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Introduction to MATE

MATE is an Erasmus+ project with a duration of 25 months (that was extended to 36 months). It is coordinated by MMC from Cyprus and supported by six European partners including Cyprus, Greece, Sweden, Austria, France and Spain. Mate is an Innovative, Student-Centered Approach to Intercultural Skills Acquisition for Students and Young Migrants

The project target groups include local and migrant background students who will acquire and develop most of their communication skills through social media, engaging at the same time trainers and training providers.

MATE aims to develop an innovative, holistic methodology for the acquisition of intercultural skills by students and other young individuals of local and foreign/migrant background as well as for the strengthening of the networking between them by combining classroom learning with the implementation of experiential activities.



The MATE approach

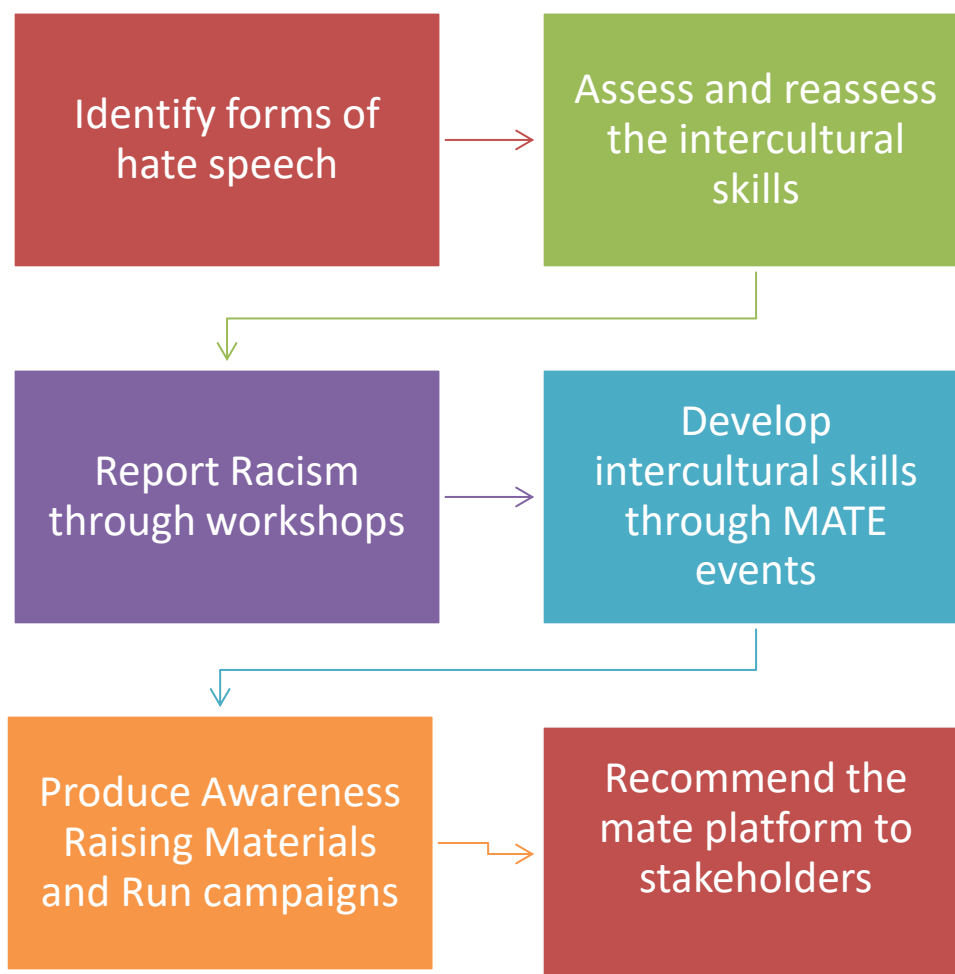


Figure 1: The Mate Approach

1. Identify forms of hate speech

At the beginning of the project, the spread of racist/hate frames and anti-migrant discourses within the universities and VET centres of the consortium both in the face-to-face interactions of students (offline) and when they use the social media (online) as well as both from the point of view of the victim and from that of the offender are studied through focus groups and the implementation of a survey. The results of the research are included and analysed in National Reports, while an Aggregate Report is composed on the results from all the partner countries and useful conclusions are drawn for the next stages of implementation of the project.

