkit chapters. Each chapter is the result of a number of in-depth interviews with a range of persons responsible for the realization of selected policies in several European cities. Each chapter presents a model policy, summarizing the essence of the concrete policies applied by several cities. Structured chronologically from the planning of a policy to its evaluation, the chapters provide step-by-step instructions for the implementation of the presented policy as well as practical advice and strategies on how to deal with challenges that may arise during all steps of the implementation process, during planning, implementation and evaluation of the policies. A first edition of the "Toolkit for Equality" was published on the ECCAR website in Mai 2016. It includes six chapters on the ECCAR 10 Points Plan of Action: Monitoring, Door Policy Panel, Migrant Council, Antidiscrimination Office and Welcome Services for New City Inhabitants.

In the course of the ADPOLIS project research continued and the publication was enlarged to 12 thematic chapters that will be published in 2017 in eight languages. The application of the Toolkit for Equality will be facilitated by respective training and seminars with our partner institutions within the project ADPOLIS.

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

The on-going youth project "Know your rights" was initiated by the Human Rights Advisory Council in 2010. Every year a group of young people aged 15 to 25 get together to fight for more education on human rights. They investigate, write articles or produce short videos 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?" The contributions 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 raffles.

Starting with the sixth term the project aimed at setting a new focus on short videos instead solely concentrating on the written word. A first step was made by including a video tutorial into the starting workshop, and in summer 2016 the project was granted additional subsidies by the Austrian Society for Political Education (ÖGPB) for a small side-project on video production that started in autumn. The short videos satirically dealing with hate speech will be released in summer 2017.

Part of the sixth project term in 2016 was dedicated to commemorating the 15th anniversary of the Human Rights City of Graz: On the occasion of the opening event in January the young journalists contributed a video and a testimonial series, "Human rights city means to me..."; and they also followed other events such as the first Film Festival for Human Rights Graz and the International Women for Peace Conference. On the occasion of International Day against Racism and Discrimination the project team together with the Styrian Anti-Discrimination Office carried out another testimonial campaign, "Start living without Racism"; and together with the Regional Children's and Young Persons' Ombudsperson and the Styrian Children's Office the team organised the First Styrian Children's Rights Week in November, contributing activism, content and documentation. On this occasion, the Graz city hall turned out to be a perfect location not only for the annual Know your Rights certificate ceremony but also for the first ever City Hall Poetry Slam on children's rights which rounded off the fifth project term and considerably contributed to familiarising the new target group of the "spoken word lovers" with the project.

The Human Rights Council of the City of Graz and its office, ETC Graz, support and accompany the "human rights junior journalists" in their work. We want to thank our project donors, the City of Graz and the Province of Styria, and the donors, especially Paragraph Software GmbH and Energie Graz.



Human Rights Region of Styria

By decision 813/2013 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. 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 were elaborated to link both the structural and the process level thus producing a comprehensive picture reaching from a human standard to the provincial law to the implementation measures for each of the selected issues. In a parallel measure the ETC team surveyed to what extent the Styrian citizens are aware of and make use of human rights.

As a result the ETC presented a comprehensive inventory from a human rights perspective as a neutral and objective basis for the further proceedings in implementing the concept of a human rights region of Styria. The authors’ recommendations for the further proceedings include, besides presenting the survey to the Regional Parliament of Styria, publicizing the results of the human rights awareness survey and making them accessible for the broad public and further implementing the methods of human rights planning, implementation and evaluation according to the structure-process-result scheme of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the multi-level-governance approach of the Committee of the Regions and the human rights-based approach on regional development of the United Nations in the best interest of the rights holders.

In autumn 2016 the survey was presented to the Styrian Regional Government. An update is scheduled for the year of 2017.

