



CHAMPIONS

Cooperative Harmonised Action Model to Stop Polarisation in Our Nations

COOPERATE / COMMUNICATE / COLLABORATE



PROJECT BACKGROUND

CHAMPIONS will establish permanent offline working groups combining first-line-practitioners (FLPs) of different disciplines, professions and institutions, to jointly counter polarisation, build resilience and protect vulnerable groups in their local communities. FLPs will be trained to build capacity and to design programmes for addressing the drivers of polarisation and to overcome institutional barriers.

Their actions not only directly affect vulnerable individuals, but also the wider community as well as local and national policy-makers. Facilitated through an online platform, the long-term aim of the project is to transfer the CHAMPIONS pilot model to other communities across the EU. For that purpose, synergies with related EU-funded projects, platforms and networks will be established.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES



INCREASE the awareness of first-line-practitioners from Romania, Poland, Hungary and Germany.



ENHANCE the capabilities of local level inter-organisational collaboration and improve information sharing.



SHARE local and EU-level good practices among first-line practitioners for EU-wide knowledge exchange.



FACILITATE access to relevant resources, videos and online trainings for improving professional skills.



ESTABLISH onsite models of cooperation to improve information sharing, detection and response to polarisation.



DEVELOP the skills to counter polarisation and to encourage societal cohesion through offline and online training.



IMPROVE capabilities for building trust between civil society organisations, communities and practitioners.



UTILISE moderate voices and key influencers in the community for impactful awareness-raising activities.



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PROJECT FACTS

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Programme

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