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Live Democracy!



Active against Right-wing Extremism, Violence and Hate

German Policies Addressing Anti-Gypsyism

Addressing Anti-Gypsyism in the Enlargement Region, 13-14 February 2018



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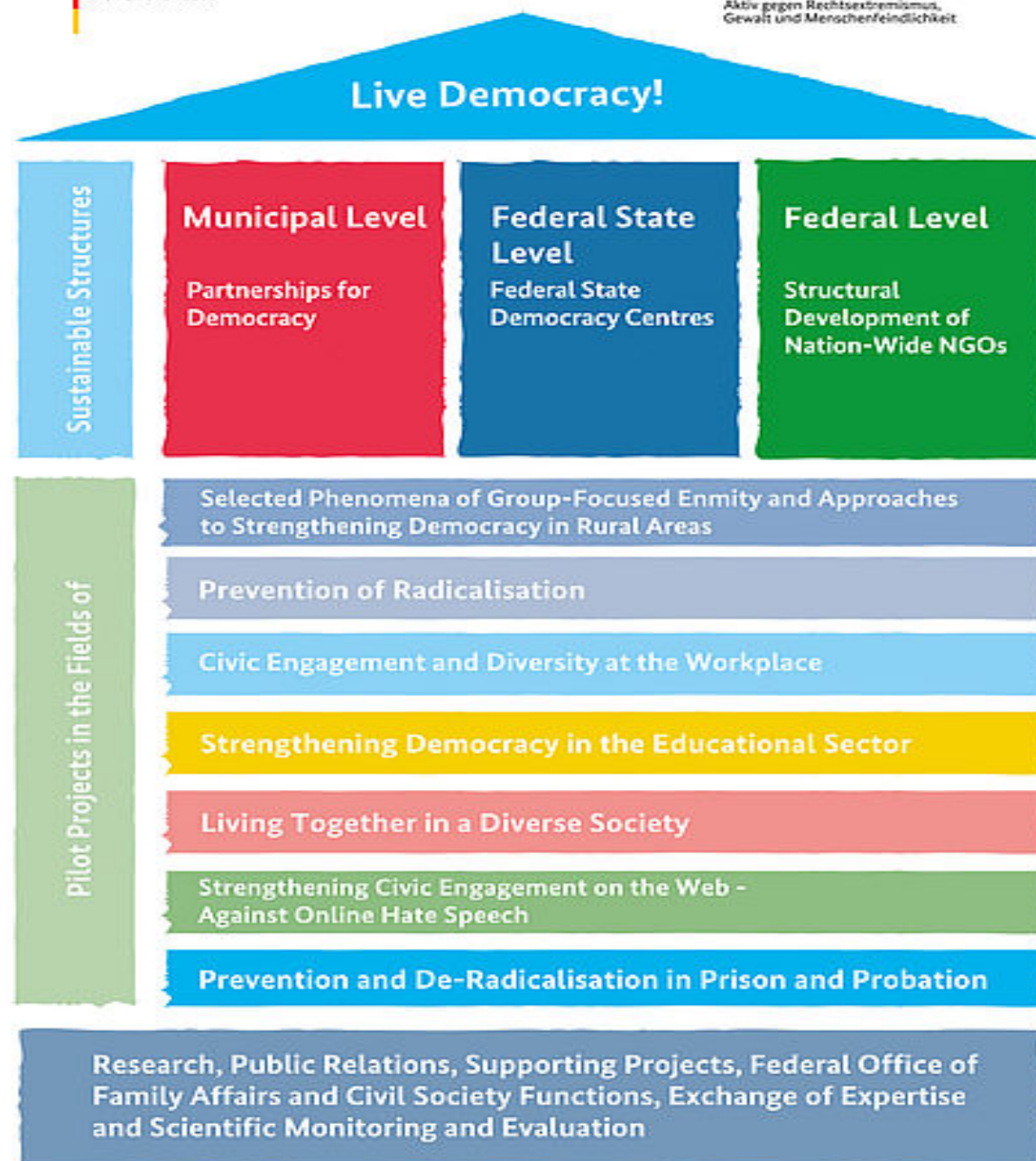
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Running-term: 01.01.2015 – 31.12.2019

- ❖ For the overall programme a **total of 104,5 Mio. Euro (120,9 Millions USD)** has been made available in **2017**
- ❖ Stronger **planning reliability**: all structural and pilot projects have a **funding period of up to 5 years** (in comparison to previous funding periods of 3 years).
- ❖ The federal programme funds **civic engagement and democratic practice** at the **local, regional („Länder“)** and **federal level**.