Hate Crime in Styria

In the past, due to the lack of empirical studies, there were no reliable data on hate crime in Austria. Therefore in 2016 the Anti-Discrimination Office Styria commissioned ETC to conduct a survey on racist and xenophobic hate crime in the Province of Styria in order to gain an empirical basis for policy recommendations. Starting from October 2016, persons with a migration history were invited to answer a short questionnaire on the issues how often and in which places they had been victim of verbal or physical attacks during the last twelve months. The return rate of the questionnaire was unexpectedly high showing that it obviously hit a point: 1.112 persons answered the questionnaire. The survey results are to be presented on occasion of the International Day against Racism and Racist Discrimination 2017.

Human Rights Education

Women, Peace and Human Rights – Workshop and exhibition project with high school students

To ensure sustainability and embed young people into the International Women for Peace Conference held in Graz in June 2016 ETC was commissioned to design a programme for high school students based on the conference issue of fighting violence against women. Simone Philipp and Barbara Schmiedl held introductory workshops on human rights and the prevention of violence in three schools and supported the students to create an exhibition on the topic. The exhibition “Women, Peace and Human Rights” was first shown to the conference participants at the Graz Congress Center, and then during summer in the City Hall. Starting in autumn it stimulated the new school term as a wandering exhibition in the participating schools GIBS Graz

The year 2016 was under the sign of Graz being a human rights city for 15 years. A series of local and international events could raise awareness for human rights in general and in Graz particularly. For the ETC the celebrating of the human rights city was an occasion to stress its role as human rights agency of Graz and Styria, in the sense of bringing international knowledge to the local level and vice versa presenting the achievements and lessons learned to a global audience.

Highlight



ETC was involved in an EU project on developing practices that are compatible with the EU Directive on establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime. Austria is very advanced – not to say a role model – in providing victims of violence with support and protection. Still, there are some problems: We can identify a backlog when it comes to identifying victims and referring them to victim support services. This concerns particularly dependent victims, victims of forced marriage and victims of sexual violence. Thus, standardized referral mechanisms for all victims of violence (not only domestic violence) need to be implemented.

International Bilingual School, HLW School for Social Management and High School Klusemannstraße. The school exhibitions were additionally accompanied by follow-up programmes in the schools. The project was documented on the school websites, and the whole exhibition is permanently available on the website of Kenne deine Rechte (www.kennedeinerechte.at) which followed the project closely.



Human rights education with a focus on freedom of religion for inmates of the Graz Karlau corrections facility

Simone Philipp and Klaus Starl worked with a group of inmates of the corrections facility Graz-Karlau on the topics of human rights, freedom of religion and prevention of radicalization during eight sessions for about three months. The participants worked on five issues: Is freedom of religion ensured in the Karlau prison? If yes: in what sense, if no: in what sense not? How is the atmosphere relating to the freedom of religion in the Karlau prison? Is there any pressure? How radical is a religion or ideology allowed to be? Are there forms of religious extremism in the Karlau prison? Furthermore, the participants discussed possible solutions for current problems and presented all findings to the prison management in a resuming unit. The results are to be considered in prison organization.

Locating Human Rights – Human Rights City Walks

With an eye on the 15th anniversary of the Graz Human Rights City Declaration the human rights city walk project “Menschenrechte verorten” (Locating human rights) was submitted to the Österreichische Gesellschaft für Politische Bildung (ÖGPB) in 2015.



Aim of the project was to bring human rights issues closer to the people of Graz and at the same time to display the wide range of these issues. ETC and its partners Uni-ETC, Verein Annenviertel, inspire thinking, MigrantInnenbeirat, Xenos, Chiala and Verein für Gedenkkultur agreed upon grounding the walks on the three dimensions of local and individual significance of human rights and the historical transformation process of rights.

The series encompassed seven human rights city walks on different topics, starting with the classical human rights tour on 8th of February, the Anniversary Day of the Declaration. Six tours were held in late autumn and early winter, around International Day of Human Rights, thus summing up the anniversary year. The series of human rights walk met with a wide response not only in terms of participation but also on social media where the photo documentations attracted many visitors.

Human rights education based on the manual Understanding Human Rights

Since 2003 the ETC has published the manual Understanding Human Rights which by now is available in 17 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 2015. 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 is to be published in early 2017.

