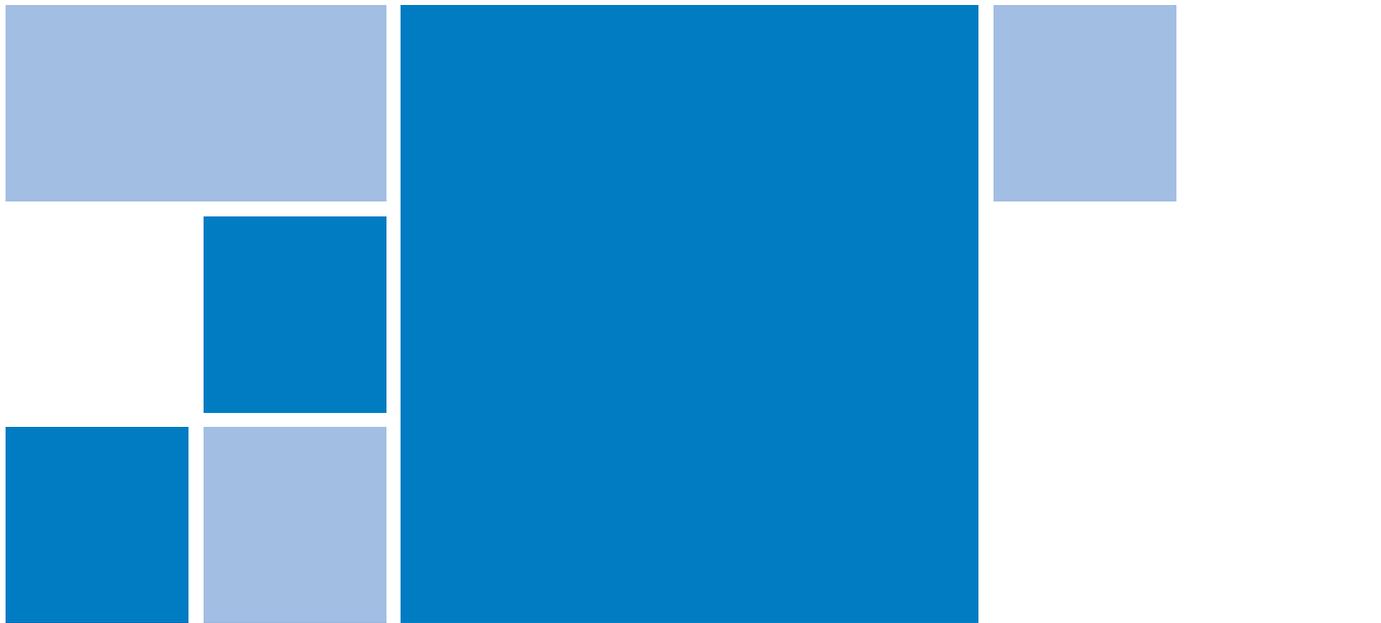




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# ANNUAL REPORT 2019



## FOREWORD

From the perspective of the Board of the European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (ETC), 2019 was perhaps the most thrilling working year in the organisation's 20-year history. In the last annual report, we gave an account of the ETC's new orientation as UNESCO Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights at the Local Level, which was unilaterally decided by the UNESCO General Assembly in late 2017. Although the founding activities for the Centre characterised the year 2018, the legal act of founding was delayed by almost a year to October 2019. As a result, the work programme could not be ratified and the budget already provided could not be used. Due to this situation, the Board as well as the team were faced with serious economic challenges. Thanks to drastic measures, the unbelievable loyalty of employees and the generous support of friends, service providers, the City of Graz and the Province of Styria, the ETC was not only able to survive but could also showcase an impressive range of outputs.

Several structural changes ensued on the organizational level. Thanks to the cooperation between the ETC (as the operational core of the UNESCO Centre) and the Fund for the Promotion of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels, the ETC was granted the status of tax-reduced donation beneficiary. Therefore, donations to support the Human Rights Centre in Graz have been fully deductible from income tax since mid-2019 in line with § 4a Income Tax Act (*Einkommenssteuergesetz, EStG*). It was necessary to reduce the size of our team, which is now coordinated by our colleague Alexandra Stocker. New governing bodies were elected. Meanwhile, the work programme has been focused entirely on human rights agendas at the local level.

