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#NoHateEP2014

Reporting hate speech in the #EP2014 campaign

In March, ILGA-Europe* and ENAR* launched an **Appeal for an election campaign free from discrimination and intolerance**, urging European parties† to condemn discriminatory or intolerant remarks during the European Parliament election campaign. ERGO* later joined the campaign.

An online form enabled the public to report discriminatory or intolerant incidents during the campaign. All reports received during the campaign are included here.

1. Summary

42
reports

Out of 42 reported hate speech incidents against minorities, two thirds (27 reports) have involved implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination, which turned out to be the most frequent form of hate speech in this campaign.

Candidates and other politicians have most frequently attacked migrants, foreigners and asylum-seekers (over 5 in 10 times), LGBTI people (3 in 10), but also Muslims (almost 2 in 10). Several incidents targeted Roma people (almost 2 in 10). One incident in Hungary (p. 5) targeted both LGBTI people and migrants.

These 42 hate speech incidents were mostly perpetrated by politicians whose party did not make it to the European Parliament (4 in 10). Yet 10 were perpetrated by politicians whose political party sits as Non-attached MEPs, and 10 by politicians whose party now sits in the EFDD group.

5 authors of these incidents now sit in the European Parliament.

Finally, hate speech appears to remain privy to parties clearly identified as far-right and populist at the national level: in two thirds of incidents (23 reports), parties without any European affiliation were at fault. When including all far-right European parties (the European Alliance for Freedom, the Alliance of European National Movements, and the Movement for a Europe of Liberties and Democracy), the total ris-

* **ILGA-Europe** is the European Region of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans & Intersex Association, an international non-governmental umbrella organisation working towards equality and human rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans & intersex (LGBTI) people at the European level. The European Network Against Racism (**ENAR**) is the only pan-European anti-racist network that combines advocacy for racial equality and facilitating cooperation among civil society anti-racist actors in Europe. **ERGO** is the European Roma Grassroots Organizations Network.

† The Appeal was signed by the Party of European Socialists (PES), the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party (ALDE), the European Green Party, and the Party of the European Left. The European People's Party (EPP) expressed support for the principles contained in the Appeal.

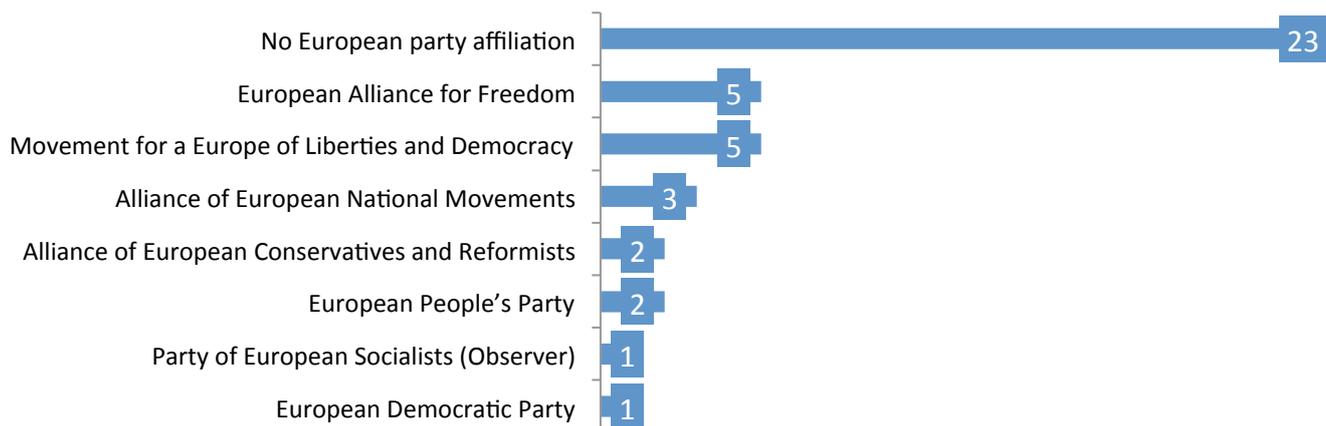
es to 85% of incidents (36 reports).

A report involves an observer member of the PES (p. 6), and 3 involve EPP-affiliated parties (pp. 8, 11 and 13).

