

Recommendation directed to the delegation, all NGO participants, OSCE and ODIHR:

Nearly 20 years ago there was a savage murder of a young boy committed by a handful of neo Nazis in the municipality of Kungälv in Sweden. After a period of traumatising, confusion and not least self-denial, a long term and targeted programme was developed. Politicians in Kungälv had the courage to admit that the problem of right wing extremism is a part of the social structure of its own municipality and therefore needed to be met by a programme that didn't interfere either too late or too general. We know that extreme intolerance exist all over the world but its presence is not equally distributed and most often is structured around local strongholds.

After implementing the long term and targeted programme in Kungälv, closely a decade and a half ago we can today prove that we have not only been able to diminish the presence of extreme intolerance but actually put a hold to the recruitment to such groups.

It is true that this targeted work both requires adequate methodology as well as financial investments. Up until today this little small municipality of 42 000 inhabitants has invested about a million and a half euros. By a recent scientific report it has been proved that the economic beneficent for the society as a whole exceeds 35 million euros.

Our intervention boils down to four points:

- Combating intolerance is a matter of social investment
- Combating intolerance must focus on those individuals in the risk zone of joining extremist movements
- Combating intolerance is a long term process that has the structural strength to last over generations
- Combating intolerance demands methodology evolvment on an advanced level that then can be distributed to relevant professional groups through the regular educational systems. In other words we need to create centres for tolerance pedagogics.

We therefore encourage all of you to take a look into the structure, the methodology and the result of this programme called the *Tolerance project*. A project and method that our organization has received support from the Swedish government to implement all over Sweden. And ask yourselves if you can afford not to implement a similar programme.

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