In regard to research, we worked on numerous projects at the European level. In particular, we investigated people's practical justice experiences in order to visualise them in the European Landscapes of Justice. The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights commissioned us with a series of research projects on the fundamental rights situation in Austria; the Province of Styria commissioned the Children's Office and the ETC to jointly develop a Children's Rights Monitor and to conduct a pilot study in the field of regional development.

The ETC was particularly engaged in capacity-building, encompassing teaching, professional trainings and consulting services for local and regional governments. As such, it was possible to complete the first phase of the policy handbooks series "Toolkit for Inclusive Cities" in cooperation with UNESCO Egypt and a total of 17 Arabic cities. The first volume was published at the end of the year. Together with the UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Human Security at the University of Graz, the publication series "Human Rights Go Local" was established and its first volume presented together with the Toolkit at the World Urban Forum 10 in Abu Dhabi. At the European level, the project GUARANTEE is worth mentioning with its goal is to realise the right to education for Roma children, especially via measures against early school-leaving and measures to combat racism. Another project aims to support primary school students, teachers, school principals and parents with the implementation of whole-school-approaches in human rights education at ten locations in Styria. Furthermore, a series of trainings and continuing education programmes were conducted for staff members of the City of Graz, justice representatives, teachers, and others.

It was possible to make available a considerable number of publications, particularly reports written in the framework of the European research project ETHOS and in the framework of projects conducted for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.

## OUTLOOK

The work programme for 2020 already mirrors the high degree of continuity which is aspired by the Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels. Heidi Bassin, Gerd Oberleitner and Klaus Starl were re-elected as the ETC Board by the General Assembly. The work programme encompasses the continuation of educational programmes for Roma children, a training course for representatives of African local governments, a series of seminars for representatives of Arab cities, as well as the preparation of a seminar programme for the exchange of expert knowledge and experiences from across the globe. The implementation of the Children's Rights Monitor is planned as well. The second volume of the publication series "Human Rights Go Local" on the topic of research methods for human rights research at the local level is currently being written.

The UNESCO Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels, together with the UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Human Security, puts all its efforts under the motto:

*Moderating exchange*

*Facilitating implementation*

*Building bridges between the international and the local*

We are looking forward to a productive year 2020!

Heidi Bassin, Gerd Oberleitner und Klaus Starl

## POSTSCRIPT IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS

COVID-19, an unprecedented pandemic, is keeping the whole world in suspense and has reached us in the final editing phase of this report. On these grounds we will have to revise our ambitious plans. Firstly, this is required because of thematic reasons as the pandemic has dramatic human rights implications, which particularly affect local and regional authorities. Secondly, this revision is necessary due to methodological reasons, as we wish to digitalise a large part of our work programme and offer it in the virtual world.

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## RESEARCH

### **HUMAN RIGHTS GO LOCAL PUBLICATION SERIES**

A new publication series was started in 2019, jointly edited by the UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Human Security at the University of Graz and the UNESCO Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels. The series allows researchers, new voices, and practitioners to contribute to the debate on the interlinkages between human rights and global policy frameworks, such as the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda. It will also showcase how these very interlinkages can guide us towards creating inclusive, resilient, safe, and sustainable urban spaces and regions. The first volume, "Implementing Human Rights and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the Local Level: Key Issues and Examples" discusses three fundamental questions: What are the interlinkages between human rights and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and what practical implications does this relationship have for the local level? How do local level authorities, such as Human Rights Cities, (concurrently) implement human rights and the Sustainable Development Goals in practice? Which governance levels are practically involved in the implementation of human rights and the international development agenda at the local level and how do they interact and influence each other? The volume will be published in early 2020.

### **ETHOS - TOWARDS A EUROPEAN THEORY OF JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS**

ETHOS is a multi-disciplinary research project that ran from January 2017 to December 2019, funded by the European Commission under Horizon2020 (Grant Agreement no. 727112). In early 2019 the second annual conference took place in Budapest. In the final year, the ETC completed its research and dissemination activities, culminating in the final stakeholder conference at the Austrian Broadcasting Service (*ORF Steiermark*) held in November. The conference brought together over 80 stakeholders from policy, academia, media, and civil society to discuss the implications of theoretical and empirical findings from six partner countries on justice in Europe. More information is available at [www.ethos-europe.eu](http://www.ethos-europe.eu) and <https://ethosjustice.wordpress.com>