Ongoing human rights education programmes

Over the years ETC Graz has developed a bunch of human rights education programmes for different target groups to be implemented in trainings and seminars according to demand and/or framework agreements. The offers comprise online activities such as the on-line game on discrimination “The boat is full” and face-to-face programmes. While some programmes equally apply to young and adult learners (e.g. “The boat is full” gaming workshops, “That’s right!” campaign and “Wish I had opened my mouth” strategy workshops against hate speech, “Don’t look aside” workshops on developing and training civil courage), some are more specific, such as professional trainings for teachers (e.g. seminars and trainings on human rights education methodology) or for the judiciary (e.g. “Fundamental rights trainings” for future judges). Besides addressing individual groups ETC also holds a systemic, whole-school approach with its programme “OUR human rights school” that aims at establishing a human rights friendly environment at school by involving all stakeholders. The offer is completed by seminars, workshops and trainings on human and fundamental rights in general and in particular (e.g. on the “Freedom of Speech” or on refugees and the right to asylum, “Human rights on the run?“, both very popular during the last years). Special offers are tailor-made upon request.



Austria, like many other EU Member States, has been affected by the large movements of persons in need of international protection. Since October 2015, the ETC continuously provided the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights with up-to-date information and conducted numerous interviews with the main stakeholders for this purpose. Regrettably, 2016 was a year in which we witnessed a grave change in the overall debate on migration and asylum in Austria. The room for arguments in favour of fundamental rights of persons in need of protection has narrowed significantly.

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Events and Trainings

January 2016

18 January – 8 February

That's right!

Wandering exhibition against hate speech,
HTL/Secondary Technical School Ortweingasse

26 January

15 years a human rights city – Review and perspectives

Panel discussion with Bettina Vollath (President of the Provincial Parliament), Siegfried Nagl (Mayor of Graz), Alfred Stingl (former mayor), Elke Lujansky-Lammer (Chair of the Human Rights Council), Wolfgang Benedek (University of Graz) and Klaus Starl (ETC Graz)

Studio Styria of the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation

26 January

"Human Rights City means to me..."

Testimonial Campaign by the "Know your Rights" team
Studio Styria of the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation

February 2016

4-5 February

Antidiscrimination policies successfully implemented (Adpolis)

Kick-off meeting (Klaus Starl, Isabella Meier, Ingrid Nicoletti)
Potsdam, Germany

5 February

Strategies against hate speech (Barbara Schmiedl)

Workshop for staff of the Institute for Educational Sciences
University of Graz

8 February

Locating human rights (Barbara Schmiedl)

Human rights city walk on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the Graz human rights city declaration

11 February

Refugees, migration and asylum, part 1: Legal basics

Workshop for Know your Rights
(Lisa Heschl, Alexandra Stocker)
ETC Graz

17 February

Developing directive compatible practices for the identification, assessment and referral of victims (VICT)

Kick-off meeting (Maddalena Vivona)
Athens; Greece

March 2016

8 March

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

16 March

Refugees, migration and asylum, part 2: Life in a refugee camp

Workshop for Know your Rights (Helmut Steinkellner, Alexandra Stocker)
ETC Graz

21 March

Start living without Racism

Testimonial campaign on the occasion of International Day against Racism (in cooperation with the Styrian Anti-Discrimination Office), City of Graz, on-line

April 2016

4 April

Strategies against hate speech (Barbara Schmiedl)

Workshop, HLW School for Social Management Graz

5 April

Know your Rights (David Weiss)

Presentation and workshop, HAK Commercial Academy
Monsbergerstraße, Graz

7 April

The boat is full (Barbara Schmiedl)

Workshop, Secondary School Birkfeld

11 April

Don't look aside! (Simone Philipp)

Workshop on civil courage, BAKIP School for Kindergarten
Teachers Hartberg

20 April

Strategies against hate speech (Simone Philipp)

Workshop, HLW School for Economic Professions
Schrödingerstraße, Graz

21 April

Know your Rights (David Weiss)

Presentation and workshop, High School Klusemannstraße,
Graz

21 – 25 April

fragments – Film Festival for Human Rights Graz
Various locations, Graz

22 April

Obligated to tell the truth: Refugees and the media.

