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About Us

The European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (ETC) was founded in Graz, Austria in 1999 with the concrete task of implementing the Graz human rights city process, and to foster human rights education. The ETC is engaged in questions of human rights enforcement and democracy in both a theoretical and a practical manner. Today, the Centre globally conducts human rights education, implements human rights at the local level, works towards anti-racism and non-discrimination, the promotion of democracy and rule of law, as well as human security. The work of the ETC is grounded in research, education, trainings, and consulting.

Capacity building for human rights at the local level has been implemented for more than 100 cities and regions since its foundation. Besides conducting lectures, workshops and training programmes, the ETC publishes scientific and educational materials, reports, papers and books. The manual on human rights education, *Understanding Human Rights* is available in 17 languages. The *Toolkit for Equality*, a handbook for policy-makers, is available in eight languages. The interdisciplinary approach employed by the Centre links all aspects of democracy and human rights on the levels of research and transfer of knowledge, building skills, and shaping attitudes.

The ETC cooperates with a range of local, national, and international partners, which include the University of Graz, the City of Graz, the province of Styria, the Republic of Austria, the Fundamental Rights Agency of the European Union, the European Commission, the Council of Europe, UNESCO, and other UN Agencies, as well as networks of local authorities and civil society organisations. An intensive cooperation is established between the ETC and the UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Human Security at the University of Graz, in order to best achieve the goals set in the effort of fostering human rights at local and regional levels worldwide.

In November 2017, the ETC was appointed an UNESCO Category 2 Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels by the General Assembly of UNESCO. Thereby, the long-standing cooperation between UNESCO and the ETC in the fields of human rights and education has been intensified and the work programme of the ETC expanded to more intensive capacity-building on the local and regional levels worldwide.

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The Styrian Parliament declared the province a Human Rights Region following the ETC's preparatory study and its recommendations.

Preface

The ETC Board is proud of the impressive Activity Report which the ETC team under the professional leadership of Klaus Starl presents for the year 2017. Once more, the Centre has put its energy in fields of the protection of human rights which are much needed, such as creating awareness of human rights, developing concepts for the implementation of human rights and offering human rights training and education. With its focus on human rights at local and regional levels and its practical approach towards the promotion of human rights the ETC enjoys a high professional reputation, locally, nationally and internationally.

The unanimous decision by the General Assembly of UNESCO to appoint the ETC as UNESCO Category 2 Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels constitutes the very highlight for the ETC in the year 2017. The longstanding engagement in developing professional knowledge and skills in supporting municipalities and regions at home and abroad to combat racism and discrimination and to guarantee fundamental human rights has finally been rewarded. In partnership with the Human Rights City of Graz, the newly declared Human Rights Region of Styria, as well as the Austrian federal government, the ETC will be mandated to continue and focus on trainings for local politicians, civil servants and civil society members on the basis of its Toolkit for Equality in workshops throughout Europe as well as the Arab region and all Africa. Most importantly the negotiations about a new structure to support these activities – a cooperation agreement between the partners and a commitment for financial contributions – have been brought forward and will hopefully be concluded in 2018.

The UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Human Security, Gerd Oberleitner, has taken over the leadership after Wolfgang Benedek retired in autumn 2016, which means that a close cooperation between these two UNESCO institutions is ensured in the future. These developments also called for changes in the composition of the ETC Board which have now been successfully concluded. In March 2018, the General Assembly of the ETC has unanimously decided that Klaus Starl should become the chairperson of the ETC Board with Gerd Oberleitner and Heidi Bassin. Wolfgang Benedek has been elected as the chairperson of the General Assembly. Karin Schmidlechner and Hans-Ferdinand Angel as well as myself remain members of the General Assembly and will follow the activities of the ETC with great interest.

This means that I have handed over the responsibilities of chairing the ETC Board to a new team, which works hands on in daily practice. I am convinced that this was the right decision. I would like to use this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the Board members who have supported the ETC over the years together with me. My thanks go to Klaus Starl and the ETC team who are the ones that made the ETC to what it is today. It was a pleasure to chair the ETC Board and no burden at all. I wish that all the planned changes will take place and that the ETC Team can work also in future in the fields they are most skilled and interested in.

Renate Kicker

Former Chairperson of the ETC Board

ETC Team and Board

At a Glance

5

board members

14

staff members

5

volunteers

37

members of the
scientific board

16.432

hours worked for
human rights

Board

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Kenne deine Rechte

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Thank you to the five interns who conducted unpaid
internships with us, also in the framework of their
university studies. We highly value your work and
valuable inputs!

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The ETC Team

Expanding our Scope

ETC's development to hosting the UNESCO Category 2 International Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights on the Local and Regional Levels

The ETC – a local actor with global outlook

The local and regional implementation of human rights has been at the heart of the ETC's agenda since its establishment in 1999. In 18 years of activity, the ETC has successfully positioned itself as a forerunner in the field, offering trainings and intensive research on the local, national and regional levels. Several partnerships have been carefully nurtured over many years and have seen great outputs both in theoretical and practical terms – the ETC has published dozens of research papers, conducted a plethora of trainings, contributed to the discipline of human rights education, and taken an active stance in representing the importance of human rights as a “lived experience” in various spheres.

In 2016, the UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Human Security was established at the University of Graz in close cooperation with the ETC. Similarly, efforts towards establishing and furthering the Human Rights City of Graz have been realised in partnership. In the years since its inception, over 100 local

authorities have been advised by the ETC, particularly relating to inclusion, anti-discrimination, and equality. The ETC can be said to have established itself as a major player in the field of human rights implementation on the local and regional levels, and is well-respected for its expertise, interdisciplinary methodology, and human rights-based approach. It has contributed extensively to local institution-building on human rights and has a proven track record in human rights education and scientific research.

With changing global dynamics come changing responsibilities. In line with recent international developments, the ETC must therefore re-focus and adapt its scope of activity to current needs and happenings. Together with the government of the Republic of Austria, the province of Styria and the city of Graz, increased efforts have been undertaken to further the implementation of human rights within the country, and also globally. This stands in close relation to advancements on the global level, such as the adoption of the UN Sustainable Development Agenda 2030, as well as the New Urban Agenda. The New Urban Agenda can be seen as a framework that lays out how cities should be best planned and managed to promote sustainable development and urbanisation. In line with this, the Agenda 2030 posits a total of 17 goals that outline global spheres of activity to address sustainable development, one of which is directly addressed to local governments (SDG 11).

In late 2017, the UNESCO General Assembly unanimously voted to declare the establishment of an International Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights on the Local and Regional Levels, under the auspices of UNESCO. The ETC thereby becomes the host of a new Category 2 Centre – an institution with the specific goal of capacity-building, knowledge sharing, and research. Several such Centres exist across the globe, but the Graz Centre is only the second worldwide to focus on human rights and the first focusing on the local level.

The new UNESCO Centre builds on the ETC's expertise and will contribute to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and Agenda 2030 through research, capacity building, information sharing, and international cooperation. The focus will be put on urban inclusion related commitments of the New Urban Agenda. Looking ahead

In order to meet these requirements, the operational goals of the ETC have been re-focused as UNESCO Centre on increased efforts towards capacity building on the local level, together with becoming a resource base for information and active global proponent of a human-rights based approach in local and regional governance. Again, these undertakings are firmly grounded in the plethora of interdisciplinary research on the local implementation of human rights, conducted on all levels.

We see ourselves as confirmed in our previous outlooks, and strengthened in our future plans to play a part in helping to realise the local and regional implementation of human rights. Still, we also recognise that our commitment must adapt to changing global dynamics, take a pragmatic approach, build new networks, and uncover new areas of activity.