### **RACCOMBAT - PREVENTING AND COMBATING RACISM AND XENOPHOBIA THROUGH SOCIAL ORIENTATION OF NON-NATIONALS**

RACCOMBAT is a research project that ran from September 2017 to June 2019, funded by the European Commission DG Justice (Grant Agreement no. 764664). In 2019, the final stages of research were completed and best practice trainings were organized in all partner countries based on research findings. In April, a training took place in Vienna introducing members from institutions and organisations working with newcomers to the main findings of the research and to the guidelines developed for service provision for newcomers. The final stakeholder conference took place in May in Sofia (Bulgaria), gathering international representatives from institutions and NGOs, as well as researchers from six partner countries. The developed guidelines and more information can be found here: <http://raccombat-project.eu/guidelines/>

**FRANET –****EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS (FRA) RESEARCH NETWORK**

The ETC is the National Focal Point (NFP) for Austria in the FRANET research network, hosted by the European Union's Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA). As NFP, the ETC conducts screenings, fieldwork, and in-depth research on a variety of topics. Eight such research projects were undertaken in 2019 with main focus on the asylum system in Austria and the European Union. As such, research topics included legal aid in return procedures, fundamental rights in the asylum procedure, and border management and human rights. In November, the ETC organised a conference on "New developments in victims' protection and protection against violence in Austria and the EU" together with the Higher Regional Court Graz and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights. Austrian research results from a FRANET study on the topic were presented and recommendations were discussed together with members of the judiciary, the police, and NGOs. More information on the FRANET research network is available at <http://fra.europa.eu/en/research/franet>

**CHILDREN'S RIGHTS MONITOR IN STYRIA (KINDERRECHTEMONITOR)**

The project to monitor children's rights in Styria began in late 2017 and is funded by the Province of Styria (*Land Steiermark*). The ETC was commissioned to assist the Children's Office (*Kinderbüro – die Lobby für Menschen bis 14*) to develop a research methodology and indicators that allow for the monitoring of the implementation of children's rights. The objective is to determine to what extent children in Styria are guaranteed their rights as outlined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. In 2019, structure and process indicators were developed, fieldwork was conducted in Liezen, and the draft report on the pilot implementation was completed. More information is available here: <https://kinderbuero.at/neuigkeit/ein-kinderrechte-monitor-fuer-die-steiermark-pilotphase-in-arbeit/>

## CAPACITY-BUILDING, TRAININGS, CONSULTING

### **TOWARDS INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES IN THE ARAB REGION (TISCA)**

The project TISCA was initiated in 2017 and is a cooperation between the ETC, UNESCO, the UNESCO field office in Cairo, the Arab Institute for Human Rights and the International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities (ICCAR). With the objective to develop local capacities for inclusive and sustainable cities in the Arab region, the cooperation initiated the elaboration of the “Toolkit for Urban Inclusion in Arab Cities”. In March 2019, a workshop was held in Amman (Jordan) under the auspices of the city’s Mayor, with representatives from UNESCO’s Coalition of Arab Cities against Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Intolerance, in which the content of the Toolkit was presented and discussed. The Toolkit will be launched at the World Urban Forum 2020 in Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates). More information is available here: <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/cairo/social-and-human-sciences/toolkit-for-urban-inclusion-in-arab-cities-sports-citizenship-and-human-rights/>

### **CAPACITY BUILDING FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES IN AFRICA**

The cooperation between the ETC and the United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG) and the African Local Government Academy (ALGA) began in 2017 with the goal of supporting local and regional authorities with training and capacity building. In 2019, a curriculum for the joint ALGA college for professionals in local governance was developed titled “Promoting human rights, democracy and diversity at the local level”. The curriculum covers a broad range of issues based on best practices and insights on human rights at the local level, many of which also touch on the Toolkit for Equality (TKE). More information is available here: <http://www.etc-graz.at/typo3/index.php?id=1379>

### **ECCAR TOOLKIT FOR EQUALITY – ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICIES SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED**

ECCAR, the European Coalition of Cities against Racism, is an UNESCO initiative that was started in 2004. It is a network of cities that aim to improve policies against racism, discrimination and xenophobia through the exchange of good practices to make cities inclusive and sustainable. Graz has been a member of ECCAR since 2006 and committed to the ECCAR 10 points action plan. The ETC, together with ECCAR and UNESCO’s International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities (ICCAR), developed a practical toolkit for local level authorities on how to successfully implement anti-discrimination policies. Twelve chapters are available in eight languages. In 2019, a new chapter on “Sports for Integration and Inclusion” was drafted by the ETC based on input from a workshop held in Graz in late 2018, which drew together city representatives from Bologna (Italy), Esch-sur-Alzette (Luxembourg), Graz, and Potsdam (Germany). More information is available here: <https://www.eccar.info/en/eccar-toolkit-equality>