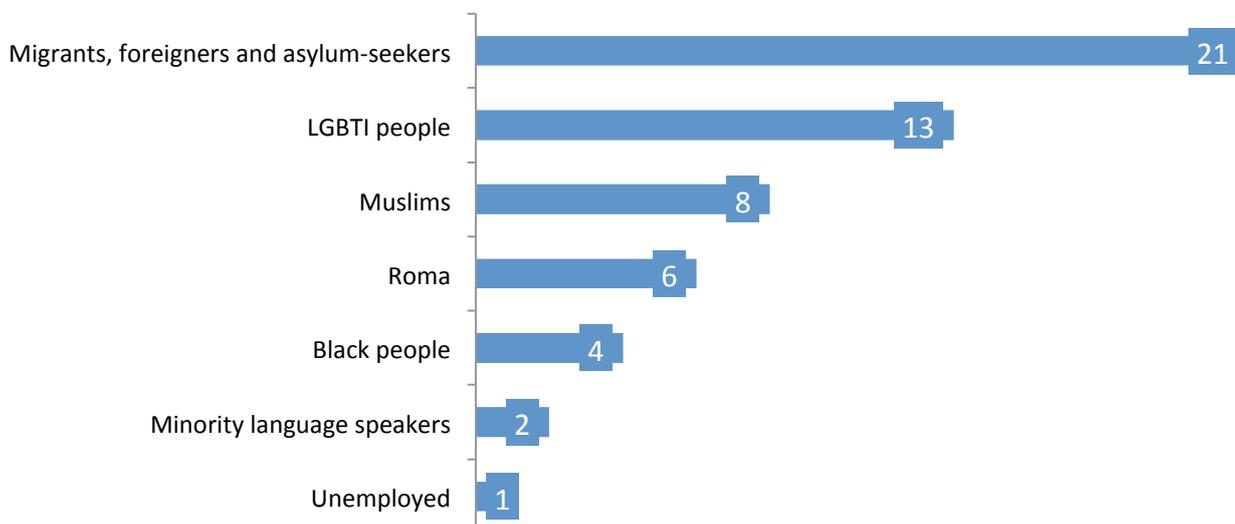
Incidents by type



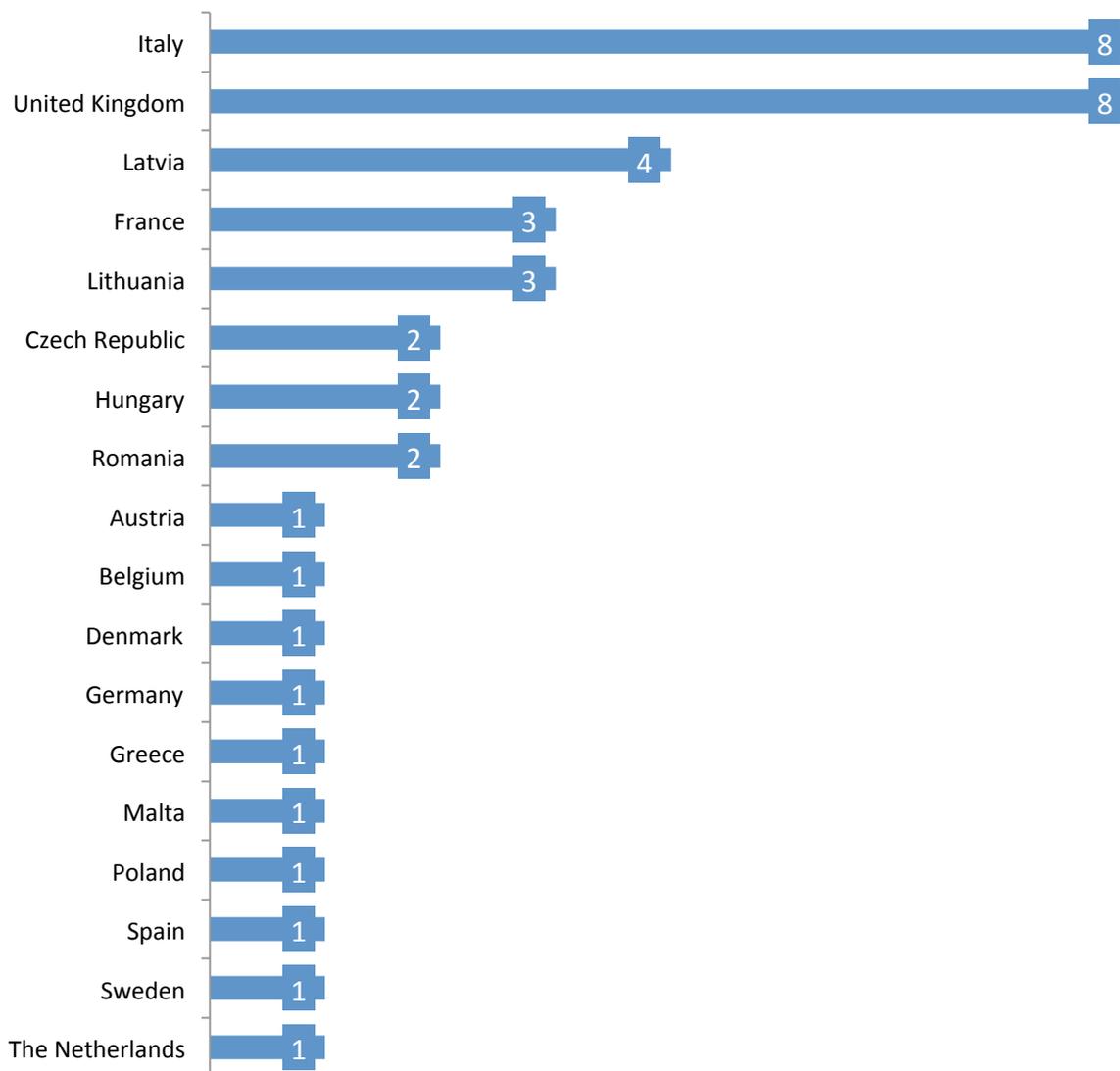
Incidents by party



Incidents by victim group



Incidents by country



How to read these reports:

Date	Country	European political party	EP group [‡]
Appeal signatory		Did the European party sign the #NoHateEP2014 Appeal?	
National party		Name of the national party	
Incident		Type of incident (e.g. incitement to hatred, insults...)	
Victim group		The group targeted by the incident (e.g. migrants, women...)	
Description		A factual description of the incident	
Source		Name of the source, with a link when available online	
Reactions		Any reaction issued at the national or European level	

[‡] Indicates whether the *national party* to which the author belongs sits in the European Parliament. The author of the incident themselves do not necessarily sit there.

2. Detailed reports

18 February	Austria	European Alliance for Freedom	NI
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs (FPÖ)	
	Incident	Attack on the dignity of groups or individuals Derogatory, demeaning or insulting language	
	Victim group	Black people; migrants, foreigners and asylum-seekers	
	Description	Then MEP and FPÖ list leader Andreas Mölzer stated that the European Union was about to become ‘a conglomerate of Negroes, an absolute chaos’. He further stated that ‘it’s how it is, everyone, the Portuguese, Estonians, Swedes, Sicilians... are making fun of us, the Germans and Austrians. We are the only ones that start working at 9:00, and not only at 11:00’. He went on to compare the EU to the Third Reich.	
	Source	<i>Süddeutsche Zeitung</i> ¹	
	Reactions	Ample public condemnation. On 8 April, Mr Mölzer pulled out of the election.	
19 March	Netherlands	European Alliance for Freedom	NI
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	Partij voor de Vrijheid (PVV)	
	Incident	Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination	
	Victim group	Muslims	
