

# PROXIMITY POLICING

## AGAINST RACISM, XENOPHOBIA AND OTHER FORMS OF INTOLERANCE



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### **Objective:**

increasing the capacities of local authorities and especially municipal police to identify and face racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance phenomena.

### **Project duration:**

from April 2017 to March 2019.

### **Project website:**

<http://www.proximitypolicing.eu>

# What is the proximity policing?

**The proximity policing** is not only an organizational model of the police services but rather a work philosophy for the provision of this public service.

**The proximity policing** works in a specific district/ neighbourhood with a proactive approach to crime prevention and to the security of the entire population, through building ties and working closely with members of the communities, minority and ethnic groups, women's and LGBT associations and NGOs.

## Why does the local police contribute to the prevention of racism and xenophobia?

**The proximity police** promotes a greater knowledge of the environment where they provide services (neighbourhood/district/city) and a closer relationship with the local community and its social organizations, contributing to a better understanding of the community and to a more efficient action in case of racist or xenophobic incidents.

## What will this project achieve?

**Increase awareness and consciousness of local authorities and proximity police regarding their key role in combating racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance and improve effective tools to tackle these phenomena.**

**Mutual Learning and experience exchange among different proximity polices from European cities.**

**Strengthen the implication and participation of the civil society and of vulnerable groups through closer links between communities and proximity police.**

**Improvement of the actions and strategies to combat racism and xenophobia in European cities.**

# Outcomes

**Comparative study** on best practices in selected European cities, about services and structures dealing with racism and xenophobia at local level.

Practical **toolkit** for proximity policing to prevent, detect and manage racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance.

**Mutual learning workshop** for proximity policing based on the toolkit and good practices.

**Local action plan and protocols** for tackling racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance at local level.

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## Coordinator

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## Partners



Ministry of Justice. Anti-discrimination and Fundamental Rights Team. Finland

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## Associate Partners

European Coalition of Cities  
Against Racism (ECCAR)



European Network of  
Policewomen (ENP)



Ministry of Interior of Spain



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