### **GUARANTEE - GUARANTEEING THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION FOR ROMA CHILDREN IN SELECTED EUROPEAN CITIES**

GUARANTEE is a project funded by the European Commission DG Justice (Grant Agreement no. 848688) and is carried out by four partners in Austria, Bulgaria, and Germany. The project runs from September 2019 to August 2021. The objective is to promote the children’s right to education by preventing school dropout and promoting the transition to secondary/vocational schools, with particular focus on communication between Roma and non-Roma youth in Bulgaria. This is achieved through action research in Plovdiv (Bulgaria) and Dortmund (Germany), peer-to-peer trainings of professionals, and learning activities for girls and boys in Plovdiv and Dortmund. The kick-off meeting was held in Graz in early October. More information is available here: <http://www.etc-graz.at/typo3/index.php?id=1385>

## **HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS - “OUR HUMAN RIGHTS SCHOOL” (UNSERE MENSCHENRECHTSSCHULE)**

“Our Human Rights School” is a project for human rights education at primary schools, which is funded by the Province of Styria (*Land Steiermark*) and realized by the ETC in cooperation with the University College of Teacher Education Styria (*Pädagogische Hochschule Steiermark*), the City of Graz (*Stadt Graz*) and ten primary schools in Styria. It was established on the basis of a successful pilot project implemented at the Geidorf primary school in Graz and now sees the extension to further schools in the region. The existing concept was amended in a participatory manner, the Toolbox “human rights education for primary schools” for teachers was improved and corresponding guideline for teachers and school authorities was created. Students from the University College of Teacher Education Styria began the evaluation of the findings based on interviews with over 500 primary school students; the ETC provides scientific support. More information is available here: <http://menschenrechtsschule.at/>

## **TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONAL GROUPS AND MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY**

The Anti-Discrimination Office Styria (*Antidiskriminierungsstelle Steiermark*), together with the Province of Styria (*Land Steiermark*) and the City of Graz (*Stadt Graz*) initiated a service for the prevention of extremism in Styria (*Extremismuspräventionsstelle Steiermark*). This service, NEXT, bundles national and international expertise on the topic and provides guidance for preventing and combatting extremism. In May and November, the ETC held two workshops with partner networks and organisations to create a catalogue of intervention measures and to establish a work programme for the coming years. The ETC provides scientific guidance to the initiative. The establishment of an expert body, a catalogue of services, and various campaigning activities are planned for 2020.

In October, a training on equality law for prospective judges was held at the Higher Regional Court, co-organised by the ETC, the Ombud for Equal Treatment Styria (*Gleichbehandlungsanwaltschaft Regionalbüro Steiermark*) and the Chamber of Labour (*Arbeiterkammer*). In 2019, the training covered Austrian equality law, human rights and European law foundations, as well as case studies from different institutions. 17 prospective judges attended from Styria and Carinthia.

The City of Graz (*Stadt Graz*) commissioned the ETC to hold two training courses on sexual harassment at the workplace. The sessions were held in October and November and aimed to persons of trust working in local administration. Issues covered included an introduction into the legal foundations of sexual harassment as an unlawful offense, various case scenarios at the workplace, as well as preventative measures and interventions.

As was the case in the past years, the ETC also held a series of workshops and trainings for various multipliers in organisations and schools, including for the Caritas Academy, the University College of Teacher Education Styria, the Association for Men and Gender Issues, and the Coordination Centre for Gender Studies and Equal Opportunities. In 2019, topics covered included discrimination, hate speech, civil courage, and extremism in the classroom, human rights, and human rights education. Also, the human rights city tour was offered again, highlighting noteworthy locations around Graz and linking to their contemporary significance. The full breadth of workshops held can be found in the section “Events, presentations, workshops”.

## **UNIVERSITY LECTURE SERIES AND STUDY GROUP: “INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS”**

In the academic year 19/20, the lecture series on human rights held at the University of Graz was resumed. The series is held in cooperation with the UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Human Security and offers students theoretical and practical approaches to human rights. Linked to this lecture series is an accompanying study group on “Introduction to human rights education”.

