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Executive summary

This document is the deliverable **D23 “University lectures”** of project Hatemeter, finalised within **Activity 5.4 “Disseminating and communicating project information and results”** and one of the main deliverables of **WP no. 5 “Training, dissemination and sustainability strategy”**.

This deliverable describes the **content** and **context (when and where)** of lectures about Hatemeter activities, as well as **the number of people** participated in the lectures.

1. Introduction

Project “Hatemeter - Hate speech tool for monitoring, analysing and tackling anti-Muslim hatred online” aims at **systematising, augmenting and sharing knowledge of anti-Muslim hatred online**, and at increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of NGOs in **preventing and tackling Islamophobia** at the EU level, by developing and testing an **ICT tool (i.e., Hatemeter Platform)** that **automatically monitors and analyses Internet and social media data** on the phenomenon, and **produces computer-assisted responses and hints** to support **counter-narratives** and **awareness raising campaigns**.

More specifically, backed by a strong interdisciplinary effort (criminology, social sciences, computer sciences, statistics, and law), the Hatemeter Platform uses a combination of **natural language processing (NLP), machine learning, and big data analytics/visualization** to:

- A. identify and systematise in real-time actual “red flags” of anti-Muslim hate speech and/or possible related threats online (**Real-time Identification**);
- B. understand and assess the sets of features and patterns associated with trends of Islamophobia online (**In-depth Understanding**);
- C. develop an effective tactical/strategic planning against anti-Muslim hatred online through the adoption of the innovative Computer Assisted Persuasion (CAP) approach (**Tactical/Strategic Response**);
- D. produce an effective counter-narrative framework for preventing and tackling Islamophobia online and building knowledge-based and tailored awareness raising campaigns (**Counter-Narratives Production**).

The Hatemeter Platform has been **piloted and tested in three NGOs of EU Member States (MSs)** where the magnitude of the problem is considerable but no systematic responses have been implemented (**France, Italy and the United Kingdom**), thus enabling Project Hatemeter to address several objectives of the **Annual Colloquium on Fundamental Rights “Tolerance and respect: preventing and combating anti-Semitic and anti-Muslim hatred in Europe”** and the **European Agenda on Security (2015)**, as well as the **priorities** of the REC call of proposals.

In order to strengthen **cooperation** between key actors and to ensure the **widest circulation** and **long term impact** of the project results on future research streams and operational strategies, the project favoured **capacity building and training** and the **sustainability and transferability** of the Hatemeter Platform among **other target stakeholder groups** (e.g., LEAs, journalists/media, etc.) across the EU and for **other forms of hate speech**, through the building of the **“EU laboratory on Internet and social media for countering online anti-Muslim hate speech”** (i.e., Hatemeter Lab).

2. University lectures

2.1 Lecture at the Faculty of Law of the University of Trento

When:	10 th October 2018
Where:	Trento (Italy)
Number of participants:	Around 100
Brief description:	Elisa Martini (University of Trento) presented project Hatemeter within the course of Criminology

2.2 Lecture at Science Po

When:	7 th March 2019
Where:	Paris (France)
Number of participants:	Around 20
Brief description:	Professor Jen Schradie (Toulouse 1 University Capitole) presented first results of project Hatemeter within the seminar course "Immigrants, Islamophobia and Online Hate Speech".

2.3 Prove tecniche di umanità. Come reagire al razzismo e ai discorsi d'odio, University of Trento

When:	13 th March 2019
Where:	Trento (Italy)
Number of participants:	50
Brief description:	Elisa Martini (University of Trento) and Martina Chichi (Amnesty International Italia) participated and spoken at a university lecture on the topic of online and offline hate speech and racism.

2.4. Lecture at the Department of Psychology and Cognitive Sciences of the University of Trento

When:	18 th March 2019
Where:	Rovereto (Italy)
Number of participants:	Around 40
Brief description:	Gabriele Baratto (University of Trento) presented project Hatemeter within the course of Design for Social Inclusion at the Master Degree in Human-Computer Interaction.

2.5. Lecture at Mshs-T of Toulouse 1 University Capitole

When:	27 th March 2019
Where:	Toulouse (France)
Number of participants:	30
Brief description:	Professor Jen Schradie (Toulouse 1 University Capitole) and Mario Laurent (Science Po of Paris) presented first results of project Hatemeter within the seminar “Discours de haine et radicalisation en ligne” at the Maison des Sciences de l’Homme et de la Société de Toulouse – MSHS-T.

2.6. Lecture at the Department of Psychology and Cognitive Sciences of the University of Trento

When:	16 th May 2019
Where:	Rovereto (Italy)
Number of participants:	Around 40
Brief description:	Elisa Martini (University of Trento) presented project Hatemeter within the course of Socio Territorial Work (Mod. 2) at the Bachelor’s Degree in Professional Education of the Department of Biomedical and Surgical Sciences of the University of Ferrara – branch office in Rovereto.

2.7. Lecture at the “Martino Martini” High School

When:	11 th September 2019
Where:	Mezzolombardo (Italy)
Number of participants:	Around 30
Brief description:	Sara Tonelli (FBK) presented project Hatemeter and illustrated the topic of hate speech at the third and fourth year students of the “Martino Martini” high school in Mezzolombardo (Italy).

2.8. Lecture at the University 1 Toulouse Capitole

When:	21 st November 2019
Where:	Toulouse (France)
Number of participants:	Around 200 students
Brief description:	During the last lesson of his course “Sociology”, Professor Jérôme Ferret spoke about “New perspectives on digital studies: Hatemeter'project”.

2.9. Lecture at Teesside University

When:	23 rd January 2020
Where:	Middlesbrough (UK)
Number of participants:	20
Brief description:	Georgios A. Antonopoulos (Teesside University) presented project Hatemeter within the course of Criminology (module: Race, Crime and Social Exclusion)