	Description	On local election night, party leader Geert Wilders addressed his supporters at the results evening for the PVV. He asked the audience whether they wanted ‘more or less Moroccans in The Hague and the Netherlands’. To this the audience chanted ‘Less, less, less!’ Wilders replied he would take care of it.	
	Source	Widely reported ²	
	Reactions	Ample public condemnation	
20 March	Latvia	Alliance of European Conservatives and Reformists	
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	Nacionālā apvienība “Visu Latvijai!” – “Tēvzemei un Brīvībai/LNNK” (NA)	
	Incident	Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination	
	Victim group	Migrants, foreigners and asylum-seekers; minority language speakers	
	Description	Candidate MEP Edvīns Šnore wrote in a column that Latvia should ‘gradually get free from those Russian-speaking immigrants from the USSR who haven’t been able to integrate in Latvia and feel discriminated because of language and eth-	

nicity’.

Source *Apollo.lv*³

Reactions There were no direct reactions. On 29 April, the government appointed Mr Šnore chair of a historical commission assessing the damage done under Soviet occupation.

25 March

Hungary

(No European party affiliation)

Appeal signatory No

National party Új Magyarország Párt (ÚMP)

Incident Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination

Victim group LGBTI people; migrants, foreigners and asylum-seekers; unemployed

Description A poster was disseminated with the slogan ‘Hungarian, works, heterosexual. Doomed for extinction? No.’, featuring a panda from the logo of environment NGO WWF.

Source Online poster and press reports⁴

Reactions The poster was criticised publicly. In response, ÚMP issued the following statement: ‘In Hungary the liberal media stigmatises those who stand up for the large silent majority. Currently in Hungary those who are Hungarians, work and are heterosexual suffer a disadvantage. ÚMP speaks out against this!’