Changing dynamics also merit new approaches. Space has been created for a Human Rights Lab – an innovative platform where new methods to education and capacity building can be developed, tested, and evaluated. In the lab, the goal is to create appropriate instruments and training methodologies for improved capacity-building in various contexts.

At the same time, intensive international partnerships are envisioned that see an increased focus on Africa and the Middle East. The first steps towards realising capacity-building in these regions have already been made. This cooperation will be taken further through the creation of a large-scale Forum, which will gather international, regional, and local authorities and organisations, networks, and civil society actors to advance the implementation of human rights at the local and regional levels.

Finally, the UNESCO Centre is in the midst of setting up a globally unique clearinghouse, including a systematic collection, analysis, and dissemination of good practices at city-level in the spheres of human rights education and local-capacity building. In order to contribute to this as a Centre, an increased focus will be put on research activities that build the knowledge base for these areas of work, mainstream human rights in monitoring and evaluation and support the implementation of a human rights-based approach on a larger scale of governance.

To sum up, after 18 years of intensive activity in the local and regional implementation of human rights, the ETC has grown to hosting a UNESCO Category 2 Centre. The long-nurtured multi-governance, interdisciplinary, and human-rights based approach is set to expand from 2018 onwards, with strong support from the local, federal, and national governments of Austria. Within a global, regional, local (municipal) and inter-regional scope, the work of the Centre will more broadly involve targeted research, capacity-building, clearing-housing, and international cooperation. We look forward to the challenge!

Klaus Starl

Director of the ETC Graz

Gerd Oberleitner

UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Human Security

In a series of *Toolkit for Equality* workshops held throughout Europe, around 900 local politicians, civil servants and civil society members could be reached. More than 90 % stated that the toolkit and the workshop were very relevant for practice on the local level.

2017 at a Glance

16.432

hours
worked for human rights

985.920

minutes
worked for human rights

46

projects

73

cooperation partners

367

deadlines

15

publications

14

different authors

24

human rights reports

109

interviews

5

board members

14

staff members

5

volunteers

37

members of
the scientific board

3.689

library books

87

events

35

workshops

22

trips abroad

717

social media
subscribers

18

newsletters



It is an extremely exciting time to be immersed into the activities of the ETC. With our ever-expanding scope of activities and levels of operation, I feel at the forefront of ongoing human rights discussions. This was particularly useful in my role as Austrian youth delegate in the Council of Europe's Congress for Local and Regional Authorities, where I could share insights and lessons learned on local human rights implementation with other young stakeholders working closely with their communities.

Wanda Tiefenbacher



Cui bono? The cynicism of local authorities in Plovdiv, the cultural capital 2019, triggering precarity in housing and then using it as justification for interfering in human rights is amazing, particularly in a country holding the EU presidency.

Klaus Starl

Research and Capacity Building

At a Glance

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The following pages present the main activities conducted by the ETC in 2017, structured according to the context in which cooperation and operation takes place.

Local Projects

1. Survey on Racist and Xenophobic Hate Crime in Styria

Due to a previous lack of empirical data, the ETC was commissioned by the Anti-Discrimination Office Styria to conduct a survey on racist and xenophobic hate crimes in Styria. This project took place within the framework of the cooperative project "Practice meets science".

It was found that out of 1.112 persons who filled out the survey, 431 (39%) had been verbally harassed or threatened due to their skin colour, religion, or origin in the last 12 months. 98 persons (9%) were physically attacked. The evaluation shows that such attacks primarily take place in public spaces and public transport, and are most often directed at women.

The survey results were presented on occasion of the International Day against Racism and Racist Discrimination 2017. They were further presented during an Anti-Racism Conference at the City Hall in Graz.

The full report can be found at:

http://www.antidiskriminierungsstelle.steiermark.at/cmsdokumente/12583161_137267669/0717841f/2bericht.pdf

2. Human Rights City District of Stolipinovo, Bulgaria

The ETC is involved in a large-scale project in the city of Plovdiv, Bulgaria, which seeks to assist the establishment of a human

rights district within the district of Stolipinovo. The project includes human rights trainings together with multipliers and youth. It is coordinated by the Platform for Human Rights Salzburg, the ROMA Foundation, Andreas Kunz, the Youth Club ROMA, and the ETC.

One part of this undertaking is a youth project that aims to evaluate school segregation in Plovdiv/Stolipinovo. Concretely, the evaluation analyses the experiences of young people who go/went to school outside Stolipinovo, the effect on the social integration of Stolipinovo's and "Bulgarian" youths, and the effect on the professional perspectives of young people from Stolipinovo. The final report will be based on a collection of educational stories of young people from Stolipinovo who attend(ed) school outside the district, as well as additional interviews with parents and school headmasters.

After a fieldtrip to Bulgaria in early 2017, a two-day workshop was held in Stolipinovo in June 2017. During the workshop, interview questions were developed together with young people, and they were trained to hold qualitative interviews. Since June, interviews are being conducted and currently over 50 interviews are being evaluated for the final report by the ETC, which will be published in 2018.



Ingrid Nicoletti and Simone Philipp together with project partners from Stolipinovo and Salzburg.

The survey on hate-crimes in Styria revealed thousands of offences that took place in 2016, mainly against women. Learning this was the most depressing experience in 2017.

3. Human Rights City of Graz and Human Rights Advisory Board

The ETC acts as the office of the Human Rights Advisory Board for the human rights city of Graz. The Board was established in 2007 to undertake human rights monitoring efforts and to publish annual reports on the matter. Therein, the responsibilities of the ETC as office include the central coordination with relevant stakeholders and acting as a contact point. Furthermore, an essential activity concerns the organisation and support of the Human Rights Advisory Board's permanent working groups. The ETC was entrusted with the elaboration of the report on the situation of human rights in Graz for the municipal council and the city government.

More information on the Advisory Board can be found here:

https://www.graz.at/cms/beitrag/10153819/7771489Menschenrechtsbeirat_in_Graz.html

The ETC is involved in the following concrete activities undertaken by the Board and its working groups:

a. Kenne deine Rechte – the Youth Platform of the Human Rights Advisory Board

Kenne deine Rechte is the youth platform of the Human Rights Advisory Board of the City of Graz and offers the possibility for young people to participate in a comprehensive online human rights platform. The platform acts as a space for young people to engage with human rights, to submit written or medial contributions, and also provides fundamental information on human rights for young people. Every year since 2010, a team of young journalists is selected to do journalistic research on human rights and societally relevant issues, and to publish their findings online.

In the seventh project round 2016/ 2017, 15 young people between 14 and 24 had the opportunity to contribute to the platform with articles, videos, and more. The group took part in a journalistic refresher workshop by the ETC and also participated in several youth events to raise awareness about human rights. In addition, intensive activities were conducted in 2017 towards the creation of short video spots on hate speech (see section 3b). In November 2017 certificates of completion were given to previous participants in the framework of an annual poetry slam, which was held at City Hall in Graz during the Styrian Week on Children's Rights.

