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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE IMMIGRANTS TO FIGHT AGAINST HATE SPEECH

The proposals were built according to information collected from anonymous surveys conducted for the project #Migramyths-desmystifying immigration, in 2020 and 2021.

How to prevent and fight hate speech against the immigrant community in Portugal?

- 1.** Independent bodies should investigate the complaints filed. Relevant or recidivist cases should be punished.
- 2.** Implement laws to punish people / organizations that spread hate speech and publish information about those laws.
- 3.** Spread real data about immigration.
- 4.** Implement "racial reparation" policies such as racial quotas in public tenders.
- 5.** The government should divulge reporting channels.
- 6.** Develop a more secure/effective reporting channel.
- 7.** Promote the inclusion of immigrants (above all the immigrants from Lusophone countries) to work in the education area. Invest in teachers and trainers who are more tolerant, who value and learn from diverse cultures.
- 8.** Provide training for public servants.
- 9.** Advertising and encourage the hiring of immigrants.
- 10.** Promote campaigns against hate speech that also inform about reporting channels.
- 11.** Foster education and demystification of stereotypes.
- 12.** Instruct public institutions (schools, public security bodies, etc) to deal with the subject. After that, develop programs for preventing and educating about the theme, acknowledging racist/xenophobic/misogynistic terms, and proposing ways of dealing with these topics – also publicise these programs in social media. Raise awareness about how to be "anti-hate crime," above all, at schools, to transform the next generation.

13. Criminalize hate speech (it cannot be an infraction; it must be a crime).
14. Develop programs in Parish Councils to foster interaction among people.
15. Ensure efficient moderation of content in social media and establish assertive/clear rules about what hate speech is.
16. Articulate a dialogue among public institutions, departments, and media bodies to raise awareness about the theme.
17. Promote intercultural programs in the public education system.
18. Build cultural / pedagogical / sports programs to promote the interaction among Portuguese people and immigrants.
19. Develop and promote cultural incentives for projects composed by artists from Portugal and from abroad.

Reading suggestion:

Hate speech and immigration in Portugal. Diagnosis produced by the project #Migramyths-desmystifying immigration. 2nd edition.

[Access the link](#)