More information can be found at <https://trainingszentrum-menschenrechte.uni-graz.at/de/studieren/lehrveranstaltungen/ringlehrveranstaltung-einfuehrung-in-die-menschenrechte/>

## HUMAN RIGHTS CITY OF GRAZ AND MUNICIPAL HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Since 2007, there has been a Municipal Human Rights Council in the City of Graz. The ETC acts as the office for this Council and is the central coordinating and contact point. As such, the ETC coordinates several working groups revolving around human rights monitoring, reporting, and various thematic activities. More information on the Council is available here: <https://www.graz.at/cms/beitrag/10153819/7771489/>

### HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORING REPORT OF THE CITY OF GRAZ (MENSCHENRECHTSBERICHT DER STADT GRAZ)

Human rights monitoring and reporting activities began in 2007 in one of the working groups. The 2019 report is the twelfth in a series of annual reports and was presented to the public on Human Rights Day, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019. It was compiled by a working group of five members of the Human Rights Council in cooperation with the ETC. The report evaluates the implementation of human rights-relevant recommendations made to the city in previous reports. Key topics include public spaces, political participation of persons with disabilities, security, racism and discrimination, youth work, and prevention of and combatting extremism. There are two versions of the report, one elaborate and one easy-to-read. Both can be accessed here: [https://www.graz.at/cms/beitrag/10152653/7771447/Menschenrechtsberichte\\_der\\_Stadt\\_Graz.html](https://www.graz.at/cms/beitrag/10152653/7771447/Menschenrechtsberichte_der_Stadt_Graz.html)

### YOUTH PLATFORM “KNOW YOUR RIGHTS” (KENNE DEINE RECHTE)

Kenne deine Rechte is the online youth platform of the Council and was established in 2010. It offers young persons between 14 and 24 the resources and outlet to research and report on human rights issues relevant to them. The project is financed by the City of Graz (*Stadt Graz*) and the Province of Styria (*Land Steiermark*), as well as by Paragraph-Software GmbH and Energie Graz. Participants receive thematic input on journalism and human rights and regularly attend events, make videos, host competitions, and raise awareness for human rights among their peers. 19 participants took part in the 2018/19 project round and 22 are part of the 2019/2020 team. On 20 May 2019, the project was awarded the esteemed Bruno Kreisky Prize for Human Rights (*Bruno Kreisky Preis für Verdienste um die Menschenrechte*). The prize honours initiatives and projects with particularly noteworthy merit for the implementation, promotion and development of human rights. The annual report on activities can be found on the project website (in German): <http://kennedeinerechte.at/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/KdR-T%C3%A4tigkeitsbericht1819-web.pdf>

### SHORT FILMS AGAINST HATE SPEECH

Starting in 2016/2017, *Kenne deine Rechte* has received annual funding from the Austrian Society for Political Education to produce video spots on thematically relevant subjects relating to human rights. For the project round 2018/2019, the series “A day without human rights” was developed by the participants. In the series, four videos were conceptualized, written and produced covering the right to education, the right to fair trial, the right to be presumed innocent, and the right to freedom of information. For the project year 2019/20, two further videos are planned, also touching on the current issues of climate change and the environment. Videos from previous series in this project can be found here: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN-1Yju-GkA3\\_GU6UWPKN1g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN-1Yju-GkA3_GU6UWPKN1g)

**STYRIAN WEEK ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS (STEIRISCHE KINDERRECHTEWOCHE)**

For the third year counting, *Kenne deine Rechte* has participated in the Styrian Week on Children's Rights as coordinating member. In the week surrounding the International Day of Children's Rights (20<sup>th</sup> November), the Styrian Advocacy for Children and Adolescents (*Kinder- und Jugendanwaltschaft Steiermark*), the Children's Office (*Kinderbüro*), *beteiligung.st* and *Kenne deine Rechte* organise events that seek to raise awareness for children's rights. Besides exhibitions and participatory activities for students, the first Children's Rights Song Contest was held in 2019. More information is available here: <http://www.kija.steiermark.at/cms/ziel/152601593/DE>

## EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS

### JANUARY

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- 16-19** Second annual ETHOS Conference in Budapest, Hungary
- 24** Workshop on “Introduction to human rights” at the Women’s Service Centre in Graz

### FEBRUARY

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- 02** Lecture series “Introduction to human rights” held at the University of Graz
- 08** Panel discussion at book presentation on “Regional human rights practice” held at the city library of Graz
- 14** Kick-off meeting for FRANET research projects held at the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights in Vienna