1 April

United Kingdom

Alliance of European National Movements

Appeal signatory No

National party British National Party (BNP)

Incident Attack on the dignity of groups or individuals
Explicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination
Derogatory, demeaning or insulting language

Victim group Black people; migrants, foreigners and asylum-seekers

Description Then MEP and candidate Nick Griffin published a tweet in which he linked migration to an inner London area with ‘ancestors’ leaving Africa: ‘It’s obvious why our ancestors left Africa. Same reason locals have left Barking - can’t stand the neighbours’.

Source Twitter⁵

Reactions Political condemnations

2 April

France

(No European party affiliation)

Appeal signatory No

National party Force Vie (list)

Incident Attack on the dignity of groups or individuals
Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination
Derogatory, demeaning or insulting language

Attempt to oppose groups or individuals against one another

Victim group	LGBTI people
Description	Former MP and list leader Christine Boutin described homosexuality as an ‘abomination’.
Source	<i>Le Nouvel Observateur</i> ⁶
Reactions	Following stern political reactions, including from centre-right UMP leaders, Christine Boutin admitted it had been ‘clumsy’ but didn’t apologise. The national NGO ‘Inter-LGBT’ registered a formal complaint to the police, as did 3,900 French citizens individually ⁷ .

11 April

Latvia

Alliance of European Conservatives and Reformists

Appeal signatory	No
National party	Nacionālā apvienība “Visu Latvijai!” – “Tēvzemei un Brīvībai/LNNK” (NA)
Incident	Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination
Victim group	Minority language speakers
Description	In an interview, candidate MEP Edvīns Šnore said that it was ‘impossible to achieve cohesion in society, unless a big part of Russian-speaking colons who settled in Soviet times leave. [...] That’s my understanding of a consolidated society [...] One cannot deny that most Russian speakers currently living in Latvia came here out of pecuniary interests’.
Source	“Edvīns Šnore: ir jāstimulē dekolonizācija!” (Edvīns Šnore: it’s necessary to stimulate decolonisation!) Bi-weekly newspaper <i>DDD</i> no. 7 (309), 11-24 April 2014, pp. 1 and 4-5.
Reactions	There were no direct reactions. On 29 April, the government appointed Mr Šnore chair of a historical commission assessing the damage done under Soviet occupation.

14 April

Latvia

Party of European Socialists (Observer)

Appeal signatory	Observer status within a signatory party (PES)
National party	Alternative
Incident	Explicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination
Victim group	LGBTI people
Description	In an interview with Russian newspaper <i>Izvestia</i> , then MEP and list leader Alexander Mirsky supported a Latvian initiative to ban informing minors about LGBTI issues. He stated that ‘minors under 14 should be banned from any discussion on sexuality and to ban all public demonstration propagating unhealthy sexuality. Now homosexuals are going to the streets and what will be next, paedophiles?’
Source	<i>Izvestia</i> ⁸
Reactions	N/A

17 April	Romania	<i>(No European party affiliation)</i>
	Appeal signatory	No
	National party	Independent candidate
	Incident	Attack on the dignity of groups or individuals
	Victim group	LGBTI people
	Description	Iulian Capsali, a Romanian Orthodox priest standing as an independent candidate, stated that the 'homosexual ideology' led to the destruction of the family. He said he would oppose 'homosexual culture', which he said was synonymous with death and cultural demise.
	Source	<i>EurActiv</i> ⁹
	Reactions	N/A
20 April	Italy	<i>(No European party affiliation)</i>
	Appeal signatory	No
	National party	Fratelli d'Italia (Fdl)
	Incident	Explicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination Derogatory, demeaning or insulting language Attempt to oppose groups or individuals against one another
	Victim group	Muslims
	Description	Then MEP and candidate Magdi Cristiano Allam issued a leaflet calling to 'stop mosques', 'Islamic terrorism', and the 'Islamic invasion' of Italy.
	Source	Election leaflet ¹⁰
	Reactions	N/A
20 April	Italy	<i>(No European party affiliation)</i>
	Appeal signatory	No
	National party	Fratelli d'Italia (Fdl)
	Incident	Attack on the dignity of groups or individuals Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination
	Victim group	Migrants, foreigners and asylum-seekers
	Description	Then MEP and candidate Magdi Cristiano Allam stated that migrants to Italy carried the Ebola virus. He published a cartoon portraying a migrant girl named 'Ebola' in an immigration queue.
	Source	Facebook post ¹¹
	Reactions	N/A