We have used a range of tools to implement the research (click on the buttons to access the tools).



See the results of our research
and download the Consolidated
European Report here!

2. Assess and reassess the intercultural skills

Following the research part of the project, the intercultural skills of the students who participate in the project activities are assessed before the implementation of the activities, through the use of an online tool in the form of questionnaire on their existing knowledge, skills and attitudes. The intercultural skills of the students are reassessed after their participation in all project activities (MATE workshops and experiential activities in the form of events).

The Intercultural Skills' Online Assessment Tool serves as both:

A needs analysis tool which assesses the level of intercultural competence of the students prior to the MATE activities; and

A tool which measures the impact of the MATE activities on the students after their implementation.

Use our assessment tool to assess your intercultural skills (Click on the buttons to move to the appropriate website):

English

Greek

Spanish

French

Swedish

German

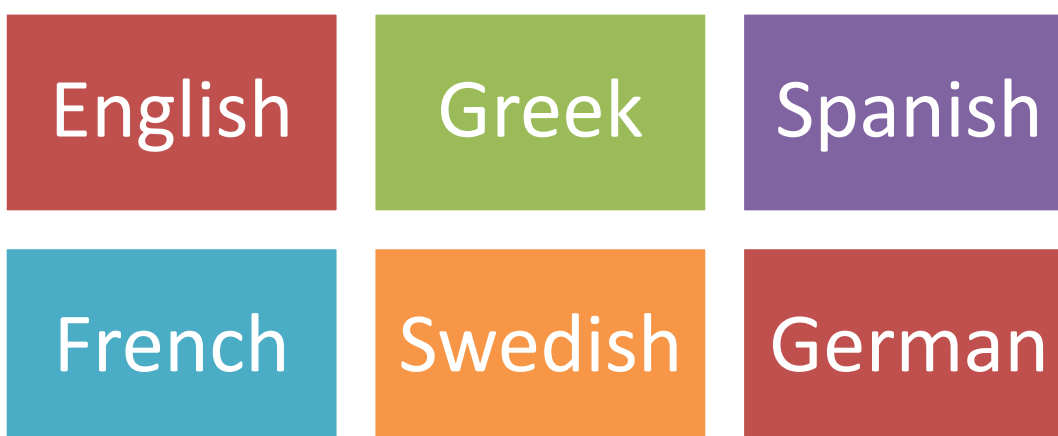
3. Report Racism through Workshops

After having identified the different forms of hate speech and anti-migrant discourses in the partner countries as well as the level of intercultural skills of the students participating in the project, a Curriculum and Training Material as well as an accompanying Methodological Guide are developed. The produced material is used in the “Report Racism” Workshops in order to raise awareness among the local students of the issues related to hate speech, while the objective of the Methodological Guide is to support the trainers in implementing the workshops. Five modules are developed in total, namely:

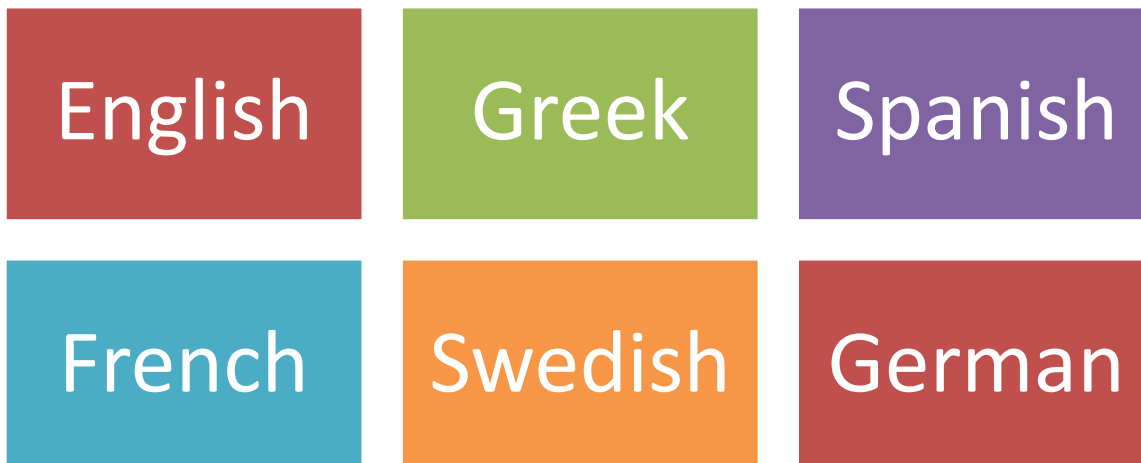
1. Hate Speech
2. Hate Speech vs Freedom of Speech
3. Understanding the Legal Framework of Hate Speech and Reporting Hate Speech
4. Media Literacy and
5. Intercultural Communication

Use the curricula and materials of our Report Racism Workshops to report racism (click on the buttons to access curricula and materials):