### MARCH

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- 03-07** Workshop on the “Toolkit for Urban Inclusion in Arab Cities” with representatives from UNESCO’s Coalition of Arab Cities against Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Intolerance held in Amman, Jordan
- 22** Workshop “*Stammtischparolen*” for Caritas Academy in Graz
- 29** ECCAR meeting of the Scientific Advisory Council in Paris, France

### APRIL

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- 09** RACCOMBAT training for stakeholders on best practice and main project findings in Vienna
- 10** Human rights city tour held for the Institute of History at the University of Graz
- 26** Human rights city tour held for BG/BRG Lichtenfels grammar school in Graz

### MAY

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- 09** Seminar on methodologies for “combatting extremism in the classroom” held at PH Graz
  - 13-15** RACCOMBAT final project conference held in Sofia, Bulgaria
  - 20** Project *Kenne deine Rechte* awarded the Bruno Kreisky Prize for Human Rights in Vienna
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**JUNE**

- 05** Kick-off meeting for project “Our Human Rights School” held at PH Graz
- 06** Workshop “Don’t Look Away” held with teachers and multipliers at Vinzenz Muchitsch-Haus in Graz
- 06-08** ECCAR meeting for the Scientific Advisory Council in Toulouse, France
- 18** Project *Kenne deine Rechte* interview on Soundportal radio station in Graz
- 24** Workshop on “combatting discrimination” held at the Coordination Centre for Gender Studies and Equal Opportunities in Graz
- 25** Workshop on “my/your/our human rights” held in the context of Fair Styria Action-Day in Graz
- 26** Workshop on “Human Rights Cities” held in Weiz, Austria
- 28** Workshop on “human rights and human rights education” held in the context of the project HEROES at the Association for Men and Gender Issues in Graz

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**JULY**

- 12** Project *Kenne deine Rechte* interview on Radio Helsinki in Graz

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**SEPTEMBER**

- 16** Introductory workshop for project “Our Human Rights School” held at Eisteich primary school in Graz
- 23** Introductory workshop for project “Our Human Rights School” held at Trieben primary school in Graz
- 24** Introductory workshop for project “Our Human Rights School” held at Jägergrund primary school in Graz
- 27-28** ECCAR Board Meeting held in Potsdam, Germany
- 30** Introductory workshop for project “Our Human Rights School” held at Kalsdorf primary school in Graz

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**OCTOBER**

- 04-05** Introductory human rights and multimedia workshop for project *Kenne deine Rechte* held in Graz
  - 08** Introductory workshop for project “Our Human Rights School” held at Berta von Suttner primary school in Graz
  - 09** Introductory workshop for project “Our Human Rights School” held at Renner primary school in Graz
  - 10** Introductory workshop for project “Our Human Rights School” held at Gabelsberger primary school in Graz
  - 12** Introductory journalism workshop for project *Kenne deine Rechte* held in Graz
  - 15** Introductory workshop for project “Our Human Rights School” held at Thal primary school in Graz
  - 16** Workshop on “combatting sexual harassment at the workplace” held with persons of trust in local administration in Graz
  - 17** Introductory workshop for project “Our Human Rights School” held at Neuhart primary school in Graz
  - 30** Seminar on equal rights law for prospective judges held at the Higher Regional Court of Styria
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**NOVEMBER**

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- 06** Workshop on “preventing extremism” held at ADS Andritz in Graz
- 06** Workshop on “protection against violence” held at Landhaus in Graz
- 08** Expert meeting on the Human Rights Region Styria held in Graz
- 11** Press conference on the Styrian Week on Children’s Rights
- 13** Lecture series “Introduction to human rights” held at the University of Graz
- 14-15** Final ETHOS stakeholder conference held at the Austrian Broadcasting Service in Graz
- 22** Conference “New developments in victim support and protection against violence in Austria and the EU” held together with the Higher Regional Court Graz and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights in Graz

**DECEMBER**

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- 06** Press conference on the Human Rights Report 2019 of the City of Graz held at the Afro-Asian Institute in Graz
  - 09** Panel discussion at the Human Rights Film Festival in Vienna
  - 10** Conference and network meeting on the 10-year anniversary of the Human Rights City of Vienna
  - 10** Remembrance event for Helmut Strobl and the culture of human rights held at Kunsthaus Graz
  - 11** Information event on “30 years of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child” held at PH Graz
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