During the second half of 2017, the eighth project round commenced with a new team of 18 journalists and media makers. The year started with an introductory journalistic workshop by the ETC Team in September 2017. Team members also visited and documented several events, whose relevance was written about from a human rights perspective. These include the European Youth Awards and the Crossroads film festival. Additionally, interviews were held with ETC researchers about their work, as well as with the President of the Styrian Provincial Parliament, Bettina Vollath. More information can be found on www.kennedeinerechte.at, on the Facebook page www.facebook.com/kennedeinerechte, and on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN-1Yju-GkA3GU6UWPKN1g/videos>

b. Kenne deine Rechte – Short Films against Hate Speech

As was the case in the year 2016/2017, Kenne deine Rechte received a grant from the Austrian Society for Political Education

to produce several short film spots to raise awareness against bar room slogans and hate speech. These short films serve to demystify topics commonly ridden with prejudice, to raise awareness, and to inform about human rights. Members of the cohort 2016/2017 spent the summer writing scripts, acting in front of the camera, shooting the videos, as well as editing them. The final videos in the length of about five minutes each are available for viewing on the Kenne deine Rechte YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN-1Yju-GkA3GU6UWPKN1g/videos>

c. Styrian Week on Children's Rights 2017

The Styrian Week on Children's Rights serves to draw attention to the issue of children's rights as human rights. By putting together a series of events that talk about, but also include children and their rights, the Styrian Week on Children's Rights is unique in Austria. In close cooperation, the Styrian Advocacy for Children and Adolescents, the Children's Office, beteiligung.st and Kenne deine Rechte jointly organize a week of events, which is held in the last week of November of each year to celebrate the Day for Children's Rights on 20th November. In 2017, the events included a gala, the development and production of a play with elementary school children, hosting a youth concert in Dom im Berg, and curating an art gallery. In this framework, Kenne deine Rechte was involved as strategic and coordination partner; they helped with dissemination, medial support and also held their traditional certificate ceremony as the closing event of the week in the City Hall of Graz.



The Kenne deine Rechte 2016/2017 cohort receiving certificates after the closing event of the Styrian Week on Children's Rights 2017.

d. Election Monitoring of the Graz Local Election 2017

For the last ten years, since 2007, the ETC has conducted a monitoring of local election campaigns in Graz. The aim is to prevent hate speech and the incitement thereof in political discourse, and consequently preventing offences within the public sphere. In early 2017, local elections were held in Graz. The working group on election monitoring of the Advisory Board of Human Rights, together with the ETC as acting office, jointly monitored the election and conducted an elaborate discourse analysis on human-rights relevant discourses raised during the campaigns.

A week before the election the first report was published highlighting relevant issues and concerns, which were presented at a press conference. After the election in early February 2017, the final report was published. The final report presents an in-



The “project” of the human rights city should be understood as an ongoing task to reach the best possible quality of life for all citizens of the city of Graz. To support the city of Graz in the implementation of the human rights city process is of particular importance to me because of its practical approach, as every decision concerns the human rights of every single person in our city.

Alexandra Stocker



To shape the future, also young people need to become active in and show awareness for human rights. The youth project Kenne deine Rechte has been with the ETC Graz and me personally, both on a voluntary and professional basis, for eight years and in this time has grown closer to my heart. I therefore wish to see the positive development of the project continue and that it always finds its place in human rights education for young people.

David Weiss

depth evaluation of thematic discourses and uses the traffic-light principle to classify the discourses as green (conforming to human rights standards), yellow (problematic in terms of human rights standards) and red (not conforming to human rights standards). In the local election 2017, 11 topics were covered in 122 human rights relevant discourse strands. Out of these strands, 115 were classified as green, six as yellow, and one as red.

More information and the final report can be found on www.wahlkampfbarometer-graz.at

e. Human Rights Report 2016/17

The Human Rights Advisory Board features a working group on conducting an annual monitoring of the human rights situation in Graz, Austria. The report is the tenth in a series commenced in 2007 and acts as an evaluation to the issues raised in the previous report. Also in 2017 the Human Rights Report 2016 was prepared by the working group led by the ETC.

The 2016/17 report was published around the Human Rights day on 10 December in two versions: an elaborate long version, and an easy-to-read and accessible short version. The report includes four selected topics concerning relevant areas of human rights in Graz. These areas are integration, gender equality, the youth, and the prevention of extremism. The report evaluates the current situation and assesses the measures currently taken by the City within these spheres. The report uses a plethora of research and survey findings and ends with a list of concrete recommendations to the City of Graz.



Both the long and short version of the Human Rights Report 2016/2017 are available here: https://www.graz.at/cmsbeitrag/10152653/7771447/Menschenrechtsberichte_der_Stadt_Graz.html

Cover photo of the Human Rights Report 2016/2017.

4. Human Rights Region Styria

The ETC was commissioned by the Province of Styria to map the human rights implementation system of the province, in order to launch the concept of the Human Rights Region Styria. For this purpose, the ETC applied the method proposed by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in the context of the regional level for the first time. With this method, international human rights norms are linked with the provincial law implementing it. Furthermore, these provisions are linked to the institutions, policies and programmes set up for the implementation of the regional human rights relevant law. These links make it possible to visualise the human rights relevance of a civil servant's work in any department of the provincial government.

For example in the case of realising the right to social security, a clear connection exists between human rights standards and

provincial laws, which is manifested in several implementation processes. Mappings were created for the areas of employment, education, health, housing, political participation, freedom of expression, and freedom of association.

Finally, a survey among the Styrian population was conducted in order to get information on the Styrians' perception, awareness and empowerment concerning human rights in daily life. It was found that among the Styrian population, human rights are generally considered to play a role in daily life by the majority (63%) of respondents. 60% mentioned that human rights are generally important in Austria. Connections are commonly drawn between human rights and contexts of daily life, like for example employment, health, or particularly freedom of expression. It was found that the Styrian population is generally aware about their human rights and are willing to enforce them.

More information on the initiative of the Human Rights Region Styria can be found here:

<http://www.soziales.steiermark.at/cms/beitrag/11953254/114530138/>

5. Human Rights Education

a) Thematic Workshops

The ETC continued its year-long efforts on human rights education by holding 33 thematic workshops at schools, various institutions and in the framework of larger events. Specific larger frameworks include the UNHRC's Langer Tag der Flucht ("Long Day of Flight") and the Fair Styria Action Day. The thematic workshops held in 2017 were based on previous projects that were developed specifically to strengthen awareness for human rights and to adhere to the four principles of human rights education: personality development, sensibilisation, empowerment, and solidarity building. Events included the Gaming Workshop "Das Boot ist voll" (The Boat is Full), "Schau nicht weg" (Don't Look Aside), and "Stammtischparolen" ("Wish I had Opened my Mouth" Strategy Workshops against Hate Speech). Another special workshop included a session on "Human Rights for Migrants", which was held in the framework of the Austrian Job Centre's preparatory employment service for women.

b) Lecture Series and Study Group "Introduction into Human Rights"

The annual "Ringlehrveranstaltung" (lecture series) "Introduction into Human Rights" was held together with the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights and Human Security. It combines theoretical and practical approaches to human rights and draws from the manual "Understanding Human Rights", edited by Wolfgang Benedek.

Linked to the lecture series, there also exists the Study Group "Introduction to Human Rights Education". In the academic year 2016/2017, participants were taught the basics of learning about, for, and through human rights. Unfortunately, the group was discontinued for the academic year 2017/2018.

More information on the lecture series and study group can be found here:

<https://trainingszentrum-menschenrechte.uni-graz.at/de/studieren/lehrveranstaltungen/ringlehrveranstaltung-einfuehrung-in-die-menschenrechte/>



Showing complex facts in a way that everyone can understand them, whilst still maintaining their sense and structure, describes a good part of our work in human rights education. To work together with people on what it means to have rights, to stand for those rights, and to be aware of the responsibilities linked to them, is at least as important today- in the light of increasing attacks on human rights that either try to portray them as irrelevant or exaggerated- as it was 18 years ago when the ETC was founded. It is also in the sense of the Human Rights Lab, which will be part of the UNESCO Centre and form a vital part of our work on human rights at the local levels.

Barbara Schmiedl

c) Workshops with Prison Inmates at Karlau Correctional Facility

Finally, the human rights workshops held with prison inmates at the Karlau Correctional Facility in Graz were continued in 2017 between April and July. The ETC was contracted by the Facility to hold eight workshops over a period of three months with a group of inmates on the topic of Right to Work. The fundamental principles of the right to work were tackled as well as the specific aspects of the right based on aspects specific to the situation of participants. The workshop also broadened to include aspects of Austrian and international law. The results of the workshops were presented to the prison management and discussed, in order to improve the situation for inmates, as well as for structure and staff.

