



EUROPEAN NETWORK
FOR NON-VIOLENCE
AND DIALOGUE





We are a network of people from all over Europe. We value the trust that can be built between people, constructive and open exchange of ideas based on mutual recognition, respect and solidarity. We believe dialogue is a nonviolent path to dealing with conflicts and differences as well as an effective instrument to achieving consensus. We strive for democracy and peace. When society does not waste its resources on hate and violence, it can use dialogue to increase cohesion and quality of life.

Increasing pessimism about the future and anxiety in our societies are being exploited by ideologues who promote division and intolerance. This is why we are concerned about increasing polarisation, physical and verbal violence, hate speech, intolerance, social isolation of marginalised groups, erosion of human rights advocacy and radicalisation of various groups of society. We believe that it is necessary for both private and public spheres to become safe spaces for dialogue.

We want to encourage civic participation, and promote activities that bring people with differing opinions together rather than divide them. We aim to help like-minded initiatives learn from each other and to encourage new ways of cooperation between them. This network is open to all who share these values; whether established organizations, new projects, informal groups or individuals.

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The purpose of this network is to provide support to members, including interdisciplinary exchange of good practice, advocacy of common goals and expressions of solidarity with civic actors under duress.

What we do:

- **Promote citizen participation.** Create resources and campaigns to encourage greater participation in public and political life;
- **Support and engage in dialogue.** Provide space and create conditions for constructive, open and peaceful exchange of ideas;
- **Develop civic skills.** Teach competencies essential for informed and active citizens in today's complex globalized world, including media literacy, critical and creative thinking;
- **Provide support for civic and political actors.** Create and implement trainings that build capacity of civic actors for dialogue and non-violent action;
- **Encourage responsibility in the media, online and offline communication.** Research, create campaigns and insist on the highest standards of ethics.

Our initiative started as a cooperation between European civic actors who were concerned about polarisation across societies. Increasing misunderstandings between people, growing hatred towards one another, the inability to understand “others” and diminishing quality of public dialogue have left us concerned about the future we will be facing. Together we aim to contribute to the depolarizing societies by promoting initiatives that lead to non-violent communication and coexistence of different groups.