

## Press Release

### **The DISMANTLE Project Marks Significant Research Progress on Police Attitudes and Policy Gaps in Tackling Discrimination, Racism, and Intolerance**

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The DISMANTLE project continues to make substantial progress in improving law enforcement response to discrimination, racism and intolerance. As part of Work Package 2 (WP2) – *Analysis of gaps in skills and policies on racism, intolerance, discrimination, and exchange of good practices*, two major research deliverables, D2.2 and D2.3, lead by KEMEA, have been successfully completed. These deliverables provide critical insights into the attitudes of police personnel and the existing gaps in police policies aimed at safeguarding the rights of vulnerable groups.

#### **Deliverable D2.2 – National Reports on attitudes of police towards ethnic and religious minorities, LGBTIQ+, Roma persons etc.**

Under Task 2.1, research was conducted to analyze the attitudes of police personnel towards ethnic and religious minorities, LGBTIQ+ persons, Roma persons, and other vulnerable groups. A standardized methodology was developed and implemented across four partner countries: Greece, Germany, Spain, and Cyprus. An anonymous online survey, targeting at least 100 police personnel per country, was conducted to assess their level of knowledge and awareness of issues related to racism, intolerance, and hate crimes.

The findings, compiled into four National Reports, provide a comprehensive analysis of police attitudes and their understanding of discrimination-related challenges. The responsible partners for these reports were KEMEA for Greece, HfoeD for Germany, VUC and MCH for Spain and CSI for Cyprus. This research contributes to enhancing awareness within law enforcement agencies and promotes the adoption of inclusive and non-discriminatory practices.

#### **Deliverable D2.3 – National Reports on Gaps in Existing Police Policies and measures for safeguarding the rights of vulnerable groups.**

Task 2.2 focused on identifying gaps in the current policies and measures implemented by police forces to protect vulnerable groups. This research assessed the alignment of national policies with EU anti-discrimination, anti-racism, and equality strategies, laws, and directives. Data collection involved an extensive review of existing policies and targeted interviews with key informants, such as police experts in these particular fields.

The resulting reports outline key findings regarding policy deficiencies and offer recommendations to improve adherence to EU standards. The responsible partners for developing these reports were KEMEA for Greece, HfoeD for Germany, VUC and MCH for Spain and CSI for Cyprus. The reports serve as a valuable resource for policymakers and law



enforcement officials, emphasizing the need for continuous policy development and training to better safeguard vulnerable communities.

Given the sensitive nature of the research, in both deliverables, stringent protocols were followed to ensure compliance with data protection regulations and the protection of respondents' rights. Participation was entirely voluntary, and data collection tools were designed to be gender-sensitive and inclusive.

These deliverables mark a significant step forward in the DISMANTLE project's mission to promote equality and non-discrimination towards vulnerable groups in the response of law enforcement agencies. The insights gained will inform future policy recommendations and training initiatives aimed at fostering a more inclusive and fair policing environment across Europe.

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