Panel discussion in the framework programme of fragments – Film Festival for Human Rights Graz, Minoriten Graz

23 April

Volunteer Day

Human Rights City Networking event in the framework programme of fragments – Film Festival for Human Rights Graz, GrazMuseum

23 April

Human rights on the run (Lisa Heschl)

Lecture in the framework programme of fragments – Film Festival for Human Rights Graz, GrazMuseum

24 April

Locating human rights (Barbara Schmiedl)

Human rights city walk in the framework programme of fragments – Film Festival for Human Rights Graz

25 April

Liking, sharing, hating – digital racism and social media

Panel discussion in the framework programme of fragments – Film Festival for Human Rights Graz, Minoriten Graz

26 April

Equality Law

Seminar for the Judiciary (Veronika Apostolovski) Court of Appeals, Graz

29 April

Womens' Rope Teams (Barbara Schmiedl)

Street Event and Exhibition of Civil Society Organisations, coordinated by the Afro-Asian Institute AAI Graz Herrengasse, Graz

May 2016**2 May**

Strategies against hate speech (Barbara Schmiedl)

Workshop, Secondary School Admont

4 May

Women, Peace and Human Rights

Workshop in the framework of the Women for Peace **Conference**, GIBS Graz International Bilingual School

10 May

Women, Peace and Human Rights

Workshop in the framework of the Women for Peace Conference, HLW School for Social Management Graz

13 May

The boat is full

(Simone Philipp, Barbara Schmiedl)

Workshop, Polytechnical School Deutschlandsberg

19 May

Women, Peace and Human Rights

Workshop in the framework of the Women for Peace Conference, High School Klusemannstraße, Graz

30 May

Journalistic refresher training

Workshop for Know your Rights

(Donja Noormofidi, Gerlinde Pölsler)

ETC Graz

June 2016**2-3 June**

Women, Peace and Human Rights

Student's exhibition in the framework of the Women for Peace Conference Congress Centre, Graz

13 June

Human Rights City (Klaus Starl)

Lecture and discussion

Lund, Sweden

15 June

Human rights education with a focus on freedom of religion (Simone Philipp, Klaus Starl)

Workshop for inmates, Graz-Karlau prison

16 June

Locating human rights (Barbara Schmiedl)

Human rights city walk in the framework of the Human Rights Debate Club

21 June – 15 August

The EU and Human Rights

(Wolfgang Benedek)

MOOC in the framework of the project FRAME (Fostering Human Rights Among European Policies)

22 June

Human rights education with a focus on freedom of religion
(Simone Philipp, Klaus Starl)

Workshop for inmates, Graz-Karlau prison

23 June

Congress Award Ceremony (Simone Philipp, Klaus Starl)

Award received for Focusing Human Rights, International Forum on the Implementation of Human Rights at the Local Level
Messe Congress

26 June

Wheel chair action day (Heinz Sailer, Alexandra Stocker)

Awareness raising event for Know your Rights
Graz, city

28 June

Start living without Racism!

Testimonial campaign and info stand at the Fair Styria Action Day
Joanneum quarter

29 June

Know your Rights:

Info stand and raffles at the Human Rights Festival
Styrian Chamber of Labour, Graz

29 June

Know your Rights:

Info stand and raffles at the Summerbeach Event 2016
Eggenberg Sports Centre, Graz

29 June

Human rights education with a focus on freedom of religion
(Simone Philipp, Klaus Starl)

Workshop for inmates, Graz-Karlau prison

July 2016

5 July

The boat is full (Barbara Schmiedl)

Workshop, Secondary School Hasnerplatz, Graz

6 July

Human rights education with a focus on freedom of religion
(Simone Philipp, Klaus Starl)

Workshop for inmates, Graz-Karlau prison

7 July – 10 September

Women, Peace and Human Rights

Student's exhibition in the framework of the Women for Peace Conference
City Hall, Graz

