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Cooperation with NGOs in responding to hate crimes

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Tasks of Human Rights Protection Team

- monitoring cases related to hate crimes and hate incidents,
- educational actions for police (*Law enforcement officers program on combating hate crimes*),
- cooperation with minority groups,
- cooperation with domestic and international institutions and organizations dealing with human rights and hate crimes issues,
- actions to ensure human rights observance by the Police and Border Guard.



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**Rising police officers' competences in conducting investigations
in hate crime cases –**

Law enforcement officers program on combating hate crimes

- trainings conducted since 2009
- the system of vocational trainings on counteracting and combating hate crimes in Polish Police:
- a uniform national program
- cascade system of the trainings
- obligatory trainings provided for police officers in the whole country
- addressed to police officers who are or could be directly confronted with hate crimes



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Law enforcement officers program on combating hate crimes

- aim - to teach police officers the competence of identifying hate crimes, investigating them properly, reacting adequately, preventing hate crimes, and behave adequately during the contact with the victim of hate crime.
- working on participants' attitudes and awareness.
- trainings conducted in cooperation with NGOs and minority groups' representatives.
- Ministry of Interior's coordination role



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trainings for police
officers

actions to inform and
encourage victims to
report



combating hate crimes



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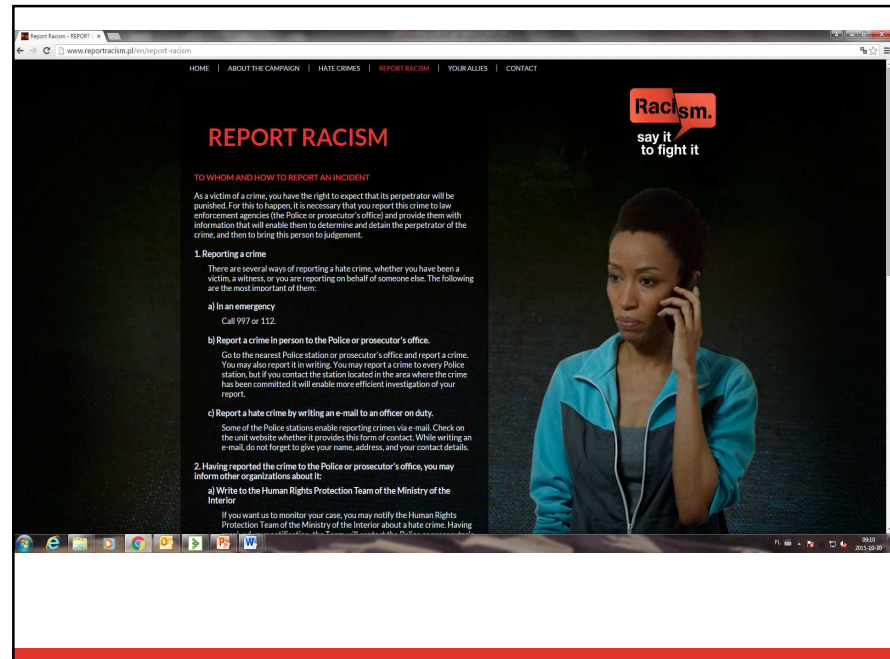
Cooperation between Human Rights Protection Team and civil society

- Reporting to HRPT cases related to hate crimes and hate incidents
- Communicating the problems connected to hate crime reporting
 - *Immigrants against hate crimes - how to effectively assert your rights* project

Racism. Say it to fight it campaign

Channels:

- website: www.reportracism.pl



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the 'REPORT RACISM' website. The page has a dark background with a woman in a blue jacket talking on a mobile phone. The website's navigation bar includes links for HOME, ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN, HATE CRIMES, REPORT RACISM, YOUR ALLIES, and CONTACT. The main heading is 'REPORT RACISM' in red. Below it, a sub-heading reads 'TO WHOM AND HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT'. The text explains that as a victim of a crime, one has the right to expect punishment, and it is necessary to report the crime to law enforcement agencies. The page lists three ways to report a crime: 1. Reporting a crime, which includes calling 997 or 112, reporting in person to the Police or prosecutor's office, or reporting via email to an officer on duty. 2. Having reported the crime to the Police or prosecutor's office, which includes writing to the Human Rights Protection Team of the Ministry of the Interior. A small logo in the top right corner says 'Racism. say it to fight it'.

***Racism. Say it to fight it* campaign**

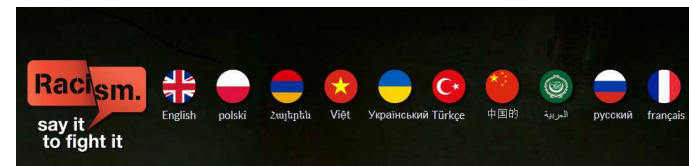
Channels:

- leaflets,
- TV spot, billboards, posters



***Racism. Say it to fight it* campaign**

- Languages: English, Polish, Russian, Ukrainian, French, Vietnamese, Chinese, Turkish, Armenian, Arabic



Racism. Say it to fight it campaign

- Effects
 - hate crime reporting
 - network building



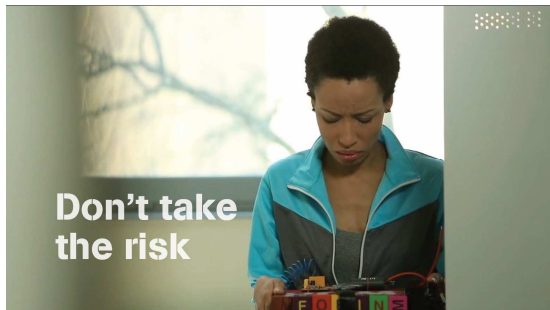
*How to dismantle the
bomb of hate?
– the effective
cooperation of
immigrants and law
enforcement
conference*

November 2014

How to dismantle the bomb of hate?

Key subjects:

- barriers in reporting hate crimes
- solutions – how to liquidate those barriers



Barriers

- lack of knowledge
- fears - of the procedure, of the revenge, mistrust to the Police
- bilateral barriers - language, cultural, stereotypes
- factors connected with police officers behaviour
- factors connected with victims

Solutions

- direct meetings and cooperation of migrants and public institutions
- education and mutual understanding
- multiagency cooperation
- the role of minority groups' leaders
- the role of police officers

How to dismantle the bomb of hate?

Next step:

Working Group on Counteracting Hate Crimes in Ministry of the Interior

- participants: groups which experience hate crimes, NGOs, Ministry of the Interior and the police, other institutions
- Goal:
 - facilitate communication between the Ministry and minority groups (providing information about the problems and needs of particular groups on one hand and on their possible solutions – on the another)
 - design tailored actions aimed at more effective dealing with problems related to hate crimes

Thank you for your attention

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