National Projects

1. Bringing Home Human Rights - The Role of National Preventive Mechanisms

The project Bringing Home Human Rights- The Role of National Preventive Mechanisms, sought to evaluate whether and which standards are applied in detention monitoring, and also how to make non-binding human rights standards effective in Austria. The study comprised of two separate parts and corresponding reports, including an institutional comparison, as well as a national evaluation. The project ran from 2014 to mid-2017. It was funded by the Jubiläumsfonds der Österreichischen Nationalbank.

The first research report was published in 2016 and was entitled "Bringing Home Human Rights: The Role of National Preventive Mechanisms". The research paper focused on a comparison of various institutional set-ups of NPMs in Europe and assessed the different settings and frameworks.

The second research report was published in early 2017 and discussed the various human rights standards the Austrian NPM makes use of in practice and in particular to which degree international standards are rendered relevant on the national level. It was found that international standards on the prevention of torture and inhuman treatment are an important backbone for the monitoring visits, results and consequential recommendations of the Austrian NPM. The NPM acts as a link between international standards and (partly also legally binding) national measures to improving preventive human rights protection for people in detention legitimised by the state. The preventive standards help the NPM assess social realities, and also legitimise recommendations to authorities. The NPM is also legitimised and required to develop its own standards. It is thus also a designer of standards on the prevention of human rights violation on the national level.

The results of this project were also published in the Newsletter on Human Rights, in an article named "The Implementation of Preventive Standards on the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights: The Practice of the National Preventive Mechanism Austria". This was published in mid-2017.

The second research paper of the Bringing Home Human Rights project can be accessed here:

http://www.etc-graz.at/typo3/fileadmin/user_upload/ETC-Hauptseite/publikationen/Occasional_papers/BHHR-2.pdf

2. Independent Evaluation Report on the Austrian OSCE Chairmanship

On the occasion of the Austrian Chairmanship of the OSCE in 2017, the ETC was commissioned by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to conduct an independent evaluation of the implementation of OSCE human rights obligations in Austria. When the Chairmanship was held by Switzerland, an effort of self-evaluation was started upon initiative of civil society organisations. This was continued by Serbia and Germany, and also taken up as an important signal for other member states.

The Austrian self-evaluation report was written by ETC in cooperation with UNI-ETC staff during summer and autumn 2017 and focused on four topics: the prevention of torture, hate crime and extremism, freedom of expression, and violence against women. The topics were analysed from a socio-legal and practical perspective and sought to evaluate the current state of affairs in relation to OSCE obligations. The initial report was circulated to broad members of civil society, who were given the opportunity to comment on the report and to provide additional information/recommendations.

The final report, including inputs from CSOs, was published in late 2017. The findings were discussed at the OSCE Human Dimensions Meeting in Warsaw, together with the Civil Solidarity Platform, the previous Chairmanship countries (Switzerland, Serbia, Germany), and the forthcoming ones (Italy, the Slovak Republic, Norway). In December 2017, the report was further presented at the OSCE Parallel Civil Society Conference in Vienna. The full report is available here:

<https://www.osce.org/chairmanship/366856>

3. Fundamental Rights Training for the Judiciary

Since 2008, the ETC has developed and conducted a curriculum on fundamental rights for prospective judges. The project runs in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice.

The curriculum in 2017 focused on the Fundamental Rights Charta, data protection, the right to fair trial, and several aspects of the European Convention of Human Rights. A three-day seminar was held in May 2017 by ETC trainers, interpreters, academics, and judges. The seminar was attended by 20 prospective judges from Carinthia and Styria.



Participants of the fundamental rights training hearing from judge Friedrich Moshhammer and Veronika Apostolovski about fundamental rights protection in civil law procedures.



In the context of the Austrian OSCE Chairmanship 2017, the ETC was commissioned to author an independent evaluation report on the implementation of selected OSCE commitments in Austria. Through this project, I got valuable insights into human rights commitments and processes, which are sometimes overlooked by the academic community.

Markus Möstl



For over ten years we have now conducted trainings for aspiring judges. Also in this year it was particularly exciting and interesting to have a three-day long exchange with practitioners on human rights. The insight into judicial practice is a highlight for me every year.

Veronika Apostolovski

European Projects

1. European Union Fundamental Rights Agency - FRANET

The EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) hosts a multidisciplinary research network, which is composed of National Focal Points (NFPs) in all member states. The NFPs continuously provide the FRA with socio-legal information and data on fundamental rights issues in the respective member states. The ETC acts as the NFP for Austria within the project FRANET and has had a year-long research partnership with the FRA.

In the current framework, the ETC cooperates with the FRA until 2018 and conducts screenings, as well as in-depth research. Current data collection and research services on Fundamental Rights issues to the FRA include short thematic reports (SR), information requests (IR), and monthly data collections. In 2017, 17 such projects were undertaken by the ETC as Austrian NFP. These included the following topics:

- The Fundamental Rights Report 2017
- The current migrant situation in the EU
- The rights of crime victims to have access to justice
- Barriers to EU citizens' full enjoyment of their rights
- The standing and operational space of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in contributing to respecting and promoting fundamental rights in EU member states
- Roma and Travellers
- Anti-Muslim and anti-migrant hatred
- The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights
- Misogyny, gender stereotyping and hate speech against women
- The long-term impact of responses to the 2015 arrivals in Europe
- Criminal Procedural Rights

More information on the FRANET network and the work of partner organisations can be found here:

<http://fra.europa.eu/en/research/franet>



From left to right: Hans-Peter Folz, Gabriel Toggenburg, Josef Marko, Gerd Oberleitner, Markus Möstl, and Stefan Storr at the University of Graz presenting the FRA Fundamental Rights Report 2017

2. ETHOS - Towards a European Theory of Justice and Fairness

ETHOS is a multi-disciplinary research project with the goal of creating a new, integrative perspective on justice and fairness in Europe. Coordinated by Utrecht University in the Netherlands, five research institutions including the ETC cooperate, based in Austria, Hungary, Portugal, Turkey, and the UK. The research project lasts from January 2017 to December 2019 and combines the disciplines of philosophy, sociology, law, economy, and political science. It is made possible by a Horizon2020 grant of the European Commission under grant agreement No. 727112.

The project was officially kick-started in presence of all partners in Utrecht in early 2017, where the first practical steps to realising the objectives were taken. The ETC is entrusted with all dissemination activities. In this context, a comprehensive and multi-layered (social) media and communications strategy was developed in 2017, which draws together the findings of the project and disseminates them to various target groups through a multitude of channels. These activities will continue to run until the end of the project in 2019.

Within the dissemination activities, the ETC was tasked with the development of a web application, called the *European Landscapes of Justice*. It is constructed as a "science to public" communication tool that also fulfils the purpose of human rights education. The objectives of the app are to make understandable the political and societal dynamics in various countries and their impact on the perception and realisation of justice. For this purpose, the ETC researchers developed an interactive online game, which lets users visualise and compare their subjective experiences of justice in their own daily life. The app was conceptualised and designed by the ETC in 2017 and will go live in early 2018.

Beyond communication, the ETC is also involved in all thematic work packages of the project and conducts legal, economic, social, and political research on justice. In this context, in-depth country studies are conducted that rest on fieldwork and scientific analysis.

More information about the project and its outputs can be found on www.ethos-europe.eu

The Landscapes of Justice web application can be accessed at www.myjustice.eu



Klaus Starl, Simone Philipp, and Maddalena Vivona during the kick-off meeting in Utrecht, the Netherlands with ETHOS project partners from six countries.