13 July

Human rights education with a focus on freedom of religion
(Simone Philipp, Klaus Starl)

Workshop for inmates, Graz-Karlau prison

14 July

Torch of Dignity

Torch Run for Human Rights and Human Dignity
Graz, City Park and Schlossberg

20 July

Human rights education with a focus on freedom of religion
(Simone Philipp, Klaus Starl)

Workshop for inmates, Graz-Karlau prison

August 2016

24 August

Human rights education with a focus on freedom of religion
(Simone Philipp, Klaus Starl)

Workshop for inmates, Graz-Karlau prison

31 August

Human rights education with a focus on freedom of religion
(Simone Philipp, Klaus Starl)

Workshop for inmates, Graz-Karlau prison

September 2016

5 – 7 September

What Characterizes a Human Rights City or Region?
(Simone Philipp, Klaus Starl)

Conference, Saltsjöbaden, Sweden

14 September

Don't look aside! (Barbara Schmiedl)

Three **Workshops** on Civil Courage,
Secondary school Gleisdorf

25 - 29 September

Human rights on the run? (Lisa Heschl, Barbara Schmiedl,
Lobna Al Jeheschi, Ahmed Al Nuaimi)

Six **workshops** in the framework of the UNHCR programme
„Langer Tag der Flucht“

High schools in Graz and ETC Graz

30 September – 2 October

Know your Rights

Launching workshop for the 7th project term
(Alexandra Stocker, David Weiss, Barbara Schmiedl)

ETC Graz

October 2016

10 October

Taking human rights literally
(Barbara Schmiedl)

Press conference and launching of the arts project in
public space

Jakominiplatz, Pavillon at Volksgarten Park, Graz

27 October

First Styrian Children's Rights Week (Alexandra Stocker)

Press Conference, Graz

29 October

Introduction to Human Rights Education (Simone Philipp)

Seminar, University for Teacher Education, Eisenstadt

November 2016**3 – 4 November**

Menschenrechte wörtlich nehmen

(Taking human rights literally, Barbara Schmiedl)

Symposium on arts and human rights

Pavillon at Volksgarten Park, Graz

4 November

Locating human rights (Barbara Schmiedl)

Human rights city walk in the framework of the Symposium

“Menschenrechte wörtlich nehmen”

5 November

The boat is full (Barbara Schmiedl)

Workshop at the queerograd festival 2016, Graz

14 – 18 November

First Styrian Children's Rights Week

Regional Parliament and City Hall, Graz

14 November

The boat is full (Simone Philipp)

Workshop, KLEX Secondary School, Graz

17 November

Human rights and human rights education

Individual training on behalf of Brot für die Welt, Graz

18 November

Know your rights

Certificate ceremony and reception at the city hall, Graz

18 November

First city hall poetry slam: Know your rights

City hall, Graz

December 2016**5 – 7 December**

How can cities and regions benefit from scientific consultancy in the field of human rights based local policy making?

(Simone Philipp)

Conference, Seoul, Korea

6 December

Freedom of speech (Klaus Starl)

Workshop, KLEX Secondary School, Graz

7 December

Know your rights (David Weiss)

Presentation, High School Klusemannstraße, Graz

9 December

Human rights at the local level (Barbara Schmiedl)

Institute of Philosophy, University of Graz

10 December

Brush up your human rights!

(Putz dir deine Menschenrechte, Barbara Schmiedl, Alexandra Stocker, Lisa Heschl)

Cleaning the Graz Human Rights Walk, Graz

13 December

Social economy and self-empowerment

Human rights city walk in cooperation with Annenviertel

Association, Graz

14 December

Why Human rights?

A human rights dialogue with Cordula Simon and Ronald

Frühwirth on occasion of Human Rights Day 2016

GrazMuseum

13-14 December

Looking beyond the 50th Anniversary of the Covenants. What Interdependence and Indivisibility of Human Rights?