21 April	Belgium	<i>(No European party affiliation)</i>	
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	Parti Populaire Belge	
	Incident	Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination	
	Victim group	Muslims	
	Description	In an electoral leaflet, the Parti Populaire has pledged that it would expel ‘foreigners who want to impose Sharia law in Belgium’, and would ‘ban the headscarf in companies, public administration and schools’.	
	Source	Leaflet handed out on the street	
	Reactions	N/A	
21 April	United Kingdom	<i>(No European party affiliation)</i>	EFDD
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	
	Incident	Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination Attempt to oppose groups or individuals against one another	
	Victim group	Migrants, foreigners and asylum-seekers	
	Description	UKIP launched a new national billboard poster campaign, suggesting that non-British workers seek to put British workers out of jobs.	
	Source	<i>Billboards</i> ¹²	
	Reactions	Political condemnations	
22 April	Czech Republic	European People’s Party	EPP
	Appeal signatory	Appeal supporter	
	National party	Křesťanská a demokratická unie (KDU-ČSL)	
	Incident	Explicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination Derogatory, demeaning or insulting language	
	Victim group	Migrants, foreigners and asylum-seekers; Muslims	
	Description	The party’s manifesto stated: ‘We don’t want Europe full of inadaptable immigrants who burn cars on the city outskirts, deal drugs and bring radical Islamism with them’.	
	Source	<i>EUobserver</i> ¹³	
	Reactions	Following criticism, the party explained this had been a ‘working version’, and published an updated programme without this sentence.	

24 April	Germany	<i>(No European party affiliation)</i>	NI
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands (NPD)	
	Incident	Explicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination	
	Victim group	LGBTI people	
	Description	The far-right party posters in Berlin, stating ‘Stop with gay and lesbian propaganda!’	
	Source	Photo submission	
	Reactions	N/A	
24 April	United Kingdom	<i>(No European party affiliation)</i>	EFDD
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	
	Incident	Attack on the dignity of groups or individuals Explicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination	
	Victim group	Black people; Muslims; migrants, foreigners and asylum-seekers	
	Description	UKIP candidate Andre Lampitt posted a series of racist and Islamophobic tweets calling Ed Miliband ‘a Pole’, and calling for Africans to be left alone to kill themselves. He added that ‘Most Nigerians are generally bad people’.	
	Source	<i>The Guardian</i> ¹⁴	
	Reactions	UKIP published a strong statement against Mr Lampitt’s ‘repellent views’, and suspended his party membership.	
25 April	United Kingdom	<i>(No European party affiliation)</i>	EFDD
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	
	Incident	Attack on the dignity of groups or individuals Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination	
	Victim group	Migrants, foreigners and asylum-seekers	
	Description	UKIP MEP and leader Nigel Farage said in an interview to <i>The Guardian</i> that Romanians and Bulgarians had a culture of criminality. When asked whether British people should be wary of Romanian families moving into their street, he said ‘Well, of course, yeah.’	
	Source	<i>The Guardian</i> ¹⁵	
	Reactions	N/A	



25 April	Denmark	Movement for a Europe of Liberties and Democracy	ECR
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	Dansk Folkeparti	
	Incident	Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination Derogatory, demeaning or insulting language Attempt to oppose groups or individuals against one another	
	Victim group	LGBTI people	
	Description	In a Facebook post, re-elected MEP Morten Messerschmidt criticised the European Commission's support of ILGA-Europe, a European NGO working on sexual orientation and gender identity. He titled his post 'EU Abuse Day 42: Sexual blackmailing of EU taxpayers', and suggested: 'How about we all leave one another's genitals alone?'	
	Source	Facebook post ¹⁶	
	Reactions	Mr Messerschmidt was criticised by other parties.	



25 April	Italy	<i>(No European party affiliation)</i>	NI
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	Lega Nord (LN)	
	Incident	Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination Attempt to oppose groups or individuals against one another	
	Victim group	Migrants, foreigners and asylum-seekers	
	Description	On his Facebook page, MEP candidate Gianluca Buonanno wrote: 'I repeat: Clandestines? NO THANK YOU!!! LET'S HELP OUR OWN PEOPLE FIRST!!!'	
	Source	Candidate's Facebook page ¹⁷	
	Reactions	N/A	



28 April	Czech Republic	<i>(No European party affiliation)</i>	
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	Úsvit přímé demokracie Tomia Okamury (Úsvit)	
	Incident	Attack on the dignity of groups or individuals Explicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination Derogatory, demeaning or insulting language	
	Victim group	Migrants, foreigners and asylum-seekers; Roma	
	Description	The movement put out posters depicting white sheep kicking a black sheep off of the Czech flag, surrounded by slogans against migrants and Roma people. Slogans include "We don't want any inadaptable immigrants, minorities, or religious fanatics in our country", 'Preserve the Bohemian, Moravian and Silesian character of our republic', or 'No to immigrants and inadaptables'.	
	Source	Romea.cz ¹⁸	
	Reactions	N/A	

