

Platform for Voice

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Objectives:

- * To identify key messages that can amplify the voice of minority and migrant communities in Italy
- * To draw out the commonalities facing minorities in four countries specifically to make a powerful counter narrative against the rush by politicians for “easy votes” by scapegoating those who are least powerful
- * To provide the platform for voice amongst those marginalized from the centre of power by identifying and communicating key messages to combat racist and xenophobic speech by those seeking (re)election in European election in 25th May 2014

Activities:

- * Discussions and forums in Greece, UK, Italy and the Netherlands with organisations representing migrants and minorities to identify common issues that they face
- * Development of [5-10 key messages based on the discussions in each country](#). Key messages are able to be used post-election by groups and organisations advocating on behalf of migrants and minorities
- * Creating and implementing a communications plan for cascading and disseminating the key messages through virtual platforms, networks and country media to counteract racist and xenophobic speech

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Results:

- * Platform for Voice – [Antiracism Forum Palermo](#)
- * The establishment of a [critical mass of groups, organisations, individuals from the 4 countries to advocate on those who are furthest away from power](#)
- * Learning on how those who are seldom heard and/or find it difficult to provide counter narratives to xenophobic speech can be heard in election campaigns
- * The establishment of a network and relationships between the 4 country organisations and migrant and minority groups and others involved in supporting or advocating on their behalf

Partners:

- * Coordinator: International Alert (United Kingdom)
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- * Commission for Filipino Migrant Workers (The Netherlands)
- * CESIE (Italy)

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