(Ingrid Nicoletti, Klaus Starl)

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15 December

Political persecution and expulsion

Human rights city walk in cooperation with Verein für

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17 December

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Human rights city walk in cooperation with Xenos, Graz

18 December

“Govori mi od Griesplatza” - Migrants living and working in Graz

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Vorbildlich: In Graz fallen 95 Barrieren

Bei baulichen Maßnahmen alleine wird es aber nicht bleiben. Sehr wichtig ist zum Beispiel auch die Barrierefreiheit von Information: eMail-Adressen, Texte von Versicherungen, Banken und so weiter müssen einfacher formatiert und für alle verständlich sein. Eine Projekte gibt es bereits: In der Stadt wird bereits an Partnervereinigungen für Formulare gearbeitet. Wer am eigenen Leib erfahren möchte, wie man als Rollstuhlfahrer in Graz zurechtfindet, kann heute, Sonntag an einer Rollstuhl-Tour durch die Stadt teilnehmen. Treffpunkt ist um 9 Uhr beim ETC Graz (Eisenbahnstraße 50). Ein ganz wichtiges ETC-Projekt, wie Alexandra Stecker vom ETC weiß: „Nur über Barrieren zu reden, ohne sie zu bremen, durch einfache Übungen werden hier in kürzester Zeit mehr Erkenntnisse gewonnen als in zehn Vorträgen!“

Ein erstes Pilot-Projekt der erhebenen Zustände: „Auch wenn viele Dinge in Graz weitgehend barrierefrei sind, muss sich noch einiges verbessern.“ Das wird sich im Stadtbild niederschlagen, wenn andere sind folgende Maßnahmen vorgesehen: **Lift am Schloßberg** Die oberste Ebene am Schloßberg (Theater Kavern) ist wegen der weiten Treppen für Rollstuhlfahrer nicht erreichbar. Hier soll ein Lift gebaut werden. Die Zustimmung der zuständigen Hoheit Graz liegt bereits vor. **„Bauklynover“ in allen städtischen Büchern** In allen Büchern der Stadt werden die Kriterien für die Barrierefreiheit installiert. **Haltestellen-Umkleen** An manchen ÖBB-Haltestellen ist für Rollstuhlfahrer nicht genug Platz, um die Rampe zu betreten, hier wird umgebaut. Auch da gibt es das Okay der Hoheit.

BRAVO. Der Grazer „Aktionsplan Barrierefreiheit“ ist fertig, ab Herbst werden die ersten Maßnahmen im Stadtgebiet umgesetzt.

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In Sachen Barrierefreiheit ist Graz tatsächlich Vorreiter: Es ist die erste Stadt Österreichs, die einen Aktionsplan für die Barrierefreiheit von Menschen mit Behinderung entwickelt. „Wir haben 95 konkrete Maßnahmen erfaßt, die die Barrierefreiheit erhöhen“, berichtet der Behördenbeauftragte der Stadt Wolfgang Haller. Jetzt wird der Plan an den Verein „Lebensbewegter Mensch“ zur Durchführung übergeben. Ab Herbst wird der Aktionsplan konkret umgesetzt.



Eine Runde im Rollstuhl durch die Grazer Innenstadt gleicht nach wie vor einem Hindernisparcours.

Kinder an die Macht

Fragen und Antworten




Das Bild zeigt eine Zusammenfassung von Fragen und Antworten zum Thema 'Kinder an die Macht'. Oben links ist ein Foto eines Kindes, das ein Buch liest. Rechts daneben ist ein Foto einer Gruppe von Kindern, die zusammen sitzen. Darunter befindet sich ein Textfeld mit dem Titel 'Fragen und Antworten'. Die Seite ist informativ gestaltet und enthält Textblöcke, die auf die Rechte von Kindern abzielen.



Nachwuchs-Autoren und Filmem sind gesucht: Der Menschenrechtsbeirat startet das Projekt „Kenne deine Rechte“.

Aktiv für Menschenrechte: Jugendliche gesucht

Hier sind junge, engagierte Menschen gefragt, die sich für Journalismus und Menschenrechte interessieren: Im Zuge des Projektes „Kenne deine Rechte“ des Menschenrechtsbeirates der Stadt Graz können Jugendliche Artikel, Fotos oder Videos über des Thema Menschenrechte für die eigene Homepage www.kennedeine-rechte.at erstellen.

