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PROGRAMME

CONFERENCE

**“ONLINE HATE, CONSPIRACY THEORIES AND
DECLINING CONFIDENCE IN THE MEDIA”**

Monday, 13 February 2017 (10.00am-6.00pm)

BERLIN, Germany

“Anhörungsaal” at the German Parliament (Deutscher Bundestag)
(Marie-Elisabeth-Lüders Building, Room 3.101)

Simultaneous interpretation: German, English and French

**This draft agenda, addressed to members of the Alliance
is the convocation to the meeting**

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Programme

9.30am Arrival of the participants

Conference opening: addresses (10:00-10:20)

- 02 mins: Conference moderator: **Ms Anita Fünffinger**, Journalist
- 02 mins: Welcome speech by **Mr Frank Schwabe**, member of the German Parliament, Vice-chairperson of the national delegation of Germany of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- 05 mins: Welcome speech by **Ms Milena Santerini**, member of the Italian Parliament, General Rapporteur on combating Racism and intolerance and Co-ordinator of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance
- 10 mins: Welcome speech by **Ms Caren Marks**, member of the German Parliament, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ)

Panel 1: (10:20 – 12:00)

Manifestations and causes of hate speech and conspiracy theories on the internet

Contents: How does hate manifest itself, who are the victims or groups of victims? How do hate and its manifestations develop? What link exists between hate speech and belief in conspiracy theories? Why do internet users believe in conspiracies? – How and why do conspiracy theories spread? – Does controlled propaganda (domestic or foreign) play a role or do hate and conspiracy theories spread in an uncontrolled manner?

- 15 mins: **Expert statement:** Sociological causes of online hate speech and conspiracy theories, **Dr. Jasmin Siri** (IKG Bielefeld)
- 15 mins: **Expert statement:** Trust in the media, loss of trust, reasons for loss of trust, public perception of journalism and the media, **Professor Matthias Kohring** (Mannheim University)
- 20 mins: **Statements:** Hate speech and conspiracy theories: the situation in Europe, **Ms Milena Santerini**, member of the Italian Parliament, Coordinator of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance;
Ms Cécile Kyenge, member of the European Parliament, Co-president of ARDI (European Parliament Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup)
- 50 mins: Discussion

Lunch break (12:00 – 13:30)

Panel 2: (13:30 – 15:30)

The impact of online hate speech and conspiracy theories

Contents: Does online hate speech pave the way to group-focused enmity and real violence? What dangers do conspiracy theories pose? – Does hate directed at journalists pose a threat to press freedom? – Is there a crisis of trust in the leading media? If so, what form does this crisis take and what scope does it have?

- 05 mins: **Welcome speech** by the initiator of the conference, **Ms Gabriela Heinrich**, member of the German Parliament, member of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance
- 15 mins: **Practice-oriented briefing** by blogger and online journalist, **Mr Sascha Lobo**
- 15 mins: **Expert statement:** what is the impact of online hate?
Mr Johannes Baldauf (Amadeu Antonio Foundation)
- 15 mins: **Expert statement:** what is the impact of conspiracy theories? **Mr Bernd Harder** (expert for conspiracy theories at the Society for the scientific investigation of parasciences - sceptics' society, GWUP)
- 15 mins: **Statement:** A parallel with other European countries, **Ms Gülsün Bilgehan**, member of the Turkish Parliament, member of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance
- 45 mins: Discussion

Family Photo

Coffee break (15:30 – 16:00)

Panel 3: (16:00 – 18:00)

Countermeasures

Contents: Are countermeasures needed; if so, why? – What countermeasures and what examples of best practice exist? – Do the leading media need to adapt? If so, what do they need to adapt to? – Do countermeasures need to be managed? If so, who should manage them and how? – How promising are the countermeasures? – What action do policymakers need to take?

- 10 mins: **Welcome speech** by **Mr Gerd Billen**, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (BMJV)
- 15 mins: **Expert statement:** presentation of hoaxmap.org, **Ms Karolin Schwarz** (www.hoaxmap.org),
- 15 mins: **Expert statement:** Debunking, **Mr Sebastian Hirsch** (German Consumer Foundation "Stiftung Warentest")
- 20 mins: **Statements:** Best practices at European level,
Ms Anne Brasseur, member of the Luxembourg Parliament, Ambassador of the No Hate Speech Movement, member of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance;
Ms Barbara John, member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance in respect of Germany
- 60 mins: Discussion

Dinner (19:00 – 21:00)