The different projects conducted for the Fundamental Rights Agency are extremely interesting to me and help to always stay up-to-date on current issues. Beyond that, they reflect the public discourse (for example on the “refugee crisis”, hate crimes, etc.) and thereby contribute to research being done on these topics in order to eradicate misunderstandings and myths.

Siniša Pejić



Justice is a complex subject. In the “Landscapes of Justice” within the ETHOS project seek to make visible the justice experiences of people in a unique manner. Through an interactive web application people can click through six topics and create their own personal justice landscape. They also have the opportunity to compare their landscape with others, and to get more information on the topic. The app is available here: <http://www.myjustice.eu/>

Simone Philipp

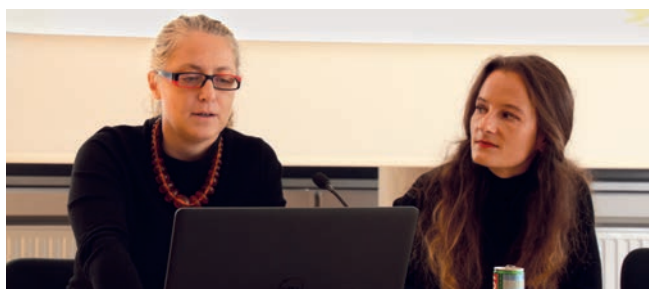
3. ON THE MOVE - The Reality of Free Movement for Young European Citizens Migrating in Times of Crisis

The project ON THE MOVE sought to look into the reality of free movement from the viewpoint of young Europeans, more concretely those who have, or plan to exercise this right. Funded by the European Commission DG Justice (JUST/2014/RCIT/AG/CITI/7269), the project started in 2015 and ran until the end of 2017 with 15 cooperating EU member states.

In early 2017, the ETC published its final national report, which consisted of interviews with 30 young EU movers and experts on free movement. It was found that while EU movement is highly appreciated and works well in principle, there are also significant barriers facing movers in destination countries. While the main drivers for Austrians' movement are work, education and love, the main barriers they face are when it comes to the recognition of qualifications, and also language barriers make moving a challenge. A great deal of barriers can be traced back to the country differences in terms of bureaucratic procedures and national differences in relation to social insurance, social welfare assistance and practical problems in recognising taxes paid abroad for pension and the like. These are due to non-standardised European structures, standards and procedures. At the same time, information policies and support are mainly targeted towards non-EU citizens.

Following an international meeting in Athens, Greece, two best practice manuals were compiled based on all research findings: one for local, regional, and national authorities, and one for young people on the move. Following a workshop at the European Parliament Brussels, Belgium, these manuals were presented together with the Austrian project findings at a National Awareness Raising Event at the University of Graz in October 2017.

More information as well as the project outputs can be found on: www.euonthemove.eu



Maddalena Vivona and Isabella Meier presenting their findings at the National Awareness Raising Event.



Wanda Tiefenbacher presenting a visualization of project findings to lecture participants.

4. ADPOLIS - Anti-Discrimination Policies Successfully Implemented

ADPOLIS built on the previous work for the "ECCAR Toolkit for Equality" and aimed 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 allowed for the deepening and broadening of the policy models in the "Toolkit for Equality" through further research. It also enabled the creation of a user-friendly design, publishing eight language versions, and organizing exchange events to discuss among decision-makers and to train civil servants and civil society actors. The project was coordinated by ETC and realized with 7 partners.

In 2017, more than 40 cities' successful equality policies have been compiled into 12 policy models, answering why these policies should be applied and how to be implemented. This was done by answering critical questions to challenges in all stages of policy-making and policy implementing from the experience of practitioners. Innovative features include a list of success factors, as well as a comprehensive measurement tool for progress and achievement. These 12 publications were published in full and in 8 languages on the ECCAR website in spring 2017.

The insights were also made available to local authorities, politicians and practitioners also by exchange and training activities. In 2017, 900 people were directly reached by workshops and exchange events, among them 20 % (170) local politicians, 40% (340) civil servants in local administration, and 40% (390) civil society actors in a total of 26 events in 10 countries.

The 12-step guide can be found here in eight languages:

<http://www.eccar.info/en/eccar-toolkit-equality>

5. VICT – Developing Directive-compatible Practices for the Identification, Assessment and Referral of victims

In late 2015, the project VICT was started by the Centre for European Constitutional Law (Greece) in cooperation with six partners including the ETC, as well as partners from Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Ireland, and Italy. In the VICT project, the aim is to analyse the comparability of the practices applied by different partner countries within the context of the new European Victims Directive, Directive 2012/29/EU. Three areas of practice were analysed: the identification of victims, the individual assessment of special protection needs, and referral mechanisms. The project was funded by the European Commission DG Justice (JUST/2014/JACC/AG/VICT/7406).

In early 2017, a project meeting was held in Graz together with all partners, to share and discuss findings. After this, the Austrian report was finalized and published in March 2017. It was found that Austrian practices are compatible with the Victim's Directive and contribute to its effective implementation. Austria is a model country, particularly when it comes to psychosocial and legal guidance. Also the obligation of resident doctors to refer victims to medical specialists, victim support services, crisis intervention teams and – if applicable – youth welfare authorities, was hailed as a good practice. The same holds true for the mandatory provision of interpretation services by qualified translators



In every city authority there are people who want to work for adherence to human rights and for respectful co-existence. When we developed the Toolkit for Equality, we met a lot of these people. To support them is the goal of this project and makes us inherently optimistic.

Ingrid Nicoletti



I had the pleasure to carry out the fieldwork for two projects on the rights of victims of violent crimes in accessing justice. It was a unique experience from a methodological point of view to carry out interviews with victims of violent crimes. What surprised me most is that justice for them is not about the severity of sentences imposed (which is currently being discussed), but rather about being heard and respected at police and court.

Isabella Meier

for victims. However, quality standards for interpreters need to be introduced. Identification and referral by medical services need to be more focused, therefore respective information and trainings were recommended. Furthermore, it is necessary to further assess the qualifications and to foster targeted trainings of professionals on victim protection, to question the use of child-witnesses of violence, and to remain aware of consequences of having unintended encounters between victim and offender in Court buildings.

For the dissemination of the research findings to Austrian practitioners, two capacity building events were held by Klaus Starl and Isabella Meier in Graz and Vienna. Practitioners in the areas healthcare, police and victim support attended, brought in their practical experience, networked and exchanged good practices on victim identification and referral.

To conclude the project, a transnational meeting was held in Athens in late 2017. Thereby, Isabella Meier and four national practitioners in the areas of police, healthcare staff and support services for victims of sexual violence presented Austrian practices and exchanged model policies and practices with the research partners and practitioners of the project's partner countries. This transnational meeting was followed by a National Awareness Raising Event and workshop held in Vienna in October 2017. In late January 2018, a press conference was held together with the president of the court for appeals, Caroline List and Elisabeth Juschitz, where the Austrian results were presented to the media and discussed.

More information about the project, as well as all reports, can be found here: <http://victimspactices.eu/>



Isabella Meier and project partners during the VICT network meeting in Athens, Greece.

6. FRAME - Fostering Human Rights among European (external and internal) Policies

FRAME was a large-scale, interdisciplinary project, funded under the EU's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7), which started in 2013. The project aimed to cast European human rights policies from a comprehensive, multi-actor, and global perspective. 19 academic partners and approximately 100 researchers from Austria, Belgium, China, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Italy, India, Ireland, the Netherlands, Peru, Poland, South Africa, Spain, the United Kingdom, and the United States cooperated in this project, which ended in April 2017.