Wer sich bewerben will, sollte zwischen 14 und 24 Jahre alt sein und im nächsten Schuljahr Zeit für Aktivität wie Einführungsworkshop, Teambuilding und drei bis fünf Beiträge und Filmprojekte aufbringen. Bewerbungen kann man sich ab sofort bis 31. Juli mit einer E-Mail mit Lebenslauf und Protext oder Kurzfilm an: office@kennedeine-rechte.at.



Clara Janisch

Deutsch als Pausensprache

Aufgrund eines zunehmenden Konfliktes mit dem Kollegialpersonal wird darauf hingewiesen, dass im gemeinsamen Schulleben nur die Muttersprache Deutsch eingesetzt werden darf. Mit diesen Worten sagte eine Direktorin aus Würzburg im März letzten Jahres für die Wertschätzung eines gemeinsamen Lebens. Deutsch als verbindende Pausensprache ein Vorteil gegen den Rechts des Kindes auf seine Muttersprache (Kinderschutzkonvention, Artikel 30).

Auch das Bundesverfassungsgericht besagt: Jedes Kind hat Anspruch auf bestmögliche Entwicklung und Entfaltung sowie auf die Wahrung seiner Interessen. Was die Freiheit von Sprache und Ausdruck einschließt. Doch wie kommt man eigentlich auf eine so radikale Maßnahme? Bisher sind die Eltern Deutsch als Pausensprache als Selbstverständlichkeit in österreichischen Schulen anerkannt, sind andere sprachlich und kulturell begründet durch verbunden.

Dabei gibt es auch Bedenken für die geringere Mehrsprachigkeit. Nicht zuletzt will die Eltern Vereinigung die Menschenrechte fördern und zu bekräftigen ist, dass das Verbot von Sprache gegen das Gegenteil des eigentlichen Ziels beruht - Diskriminierung auf dem Schulhof.

DEBATTE

VOLFGANG BENEDEK neint, die Kapazitätsgröße sei eine politische Größe.



Gegen eine polarisierende Obergrenze

Die Diskussion um eine Obergrenze für die Aufnahme von Flüchtlingen führt zu einer falschen Polarisierung. Es muss jedem vernünftig denkenden Menschen klar sein, dass Österreich nicht alle potenziellen Kriegsflüchtlinge dauerhaft aufnehmen kann, ebenso wie eine beliebige Gemeinde nicht alle Flüchtlinge in Österreich aufnehmen kann. Es gibt also durchaus Kapazitätsgrenzen. Entscheidend ist jedoch, welche Schlüsse man daraus zieht und wie ein breiter Konsens über die richtige Vorgangsweise erzielt werden kann. Dafür sind gewisse Rahmenbedingungen außer Streit zu stellen, wie etwa die Einhaltung der völkerrechtlichen



Keine Chance dem Rassismus

Experten sehen neue, brutale Art des Rassismus, wie man ihn noch nicht erlebt hat. Social-Media-Aktion soll wachsende.

AKTION BEWÄHRT SICH: TAGES SEHEN RASSISMUS
Die Antidiskriminierungsstelle mit zahlreichen Mitarbeiterinnen und Mitarbeitern hat am 27. Juni eine Social-Media-Aktion gestartet, um den Rassismus zu bekämpfen. Die Aktion ist ein Teil der Kampagne „Keine Chance dem Rassismus“.

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Stadtsplitt



Jeder Mensch hat Rechte

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Resources and Infrastructure

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 2016, around 100 new books were acquired, bringing the library to almost 3500 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. 2016 saw continuous efforts to improve the new cataloguing system.

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 2016, the European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy had a total budget of € 445.150. The total financial conduct is positive and was assessed as stable and balanced by the financial auditors.

Income

The ETC received € 50.000 (11.25%) from the city of Graz as basic subsidies for the year of 2016.

