



# Mate

## Newsletter

## About MATE Project

MATE  
is an EU project  
(Erasmus+, Key Action2)  
coordinated by MMC Cyprus.  
Duration: 12/2018 – 12/2020

The project is an innovative, student-centred approach to intercultural skills acquisition for local and foreign students.

We want to develop tools that empower students to combat hate speech and report racism. Therefore the project will produce a European Report on Hate Speech analysing the situation in all partner countries. We will create an Intercultural Skills Assessment Online Tool that permits students to evaluate their level of intercultural competence. We will train students on strategies to report racism in universities, on how to organise MAT-Events where local and foreign students can meet and on the implementation of online awareness campaigns against discriminatory behaviour. All our materials and tools will be accessible on the project website!

## Beneficiaries

The main beneficiaries are higher education students in the partner countries and in Europe in general. We target local and foreign students as the project activities aim to create exchange between these two groups of students in order to overcome prejudices. All the methods and materials produced during the project will be accessible on the project website for students everywhere.

## Objectives

Develop intercultural skills and social networks with local and foreign students!  
Combat discrimination, hate speech and promote respect and diversity!  
Create new methods and opportunities for students to meet and make university a discrimination free space!

## Current Phase

European Report on Hate Speech: the first step of the project is a research and report in all partner countries on common forms of anti-migrant discourses and hate speech online and in face-to-face situations in a student context. The Intercultural Skills Assessment tool is developed and will soon be available on its online format.

## Main Achievements

The first phase of the project is concluded! We are happy to announce that the European Report on Hate Speech is ready and accessible on our projects website! In every partner country an analysis of common forms of hate speech was implemented in three steps. A desk research on hate speech on student-centred social media sites and in face-to-face situations in universities was conducted. Focus groups with a total of 100 students help us to get first hand testimonies on hate speech observed or endured by students. Finally, an online questionnaire on the topic was filled in by over 1000 students giving us a larger image on the situation.

## Upcoming Activities

In the upcoming months, the Intercultural Skills Assessment Online Tool will be finalised in all five partner languages. Therefore a pilot test will be done with students already engaged in the project. After its finalisation, the tool will be accessible for everybody and give automatic feedback on your level of intercultural competence.

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