After four years of research and intensive exchange, FRAME was completed by a large conference held in Brussels, Belgium in

April 2017, featuring keynotes by Herman van Rompuy and the EU Special Representative for Human Rights, Stavros Lambrinidis. More information on the final conference can be found here: <http://www.fp7-frame.eu/finalconference/>, as well as information on the final outputs is here: <http://www.fp7-frame.eu/outcome/>. Furthermore, the Brussels Declaration was adopted together with all partners, accessible here:

<http://www.fp7-frame.eu/brussels-declaration/>

In 2017, the ETC focused its work on conducting in-depth research on human rights indicators, compiled into a chapter called "Measuring Human Rights". Together with the main findings of the four year-long FRAME research conducted, the results are to be published as a book by Oxford University Press in 2018. The edited volume will serve as a reference book on the EU and human rights. Results from FRAME research in 2016/17 were also featured in the European Yearbook on Human Rights in 2017. More details on the project, as well as a plethora of deliverables and texts, can be found here: <http://www.fp7-frame.eu/>

7. PoMIGRA - Politically Motivated Crime in the Light of Migration Flows

PoMIGRA seeks to research the nexus between recent migration flows and all types of extremist crime. The project investigates opportunities for comparison of national data on extremist violence, and works towards recommendations for more effective prevention measures. PoMIGRA is led by the German Federal Office of Criminal Investigation. In total, seven partners from Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, and the Netherlands are involved and tasked to conduct national research. The research is made possible by a grant from the Internal Security Fund (ISF) of the European Commission.

In late 2017, the Austrian report entitled "Politically motivated crime in the light of current migration flows: Observations on the media discourse and party programs in Austria" was published. In a comprehensive discourse analysis of traditional and social media sources, as well as political party programmes, it was found that traditional media outlets have increasingly reported on migration in the context of crime, whereas in social media analysis, the results were less clear due to the use of colloquial language and terms. In election manifestos it was revealed the topics of migration and asylum became more prominent in the years following the refugee influx. These were considered as challenges or even threats, but also as opportunities.

At a conference in Wiesbaden, Germany in November 2017, Markus Möstl presented the results on Austria.

The Austrian publication can be accessed here:

http://www.etc-graz.at/typo3/fileadmin/user_upload/ETC-Hauptseite/publikationen/Occasional_papers/Occasional-Paper_37-2017_POMIGRA.pdf

8. NPM Impact Indicators – Measuring the Impact of NPMs on the Detention Conditions in their Country

The ETC was contracted by the Council of Europe to establish criteria and indicators, which allow the assessment of the



After four years, the FRAME project ended. It was a great opportunity to delve deeper into European human rights policies and what impact they have in Europe and beyond. It gave us also the possibility to discuss the problems encountered by policy-makers in developing and monitoring human rights policies and, to some extent, also shape them.

Maddalena Vivona

impact of NPMs (National Preventive Mechanisms) on detention conditions in a given country.

In August 2017, a concept paper was submitted to the Council. The paper provided a model for an evidence-based indication of impact of NPMs on the prevention of torture and other forms of ill-treatment in a given country. The model is built on an indicator approach, the question of causation, and the consideration of a dynamic aspect. It builds on lessons learnt and is not intended for comparisons, but rather for standardised and systemic qualitative analysis. The concept complements the ongoing work of the NPM Observatory on assessing NPM effectiveness.

The “Concept paper and tentative list of indicators to measure the impact of NPMs on the detention condition in their country” was presented by Klaus Starl during the NPM Observatory Meeting in Paris in September 2017.

International Projects

1. Developing Local Capacities for Inclusive and Sustainable Cities in the Arab Region

The project TISCA – Towards Inclusive and Sustainable Cities in the Arab Region was started by the ETC in cooperation with UNESCO, the UNESCO field-office Cairo, the Arab Institute for Human Rights and the International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities (ICCAR). The project seeks to develop local capacities for inclusive and sustainable cities in the Arab region. An inception meeting in Tunis, Tunisia was followed by a needs-assessment meeting in Cairo, Egypt.



Simone Philipp and Klaus Starl with Golda El-Khoury and Jana El-Baba from UNESCO together with workshop participants in Cairo, Egypt.

In late 2017, a delegation of several high-level local and municipal representatives from Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Jordan and Mauritania came to Austria on a study visit. The ten delegates are part of the Coalition of Arab Cities against Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Intolerance and visited the cities of Salzburg, Graz, and Vienna. During the trip, valuable practices

on inclusive urban development were exchanged and methods of implementation discussed. The participants also had the opportunity to meet with President of the Provincial Parliament Bettina Vollath, Mayor of Graz Siegfried Nagl, and head of the Vienna municipal human rights department, Ms. Shams Asadi, among others.



Mayor Siegfried Nagl (middle), Klaus Starl, and Simone Philipp together with Jana El-Baba from UNESCO Cairo and members of the delegation from Arab cities during their study visit to Austria.

2. Capacity Building for Local and Regional Authorities – UCLG/ALGA

In 2017 the ETC was approached by the United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG-Africa) and the African Local Government Academy (ALGA) to collaborate in the field of human rights and democracy on the local level. The cooperation seeks to set up a joint ALGA college and Master degree, to organize joint events, to share best practices, to develop educational material, and to organize study tours. The goal is to promote human rights, democracy and diversity on the local level through training and capacity building for local and regional authorities in Africa. After a visit to Austria in August and intensive discussions, a Memorandum of Understanding was agreed upon between the ETC and ALGA in late 2017.



Mr Mbassi, Secretary General of UCLG Africa, and Prof. Wolfgang Benedek signing the Memorandum of Understanding.



One of the most promising experiences in 2017 was meeting Dr. Najat Zarrouk in Tunis and having her as a guest in Graz with Mayor Siegfried Nagl. After the display of the video message of Bettina Vollath, President of Styria's Parliament, on the necessary preconditions of inclusive local and regional policy-making during an UNESCO organised conference on inclusive cities in the Arab region held in Tunis, I had the opportunity to present the goals and principles of the Toolkit for Equality for city governments. I could not detect any movement or impression in the faces of the around 50 delegates from local authorities. However, in the coffee break, Dr. Zarrouk, director of the African Local Governments Academy, approached me to invite the ETC to develop a human rights curriculum which will be offered to around 5000 African local governments, as she was convinced by what President Vollath and I presented on the issue.

Klaus Starl

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25 January

Press conference on the monitoring of the local election in Graz
(Klaus Starl, Wanda Tiefenbacher)

Held at Presseclub in Graz together with members of the
Human Rights Advisory Board of the City of Graz

29 January - 2 February

Study visit and stakeholder meeting on capacity-building in
Stolipinovo (Ingrid Nicoletti, Simone Philipp, Klaus Starl)
Held in Plovdiv, Bulgaria

4 February

Study group "Introduction to Human Rights Education"
(Barbara Schmiedl)

Held at the University of Graz by ETC Graz

February 2017

8 February

Workshop on "Freedom of Expression"
(Klaus Starl and Wanda Tiefenbacher)

Held at the ETC Graz for the human rights journalists of Kenne
deine Rechte

9 - 10 February

Second VICT coordination meeting
(Klaus Starl, Maddalena Vivona, Isabella Meier)
Held at ETC Graz

14 February

One Billion Rising (Simone Philipp, Barbara Schmiedl)
Street action held in Graz, Austria and advertised thoroughly on
social media

20 - 21 February

ADPOLIS meeting
(Maddalena Vivona, Ingrid Nicoletti, Klaus Starl)
Held at ETC Graz

March 2017

6 March

Lecture on "Human Rights and Development Cooperation"
(Barbara Schmiedl)

Held at the Medical University of Graz, Austria

10 March

Focus group "Hate Crime in Styria" (Ingrid Nicoletti, Klaus Starl)
Held at ETC Graz for report with Anti-Discrimination Office
Styria