Sustainable Structures

Municipal Level

Partnerships for
Democracy

Federal State Level

Federal State
Democracy Centres

Federal Level

Structural
Development of
Nation-Wide NGOs



Local Partnerships for Democracy



- ❖ **265 Towns, cities, municipalities, districts**
- ❖ Funding of
 - Competence and coordination units
 - Action and initiative funds
 - Participation, public relations and networking
 - Youth participation via youth funds
 - **2.820 funded activities in 2016**
 - Funding: **26 Mio. € in 2017**



Democracy Centres

16 Democracy Centres at „Länder“-level

- ❖ Federal State-wide coordination, networking and counselling
- ❖ Network of counselling and support services
- ❖ Mobile counselling and victims' counselling services
- ❖ Disengagement and exit counselling
- ❖ Funding: 14.5 Mio. € in 2017
- ❖ Additional funds for the establishment of pilot projects in the „Land“ aimed at prevention of radicalisation on religious grounds.



Structural Development of Nation-Wide NGOs

- ❖ **36 NGOs with nation-wide impact** receive funding for their structural development
- ❖ **Fields of expertise:** Countering right-wing extremism, radicalisation on religious grounds, racism and forms of group-related hate: racism, antisemitism, islamophobia, anti-gypsyism, homophobia, transphobia, prevention at early childhood
- ❖ Development of a **nation-wide infrastructure** with nation-wide impact
- ❖ Professional, pedagogical, and methodological **expertise**
- ❖ **Exchange and networking** at the national and international level
- ❖ Funding: 9.2 Mio. € in 2017



Pilot Projects in the Fields of

Selected Phenomena of Group-Focused Enmity and Approaches
to Strengthening Democracy in Rural Areas

Prevention of Radicalisation

Civic Engagement and Diversity at the Workplace

Strengthening Democracy in the Educational Sector

Living Together in a Diverse Society

Strengthening Civic Engagement on the Web -
Against Online Hate Speech

Prevention and De-Radicalisation in Prison and Probation



Pilot Projects

❖ **Pilot Projects on selected phenomena of group-focused enmity**

95 Pilot Projects: antisemitism, islamophobia, anti-gypsyism, homophobia and transphobia, democracy promotion in rural areas, racism and racist discrimination, anti-discrimination and prevention work during early childhood

❖ **Pilot Projects on Prevention of Radicalisation**

77 Pilot Projects: **right-wing extremism, Islamist extremism, left-wing militancy**



Development of „Live Democracy!“ - five new programme areas

Pilot projects in the field of

- ❖ Civic engagement and diversity at the **workplace**
- ❖ Promotion of democracy in the **educational sector**
- ❖ Living together in a **diverse society**
- ❖ Strengthening the engagement in the **internet** – against online hate speech
- ❖ Prevention and de-radicalisation in **prison and probation**



II.

Specific measures regarding Anti-Gypsyism



Local Partnerships for Democracy and their Work against Anti-Gypsyism

Individual measures in the field of countering anti-gypsyism

- ❖ More than 30 different individual measures which address anti-gypsyism were funded from 2015 to 2017
- ❖ Local Partnerships for Democracy in 10 federal states were involved
- ❖ All projects are small scale and address varying topics: National Socialism, war in Kosovo, stereotypes and prejudices, current living situations, Roma-culture etc.
- ❖ Especially young people are addressed
- ❖ The main aim of all projects is to counter stereotypes and prejudices



Structural Development of NGOs:

Documentation and Cultural Centre of German Sinti and Roma

- ❖ Receives funding for structural development
- ❖ Funding runs from March 2015 until the end of 2019
- ❖ Aims are to establish structures
 - (a) for historical and political education and empowerment on a national level
 - (b) for the prevention of anti-gypsyism
 - (c) to widen the scope of action



Pilot Projects

- ❖ Nine pilot projects
- ❖ Projects receive funding from 2015 until the end of 2019
- ❖ Aims are to draw attention to anti-gypsyism, to counter prejudices and stereotypes and to develop empowerment and counselling structures
- ❖ Mainly young people are addressed
- ❖ New methods and approaches in countering anti-gypsyism are developed and tested



Conference „Everyday is Romaday“

- ❖ Support for the conference “Everyday is Romaday”
- ❖ Occasion: Fifth anniversary of the opening of the memorial to the Sinti and Roma who were murdered under National Socialism
- ❖ Intended to generate recommendations
- ❖ Strengthening of networks



III.

Lessons learned and aspects applicable in the European Enlargement Region



Lessons learned and aspects applicable in the European Enlargement Region

- ❖ High regard for civil society: Promoting local initiatives, fostering networks, using the valuable expertise
- ❖ Long-term funding for NGOs and acknowledgement of failure as part of the process
- ❖ Broad range of target groups: youth, multipliers, educators, teachers etc.
- ❖ Aims: Prevention of discrimination as well as empowerment



Thank you very much for your attention!



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