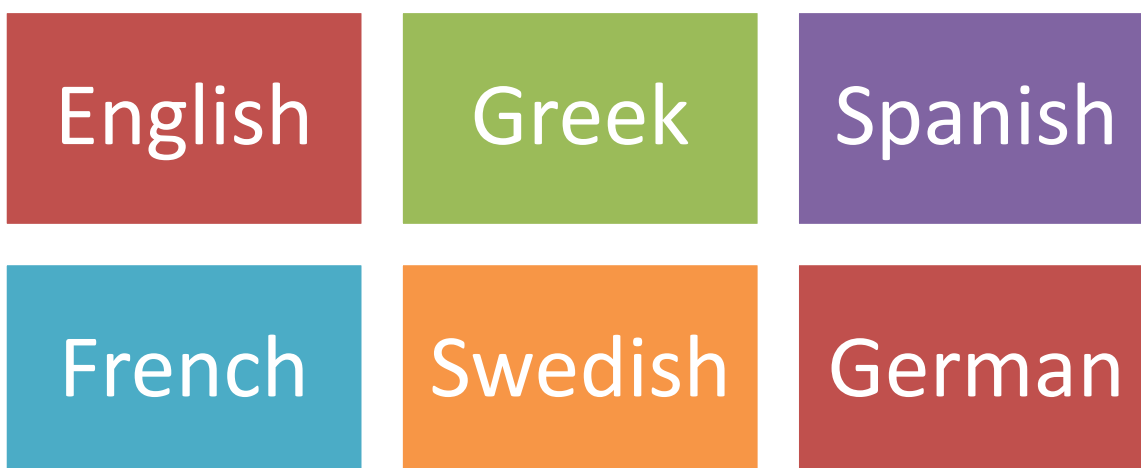
Module 1: Hate Speech



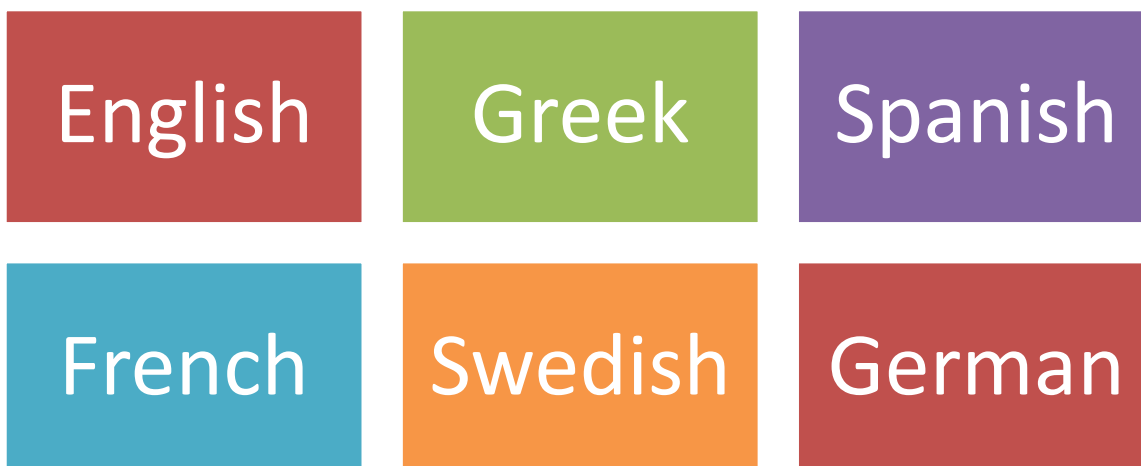
Module 2: Hate Speech vs Freedom of Speech



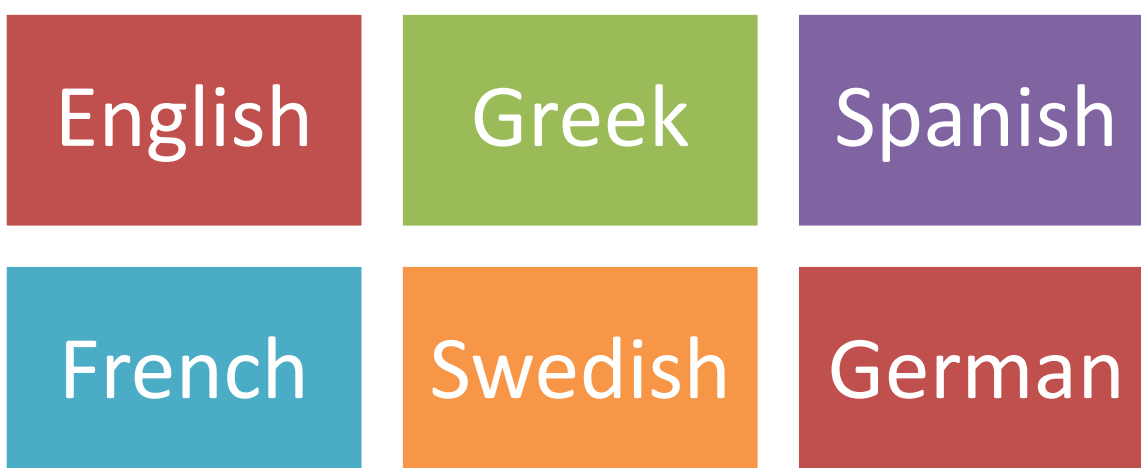
Module3: Understanding the Legal Framework of Hate Speech and Reporting Hate Speech



Module 4: Media Literacy



Module 5: Intercultural Communication



4. Develop intercultural skills through MATE events

In order to bring together the local and foreign/migrant students to get to know each other and interact, a Methodological Guide for the organisation of intercultural, experiential events, the MATEvents, is developed, including activities on the concept of human universals or commonalities. These events are being facilitated by students with the participation of other students from both local and foreign/migrant backgrounds through a “peer-to-peer” approach, with the aim to promote the shared cultural and social elements of the interacting cultures (concepts, perceptions, values, objects etc.) through the implementation of experiential activities and the mingling of students. The Guide includes both the developed activities and instructions for the facilitators.

The impact of the MATEvents can be summarised as follows:

- Mingling of local and foreign/migrant students and other young individuals;
- Acknowledgement of the similarities between local and foreign cultures and respect for diversity; and
- Trust between local and foreign/migrant students.

See the results of our research
and download the
Methodological Guide to run the
MATE Events here!