Project-related funding on national level amounted to a total of € 144.895 (32,60%), comprising project-specific contributions of the city of Graz, the province of Styria, the federal administration and the Anniversary Fund of the Österreichische Nationalbank. A small share originated from cooperations with other institutions. Project-related funding on international level amounted to a total of € 179.209 (40,32%), dedicated to the multi-annual EU projects FRAME, VICT and ADPOLIS.

Income from commissioned work in the year of 2016 amounted to a total € 50.412 (11,34%) and contain orders of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) as well as revenues from our activities in the field of human rights education in Graz and the province of Styria.

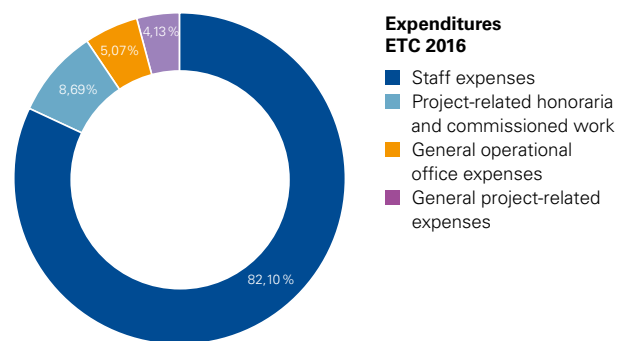
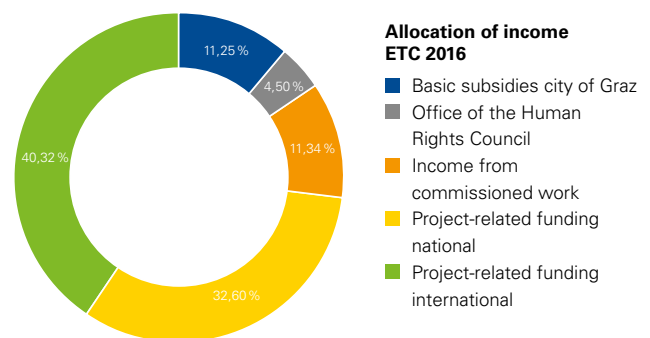
The Office of the Human Rights Council of the City of Graz which is part of the ETC received subsidies in the amount of € 20.000 (4,5%).

The multiplier for the project independent contributions of the city of Graz therefore equal 9.

Expenditures

The ETC's total expenditures amounted to € 459.871 for 2016, whereof € 377.573 were staff costs. Thereby, the staff expenses reached a share of 82,10% of the total expenditures. In 2016 the ETC employed 12 staff members equalling 8 full-time equivalents. Expenditures for project-related honoraria and commissioned work amounted to a total of € 39.976, thereby a percentage of

8,69%. General project-related expenses amounted to € 18.997 (4,13%). Since the University of Graz provides premises and infrastructure, general operational office expenses of the ETC, amounting to a total of € 23.325 and a percentage of 5,07% of the total expenditures, could be kept proportionally low.



Partners

We want to thank our partners and donors, the European Commission, the City of Graz, the Anniversary Fund of the Österreichische Nationalbank, European Coalition of Cities against Racism (ECCAR), UNESCO, Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR), Marianna V. Vardinoyannis Foundation, ÖGPB and the ministries BMWFW, BMEIA, BMI and EDA (Switzerland).

In the year of 2016 we were further contracted by the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) as the National Focal Point in the multi-disciplinary research network FRANET, the Regional Court of Appeals at Graz and the Federal State of Styria.



Barbara Schmiedl, David Weiss, Alexandra Stocker

War and flight, terror and right-wing extremism: one could think that this is currently the reality in which we live. Thankfully this is not universally valid, and there are still more than enough people who stand up for peaceful co-existence under the principles of human rights. In order for that to stay the case, we will also in future continue to do our little part through the project KENNE DEINE RECHTE ('Know your rights'), and work together with young people who simply cannot and will not accept such a reality. After all, it is them who give life to the project 'Know your rights' and who can also actively shape our society. It is simply awe-inspiring after seven years of the project to still meet new and motivated youngsters every year, who actively stand up for human rights.