29 April	United Kingdom	<i>(No European party affiliation)</i>	EFDD
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	
	Incident	Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination Derogatory, demeaning or insulting language	
	Victim group	Black people	
	Description	Responding to black comedian Lenny Henry, who commented that black and ethnic minorities were poorly represented on British television, local council candidate William Henwood tweeted: ‘He should emigrate to a black country. He does not have to live with whites’.	
	Source	<i>Express & Star</i> ¹⁹	
	Reactions	The tweet was widely condemned. UKIP MEP candidate Bill Etheridge called Mr Henwood’s comment ‘vile and repulsive’, and Mr Henwood resigned from UKIP.	
30 April	Italy	<i>(No European party affiliation)</i>	NI
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	Lega Nord (LN)	
	Incident	Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination	
	Victim group	Migrants, foreigners and asylum-seekers	
	Description	On his Facebook page, re-elected MEP Matteo Salvini wrote: ‘MASS IMMIGRATION risks bringing to Italy diseases long gone. [...] Who controls the health of 800,000 immigrants? There just isn’t enough room in Italy.’	
	Source	Candidate’s Facebook page ²⁰	
	Reactions	N/A	
1 May	Italy	<i>(No European party affiliation)</i> [§]	EPP
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	Forza Italia (FI)	
	Incident	Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination	
	Victim group	Migrants, foreigners and asylum-seekers	
	Description	During an interview on Rai3, then EPP MEP and candidate Iva Zanichchi said: ‘It isn’t true that they [asylum-seekers] do not carry diseases. I spoke with doctors and nurses who told me the situation was dramatic. We have new diseases that we had long since eradicated. Remember this word: Ebola. It’s coming.’	



[§] Even though Forza Italia doesn’t formally belong to the European People’s Party, it results from the dissolution of Popolo della Libertà (PdL), which was a member of the EPP. Iva Zanichchi sat in the EPP group at the time of her remark.

Source Interview on Rai3²¹
 Reactions N/A

2 May

Italy

(No European party affiliation)

Appeal signatory No
 National party Io Cambio (movement)
 Incident Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination
 Victim group Migrants, foreigners and asylum-seekers
 Description In an interview, then MEP and candidate Claudio Morganti said of Syrian refugees arriving in Sofignano and Carmignano: ‘This sudden escape suggests that the alleged refugees fled from countries not at war, but [...] maybe affected by the Ebola virus. [...] Now they’re free to commit crimes [in Italy], unless they already started on the path to Northern Europe, a hypothesis I hope for.’
 Source *Gonews.it*²²
 Reactions N/A

8 May

Poland

Movement for a Europe of Liberties and Democracy

Appeal signatory No
 National party Solidarna Polska (SP)
 Incident Explicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination
 Derogatory, demeaning or insulting language
 Victim group LGBTI people
 Description A TV campaign spot featured MEP candidate Beata Kempa stating: ‘Are you against gender, gay marriage and gay adoption?’ with the subtitles ‘NO TO HOMO!’
 Source YouTube²³
 Reactions TV channel Polsat TV blocked the video from airing. On 20 May, two Europa Plus Twój Ruch candidates brought a case before the Warsaw District Court to stop any further dissemination of the video. The court dismissed the complaint, explaining that no one could prove whether the statement ‘NIE DLA HOMO’ was true or false.

11 May

Italy

(No European party affiliation)

NI

Appeal signatory No
 National party Lega Nord (LN)
 Incident Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination
 Victim group Migrants, foreigners and asylum-seekers
 Description MEP candidate Claudio D’Amico criticised the Mare Nostrum sea rescue operation, explaining Italians had to “think of [them]selves first”. He added: “We have to close our borders

and prevent the ships from arriving. Let's say stop to immigration, otherwise sooner or later, we'll end up being like Africa".

