



## **EUROPEAN PROJECT CISDO (2022-2024)**

### **Inter-police and social cooperation against hate crimes**

CERV-2022-EQUAL

#### Study Visit to Finland: May 10 and 11, 2023

#### **The Spanish delegation of the European project CISDO travels to Finland to learn about the country's experience in preventing and combating hate crimes**

On May 10 and 11, 2023, the Spanish delegation of the [European project CISDO, of inter-police and social cooperation against hate crimes](#), will travel to the cities of Helsinki and Tampere, in Finland, to learn about the experience of Finnish institutions in the prevention and fight against hate crimes.

Understanding the measures adopted, deepening on inter-institutional relations to overcome the underreporting of this type of crime, learning about the academic research projects being carried out in this field, as well as identifying examples of good practices in collaboration with civil society organizations representing victims, are some of the objectives set for this study tour. Representatives of the Spanish institutions and organizations partners of the project will participate: the Spanish Observatory of Racism and Xenophobia (OBERAXE), of the Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration, project leader; the National Office for Combating Hate Crimes (ONDOD), of the Ministry of the Interior; the University of Salamanca; the City Council of Mostoles, the City Council of Palencia and CIDALIA, a diversity consultant.

Within the framework of this trip, meetings are planned with the Directorate General of the Police Division for the Prevention and Fight against Hate Crimes of Finland, with the Public Prosecutor's Office, the Ombudsman and the heads of the Police University College POLAMK, partners of the CISDO project, and responsible for the training, research and development of the officers of the police departments of Finland.

#### **General information about the project**

[The European project CISDO, Inter-police and social cooperation against hate crime](#), is co-funded by the European Commission's Citizenship, Equality, Rights and Values Program (CERV EQUAL 2022). It aims at improving the capacities of police forces at national and local level to combat hate crimes and xenophobic and racist incidents, in collaboration with civil society.

The specific objectives are to increase cooperation and information exchange between law enforcement agencies and civil society organizations specialized in dealing with victims of hate crimes, as well as to foster a sustained relationship of trust and mutual knowledge to effectively prevent and combat hate crimes and help victims to overcome their fears to report these crimes.

Led by the Spanish Observatory on Racism and Xenophobia (OBERAXE), the project partners are: Spanish National Office Against Hate Crimes (ONDOD) of the Ministry of the Interior; the University of Salamanca; the City Council of Mostoles, the City Council of Palencia; the Police College of Finland (POLAMK) and CIDALIA, a diversity consultancy.



This European project, which began in February 2023, will last for two years, until December 2024. It is inspired by the CLARA, PROXIMITY and FIRIR projects and is aligned with the II Action Plan against Hate Crimes 2022-2024, with the Integral Strategy against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and other related forms of intolerance of the Government of Spain and with the Action Plan against Racism 2020-2025 of the European Union.

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