20 March

Presentation and press conference on "Hate Crime in Styria"
with workshop at City Hall

(Ingrid Nicoletti, Klaus Starl, Simone Philipp)

Held at Styrian Press Club in Graz, Austria

23 - 24 March

ECCAR Steering Committee meeting
(Klaus Starl, Ingrid Nicoletti)

Held in Ghent, Belgium

23 March

"Wish I had Opened my Mouth" Strategy Workshop against
Hate Speech (Barbara Schmiedl, Simone Philipp)
Workshop held at Production School Lebenshilfe in Graz, Austria

25 March

Journalism refreshment workshop and training session
(Barbara Schmiedl)
Held at ETC Graz for youth journalists of Kenne deine Rechte

27 - 31 March

Congress for Local and Regional Authorities Plenary Session 1 –
Youth Delegate (Wanda Tiefenbacher)

Held at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France

30 - 31 March

ETHOS Kick-off meeting
(Simone Philipp, Klaus Starl, Maddalena Vivona)
Held in Utrecht, the Netherlands

31 March

"African Graz" City tour (Barbara Schmiedl)
Held by ETC Graz in cooperation with Chiala in Graz, Austria

April 2017

3 - 5 April

TISCA Inception meeting (Klaus Starl)
Held at the Arab Institute for Human Rights in Tunis, Tunisia

4 April

"The Boat is Full" Gaming Workshop (Barbara Schmiedl)
Held at the Austrian Trade Union Council (ÖGB Graz)

19 April - 12 July

Human rights education workshops on the right to work
(Simone Philipp, Klaus Starl)
Eight workshops held at Karlau Correctional Facility with prison inmates in Graz, Austria

21 April

"Freedom of Expression – Always and Everywhere?" Workshop
(Klaus Starl)
Held at HLW Fohnsdorf, Austria

25 - 27 April

FRAME final conference and AHRI meeting
(Klaus Starl, Maddalena Vivona, Isabella Meier)
Held in Brussels, Belgium

28 April

"Human Rights for Youth" Workshop (Barbara Schmiedl)
Held at University College Dublin, Ireland

28 April

"Our School of Human Rights" Menschenrechtsschule
(Simone Philipp)
Study visit to Graz by the representatives of the Platform for Human Rights, Salzburg, Austria

May 2017

2 May

Civil Society Symposium (Wanda Tiefenbacher)
Held at the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency, Vienna

3 - 5 May

ON THE MOVE Coordination meeting (Isabella Meier)
Held in Athens, Greece

5 May

"Remembrance Culture and Language" – Human rights city tour (Barbara Schmiedl)
Held by ETC Graz in cooperation with the Verein Gedenkkultur in the framework of the Action Days for Political Education 2017 in Graz, Austria

8 May

"The Boat is Full" Gaming Workshop (Barbara Schmiedl)
Held at the Austrian Trade Union Council (ÖGB Deutschlandsberg)

16 May

World café "Europe and Human Rights" (Barbara Schmiedl)
Held at Bischöfliches Gymnasium Graz, Austria

22 - 24 May

Fundamental rights training for prospective judges
(Markus Möstl, Veronika Apostolovski)
Held in St. Georgen am Längsee, Austria

26 May

"Wish I had Opened my Mouth" Strategy Workshop against Hate Speech (Barbara Schmiedl)
Held at the youth theatre festival Deutschlandsberg, Austria

26 May

"Human Rights whilst fleeing?" workshop (Lisa Heschl)
Held at the Youth Theatre Festival Deutschlandsberg, Austria

29 May

"Freedom of Expression – Always and Everywhere?" Workshop
(Klaus Starl)
Held at HLW Fohnsdorf, Austria

29 May

"Don't Look Aside!" Workshop on civil courage
(Barbara Schmiedl)
Held at Production School Feldbach, Austria

30 - 31 May

ECCAR meeting Germany (Ingrid Nicoletti)
Held in Dortmund, Germany

31 May

"The Boat is Full" Gaming Workshop (Simone Philipp)
Held at Austrian Trade Union Council (ÖGB Bruck an der Mur)

June 2017

8 - 11 June

Interview training and meeting (Ingrid Nicoletti)
Held in Stolipinovo, Bulgaria

21 June

Human rights education workshop (Simone Philipp)
Held at Platform for Human Rights in Salzburg, Austria

28 June

Kenne deine Rechte: Information stand and prize draw 2017
(David Weiss)
Held in the framework of Summerbeach Event 2017 in Eggenberger Bad, Graz, Austria

July 2017

5 July

"Human rights whilst fleeing" workshop (Barbara Schmiedl)
Held in the framework of the FairStyria-Action Day 2017 in Graz, Austria

5 July

"Don't Look Aside!" workshop (Barbara Schmiedl)
Held in the framework of the FairStyria-Action Day 2017 in Graz, Austria

August 2017

16 August

ALGA working meeting, curriculum development for local authorities in Africa (Klaus Starl, Simone Philipp)
Held together with ALGA Delegation at City Hall with Mayor Siegfried Nagl in Graz, Austria

30 August

"Human Rights for Migrants" Workshop (Simone Philipp)
Held at Frauenservice in Graz, Austria

September 2017

6 September

Presentation of NPM Indicators (Klaus Starl)
Held at the NPM Observatory meeting in Paris, France

14 September

Persistenz Diskriminierung Roma Workshop
(Klaus Starl, Isabella Meier)
Held at Karl-Franzens University of Graz, Austria

18 - 19 September

OSCE Human Dimension Implementation meeting
(Markus Möstl, Klaus Starl)
Held at the OSCE in Warsaw, Poland

21 - 22 September

ETHOS Executive Board meeting (Maddalena Vivona)
Held in Bristol, United Kingdom

25 September

Human Rights Region Styria meeting with the Provincial Parliament of Southern Tyrol (Klaus Starl, Simone Philipp)
Held at ETC Graz

25 - 26 September

"Flight and Asylum: Perspective of Political Education"
Workshop (Barbara Schmiedl, Simone Philipp)
Held in cooperation with the Austrian Society for Political Education (ÖGPB) at ETC Graz

26 - 29 September

TISCA meeting on capacity building and needs assessment in the Arab Region (Klaus Starl, Simone Philipp)
Held in Cairo, Egypt

28 September

"Wish I had Opened my Mouth" Strategy Workshop against Hate Speech (Barbara Schmiedl)
Held at Pedagogical Higher Education Institute (PH) in Graz, Austria

29 September

"Long Day of Flight" (Barbara Schmiedl)
Held at ETC Graz

October 2017

6 October

Workshop on the "Long Day of Flight" (Barbara Schmiedl)
Held at Caritas Fachschule in the context of the Long Day of Flight

11 - 12 October

RACCOMBAT kick-off meeting (Ingrid Nicoletti)
Held in Sofia, Bulgaria

13 October

Working meeting Stolipinovo capacity building
(Ingrid Nicoletti)
Held in Plovdiv, Bulgaria

13 October

ON THE MOVE National Awareness Raising Event
(Isabella Meier, Maddalena Vivona, Wanda Tiefenbacher)
Held at the University of Graz, Austria

16 - 18 October

ECCAR conference and ADPOLIS Toolkit training for French speaking cities (Ingrid Nicoletti, Klaus Starl)
Held in Nancy, France

19 - 20 October

VICT final project meeting (Isabella Meier)
Held in Athens, Greece

19 - 26 October

Congress for Local and Regional Authorities Plenary Session 2 – Youth Delegate (Wanda Tiefenbacher)
Held at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France

20 October

ON THE MOVE workshop (Maddalena Vivona)
Held in Brussels, Belgium

20 October

"Human Rights Protection in the EU: Implementation of the Fundamental Rights Charta in Member States": Presentation of the Fundamental Rights Report by Gabriel Toggenburg and lecture by Markus Möstl
(Markus Möstl, Gerd Oberleitner, Klaus Starl)
Held at the University of Graz