Source *Informazione.it*²⁴

Reactions N/A

12 May	Greece	European People's Party	EPP
	Appeal signatory	Appeal supporter	
	National party	Néa Dimokratía (ND)	
	Incident	Attack on the dignity of groups or individuals Derogatory, demeaning or insulting language	
	Victim group	Migrants, foreigners and asylum-seekers	
	Description	Referring to immigrants during a debate on unemployment, candidate MEP Maria Hatzinasίου said that Greece 'import[ed] stupid people and export[ed] geniuses'.	
	Source	Web channel <i>Zougla.gr</i> ²⁵	
	Reactions	Left-leaning bloggers and political commenters reacted negatively to the jibe.	
12 May	Latvia	<i>(No European party affiliation)</i>	
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	Suverenitāte (list)	
	Incident	Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination Derogatory, demeaning or insulting language	
	Victim group	LGBTI people	
	Description	In an interview with web portal <i>Antiglobalisti.lv</i> , MEP candidate Dainis Grabovskis claims that 'Latvia's children are not an object for pleasuring Europe's homosexuals. Latvia's children are and will remain in Latvian families. There will be no coercion from an orphans' court nor from Europe.' The interview is illustrated with the quote 'I won't hand children over to European pederasts!', which also appears on his leaflets distributed throughout Riga.	
	Source	<i>Antiglobālisti.lv</i> ²⁶	
	Reactions	N/A	
12 May	Sweden	European Alliance for Freedom	EFDD
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	Sverigedemokraterna (SD)	
	Incident	Attack on the dignity of groups or individuals Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination	
	Victim group	Roma	
	Description	Party posters feature the slogan 'It's time to stop organised begging on our streets', and assigns the statement to party	

chair Jimmie Åkesson.

Source *Aftonbladet*²⁷

Reactions There were negative reactions no social media, and a protest was organised again transport company SL in the capital for showing the adverts.

12 May

Romania

(No European party affiliation)

Appeal signatory No

National party Partida Romilor

Incident Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination
Attempt to oppose groups or individuals against one another

Victim group LGBTI people

Description Party chairman (and chair of parliament's Committee on Human Rights) Nicolae Păun reacted to the Eurovision song contest results by saying that it was 'insulting that in a Christian Europe, sexual minorities are promoted this much. I sincerely think that there are many more people who believe in Christian values than those who think differently. I have nothing personal against gay and lesbian communities, but I think it is not right that these communities are so heavily promoted. However, if the European Parliament and the European Commission are so open to minorities [...], I propose making a gypsy European commissioner.'

Source *Libertatea*²⁸

Reactions N/A

13 May

Hungary

Alliance of European National Movements

NI

Appeal signatory No

National party Jobbik

Incident Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination

Victim group LGBTI people

Description During a parliamentary debate, party leader Gábor Vona said that he didn't see the future of Europe in a bearded woman. During a press conference later that week, spokesperson Dóra Dúró said that Jobbik supported a 'family-based social construction and national traditional values' by opposition to 'bearded women'. The party also published visuals opposing Eurovision winner Conchita Wurst with a sexy Hungarian woman, saying 'Choose', or 'Their Europe/Our Europe'.

Source *Kisafold.hu*²⁹

Reactions N/A

15 May	Malta	<i>(No European party affiliation)</i>	
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	Imperium Europa	
	Incident	Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination	
	Victim group	Migrants, foreigners and asylum-seekers	
	Description	A campaign video published by the party claims that ‘illegal immigration’ has led to the devaluation of property, increased criminality, the spread of infectious diseases, and higher taxes.	
	Source	YouTube ³⁰	
	Reactions	The national Broadcasting Authority initially approved the spot, but later withdrew its assent following strong negative reactions from the public. It asked the party to use an alternative video.	
15 May	United Kingdom	<i>(No European party affiliation)</i>	EFDD
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	
	Incident	Explicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination	
	Victim group	Muslims	
	Description	<i>The Guardian</i> revealed that John Kearney, UKIP candidate in a local election taking place at the same time as EU elections, had written on his blog that Muslims had ‘contempt for human life’, ‘s[ought] world domination’, and that ‘anyone who does not fear Islam is a fool’.	
	Source	<i>The Guardian</i> ³¹	
	Reactions	The party refused to discipline their candidate. ³²	
15 May	Lithuania	Movement for a Europe of Liberties and Democracy	EFDD
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	Tvarka ir teisingumas (TT)	
	Incident	Explicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination Derogatory, demeaning or insulting language	
	Victim group	LGBTI people	
	Description	A large commercial helium balloon was seen floating above central Vilnius, featuring a rainbow-coloured cock (the animal, a slang reference to LGBTI people) barred in red, a caricature of Order and Justice MP and candidate MEP Petras Gražulis as a superhero, and a recommendation to vote for the Order and Justice party.	
	Source	Photo submission ³³	
	Reactions	N/A	