5. Produce Awareness Raising Materials and Run campaigns

On the conclusion of both the training workshops and the intercultural, experiential events of the project, the local and foreign/migrant students design and produce awareness raising material on topics related to the project, such as short spots and posters, in order to implement low-budget campaigns in their countries against racism, xenophobia and discrimination as well as for promoting diversity and bringing out the human commonalities. For conducting the awareness raising campaigns, the students participate in workshops for which the partners develop Training Material and a Guide to prepare the participants to produce the material and equip them with all the necessary tools.

Download the MATE guide on
producing awareness raising
materials and running campaigns

View some of the videos we
have produced here!

6. Recommend MATE platform to stakeholders

All the material developed throughout the project (reports, curricula, training material and guides) is being uploaded to the MATE Platform, so as to be accessible to any interested organisation or individual as well as to serve as a guide to stakeholders across the EU on how to apply the project activities to similar contexts.

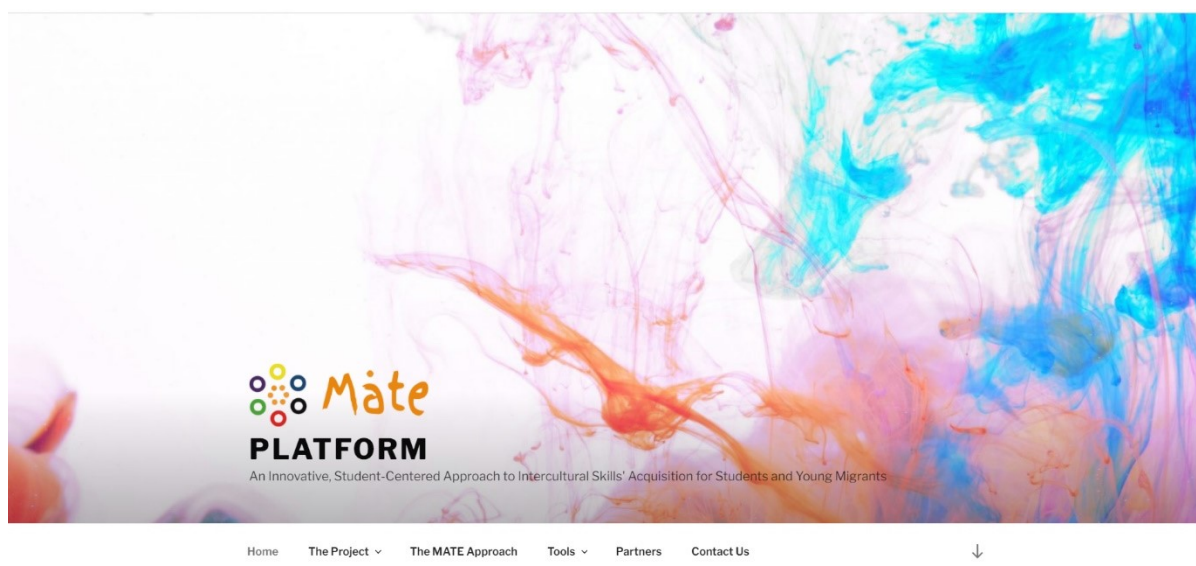
More specifically, the platform includes the following project results in downloadable form: a) European Report on Common Forms of Hate Speech Online (on Social Media) and Offline (in Face-to-Face Communication), b) “Report Racism” Methodological Guide (including all the developed Curricula and Training Material for the “Report Racism” Workshops), c) “Report Racism” Curricula and Training Material, d) Methodological Guide for the MATE Facilitators (including all the developed experiential activities for the MATEvents), e) Training Material on Campaigning Strategies and on Producing Audio-Visual Material and f) Guide for Producing Awareness Raising Campaigns.

The platform is also linked to the Intercultural Skills' Online Assessment Tool and to the project website, where the afore-mentioned material can be found too, as well as all the dissemination material of the project along with the short spots which have been developed for the awareness raising campaigns.

And of course don't forget to recommend MATE platform to stakeholders!

You can find the link for the platform here:

<https://mateplatform.projectsgallery.eu/>



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