November 2017

6 November

"The Boat is Full" Gaming Workshop (Barbara Schmiedl)
Held at KLEX, Graz, Austria

7 November

VICT workshop and National Awareness Raising Event
(Maddalena Vivona, Isabella Meier)
Held in Vienna and Graz, Austria

9 November

Press conference on the Styrian Week of Children's Rights
(Wanda Tiefenbacher, Barbara Schmiedl)
Held at Styrian Press Club in Graz, Austria

10 - 11 November

"Wish I had Opened my Mouth" Strategy Workshop against Hate Speech
(Barbara Schmiedl, Simone Philipp)
Held at Lebenshilfe, Graz, Austria

14 - 17 November

PoMIGRA conference (Markus Möstl)
Held in Wiesbaden, Germany

17 - 24 November

Styrian Week on Children's Rights
(Wanda Tiefenbacher)
Graz

21 November

World Café "Network Europe at School"
(Barbara Schmiedl)
Held at the Styrian Provincial Government in Graz, Austria

22 November

Presentation and ADPOLIS Toolkit capacity building with the City of Bonn (Klaus Starl)
Held in Bonn, Germany

23 November

"Learning Democracy Europe" presentation
(Barbara Schmiedl)
Held at Retzhof, Graz

24 November

Certificate ceremony and annual poetry slam
(Barbara Schmiedl, David Weiss, Wanda Tiefenbacher)
Held for Kenne deine Rechte in the framework of the Styrian Week on Children's Rights at City Hall, Graz, Austria

27 November

Migrants Advisory Board discussion forum ECCAR
(Simone Philipp, Ingrid Nicoletti)
Held in Graz, Austria

28 - 29 November

FRANET inception meeting (Klaus Starl, Isabella Meier)
Held at the European Union Fundamental Rights Union in Vienna, Austria

30 November

Talk on human rights
(Barbara Schmiedl)
Held at Forum Stadtpark in Graz, Austria

December 2017

6 December

Presentation of Independent OSCE Evaluation report
(Klaus Starl)
At the OSCE Civil Society Conference in Vienna, Austria

6 December

Prize ceremony and film presentation "Human Rights Path"
(Barbara Schmiedl)
Held at Grünes Haus in Graz, Austria

11 - 15 December

Study visit of Arab cities' delegation
(Klaus Starl, Simone Philipp, Ingrid Nicoletti)
Held in Graz, Vienna and Salzburg, Austria

11 December

Panel discussion "Day of Human Rights"
(Wanda Tiefenbacher)
Held at BG Kirchengasse in Graz, Austria

15 December

"Don't Look Aside!" Workshop
(Barbara Schmiedl, Simone Philipp)
Workshop held at Lebenshilfe Graz, Austria

Infrastructure and Resources

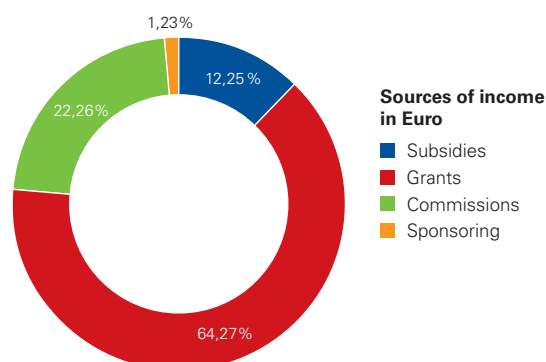
Library

The ETC human rights library, an autonomous electronic and physical library, is connected to the University Library of the University of Graz. It is accessible at Elisabethstrasse 50b via the ETC office, from Monday to Friday 9-12am.

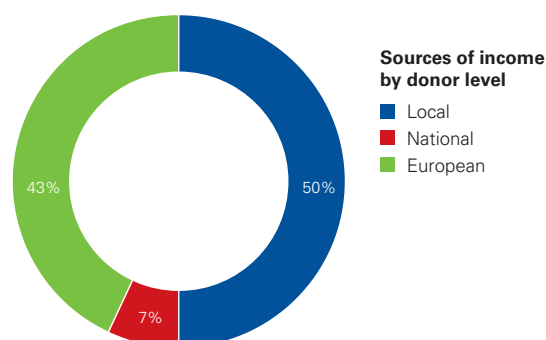
The ETC library holds an extensive selection of books and human rights related materials (e.g. materials for human rights education, DVD, etc.) Currently, there are 3.689 books in the library. Sections include (Anti)Discrimination, Human Rights Education, Human Rights at the Local Level, Human Security, Racism, Migration, European Law, etc.

Financial Statements

In 2017, the ETC had a total budget of 612.206 € at its disposal. These funds came from various sources, as displayed in figure 1 "Sources of income in Euro", including project grants (€393.448), commissions (€136.258), subsidies (€75.000), and sponsoring (€7.500).

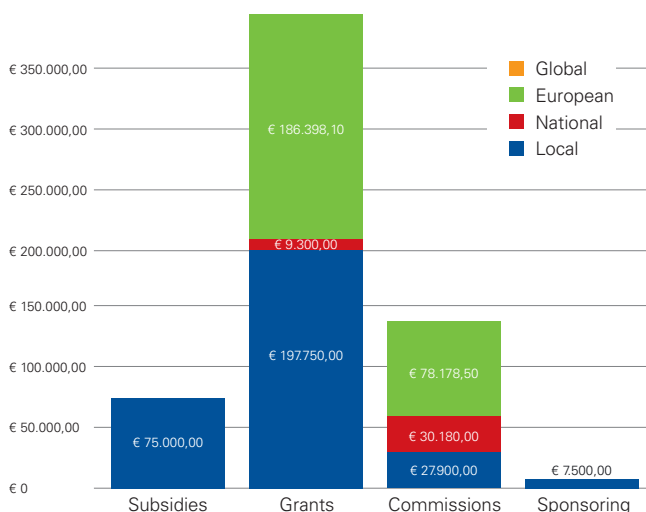


These sources of revenue spring from donors on various levels from local to international. In total, 50% of all funding came from the local level (€308.150), 43% from the European Union (€264.576,6), and 6% from the national level (€39.480). This can be seen in figure 2 "Sources of income by donor level".

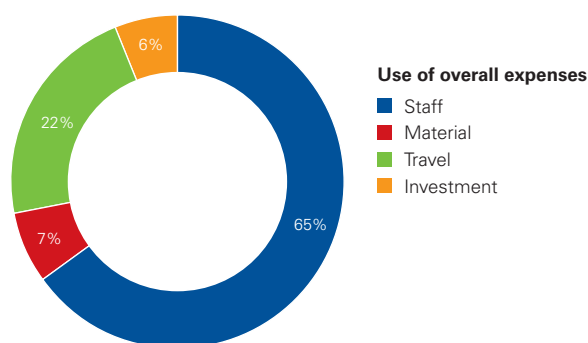


Project grants came from local and EU level at almost the same level. National funds were mainly received for commissioned work. However, also in this category, EU commissions made up more

than 50%. Subsidies were used for the basic functioning of the Centre and for local use. The subsidies multiplier counts 9 (1 Euro subsidy produced 9 Euro overall budget).



The overall expenditure of the ETC went towards staff (65%), travel (22%), material (7%) and investments (6%). The primary activities of the ETC as a service provider explain the high percentage of staff costs, as can be seen in figure 4 "Use of overall expenses".



The ETC's expenses were distributed among the levels of operation. Concretely, 40% of all expenses were made towards projects on the European level (€246.659,8), 31% on the global level (€191.882), 23% on the local level (€144.701,7), and 6% on the national level (€40.480).