16 May	Lithuania	Movement for a Europe of Liberties and Democracy	EFDD
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	Tvarka ir teisingumas (TT)	
	Incident	Attack on the dignity of groups or individuals Explicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination Derogatory, demeaning or insulting language	
	Victim group	LGBTI people	
	Description	MP and candidate MEP Petras Gražulis distributed flyers in Vilnius, featuring a photograph of a pair of jeans with an open zipper between the buttocks, and a list of anti-LGBT parliamentary proposals, described as ‘an amendment forbidding foreign perverts to adopt Lithuanian children’, and ‘an amendment introducing administrative liability for propaganda of non-traditional sexual relations’.	
	Source	Party flyer	
	Reactions	N/A	
16 May	Lithuania	Movement for a Europe of Liberties and Democracy	EFDD
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	Tvarka ir teisingumas (TT)	
	Incident	Explicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination	
	Victim group	LGBTI people	
	Description	MP and candidate MEP Petras Gražulis was seen driving a car covered in stickers depicting rainbow-coloured cocks (the animal, a slang reference to LGBTI people) and bearded women barred in red, with the words ‘STOP!’ and electoral slogans.	
	Source	<i>Zinios</i> ³⁴	
	Reactions	N/A	
16 May	United Kingdom	<i>(No European party affiliation)</i>	EFDD
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	
	Incident	Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination	
	Victim group	Migrants, foreigners and asylum-seekers	
	Description	UKIP MEP and leader Nigel Farage said in an interview to LBD Radio that people living in London ought to be ‘concerned’ ‘if a group of Romanian men moved in next door. The radio host asked what the difference was between Romanian and German neighbours, to which Mr Farage replied: ‘You know what the difference is’.	
	Source	<i>BBC</i> ³⁵	
	Reactions	Mainstream political leaders said this was a ‘racial slur’ (Ed Miliband) and had no place in modern Britain (Nick Clegg).	



Prime Minister David Cameron also criticised the comments.³⁶

18 May	United Kingdom	Alliance of European National Movements	
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	British National Party (BNP)	
	Incident	Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination Derogatory, demeaning or insulting language	
	Victim group	Migrants, foreigners and asylum-seekers; Muslims; Roma	
	Description	Party leader, candidate, and then MEP Nick Griffin published two tweets, in which he says that Nigel Farage was 'right on EU gypsies crime rates. But WON'T discuss the big crime/immigration issue - Pakistani/heroin, Muslim/grooming links.' He continued to state that 'Romanian gypsies DO dominate pickpocketing & similar crimes.'	
	Source	Twitter ³⁷	
	Reactions	N/A	
20 May	France	European Alliance for Freedom	NI
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	Front National (FN)	
	Incident	Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination	
	Victim group	Muslims; migrants, foreigners and asylum-seekers	
	Description	During a public campaign meeting, Front National honorary president and re-elected MEP Jean-Marie Le Pen said that a phenomenon of 'mass immigration was made worse by a religious fact: a great share of these migrants are Muslims, a religion with a conquering vision, all the more so because it feels strong and they feel numerous.'	
	Source	<i>Le Monde</i> ³⁸	
	Reactions	Political leaders from mainstream parties condemned the comments.	
21 May	Italy	<i>(No European party affiliation)</i>	NI
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	Lega Nord (LN)	
	Incident	Attack on the dignity of groups or individuals Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination	
	Victim group	Roma	
	Description	Re-elected MEP Matteo Salvini stood with cameras next to a Roma settlement, and took pictures of their caravans and surroundings with his iPad. He said that 'the only solution was eviction'.	



Source YouTube³⁹
Reactions N/A

22 May	France	European Alliance for Freedom	NI
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	Front National (FN)	
	Incident	Implicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination	
	Victim group	Migrants, foreigners and asylum-seekers; Roma	
	Description	A party election leaflet reads: 'In truth, only the nation protects us and will enable us to control our borders, and stop anarchic immigration and the free movement of the Roma and delinquents throughout Europe.'	
	Source	Official party leaflet sent to all voters	
	Reactions	N/A	

22 May	Spain	European Democratic Party	ALDE
	Appeal signatory	No	
	National party	Partido Nacionalista Vasco (PNV)**	
	Incident	Attack on the dignity of groups or individuals Explicit incitement to hatred, prejudice or discrimination Derogatory, demeaning or insulting language	
	Victim group	Roma	
	Description	Mayor of Sestao Josu Bergara was recorded making comments against the Roma. During official meetings, he was recorded as saying that 'No-one wants shit here [...] no-one wants gypsies', 'There are very few good gypsies', and 'Shit ought not to come to Sestao. Otherwise I'll stir it up'.	
	Source	<i>Público</i> ⁴⁰	
	Reactions	NGO SOS Racismo complained to the regional Ombudsman and a judge, and regional and national press covered the incident.	

** The National Basque Party belongs to the European Democratic Party, but sits in the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) group in the European Parliament.

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