

The role of civil society in countering gender-based hate speech

Civil society organisations play a critical role in monitoring, reporting, and countering online gender-based hate speech. Across Europe, NGOs document abusive trends, support victims, and advocate for stronger policies.

EU funding programmes support innovative practices such as counter-speech campaigns, digital solidarity networks, and survivor-led advocacy. Evidence shows that coordinated counter-speech can reduce the reach of hateful content.

Civil society bridges the gap between policy and lived experience, ensuring that responses remain grounded and inclusive.