

# A JEWISH CONTRIBUTION TO AN INCLUSIVE EUROPE





## CEJI – A JEWISH CONTRIBUTION TO AN INCLUSIVE EUROPE

*CEJI – A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe* stands with people of all backgrounds to promote a Europe of diversity and respect. A Jewish voice at European level, our activities include delivering diversity education, enhancing interfaith and intercultural dialogue, and advocating in the EU against antisemitism and discrimination of all kinds.

Respect for others is one of the core values of the Jewish tradition. This has shaped many of the humanistic principles engrained in Europe's cultural and philosophical heritage. The contribution of Jewish values and experiences is central to Europe's future as a peaceful and integrated continent.

*Oppose intolerance wherever it is found – or it will find you wherever you are.*

The rise in hate crime in Europe and the growing challenge of integrating minorities, underscores how CEJI's work is more important than ever. We believe in the rights of all minorities to feel safe and respected. Through education and advocacy, we contribute to strengthening the social fabric of Europe and its democratic values.

As Jews, we cannot ignore or be passive in the face of discrimination and prejudice. “Any form of intolerance will likely spill over into another.”

**DAVID ROSEN**

Former Chief Rabbi of Ireland  
and CEJI board member

*Opposing intolerance* is the basis for the work of CEJI – a Brussels-based Jewish NGO celebrating two decades of promoting mutual respect through education in all walks of life.

CEJI has created education and training programmes to enhance appreciation of Europe's diversity including Jews, Roma, Muslims, gays and lesbians, etc. Whether in a workplace in Belgium, a school in the Netherlands, or local communities in Hungary, we have trained activists and educators throughout Europe to overcome prejudice and discrimination.

Together with the European Peer Training Organisation (EPTO), we have trained thousands of young people to confront their prejudices and those of others. EPTO has formed partnerships with dozens of other European youth organisations who share our concerns and goals.



## OVERCOMING ANTISEMITISM

### WORKING WITH JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN EUROPE

The recent resurgence of antisemitism in Europe has brought renewed impetus to CEJI's activities. In response, we have positioned our organisation at the forefront of advocacy and education against antisemitism. CEJI carried the *Inter-Parliamentary London Declaration to Combat Antisemitism* to hundreds of Members of the European Parliament.

### CURRENT CEJI PROGRAMMES FOR THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

**Facing Facts!** aims to improve monitoring and recording of hate crimes and hate speech throughout the European Union. The project standardizes criteria for comparable hate crime data collection. We train civil society organisations to gather, analyze and report incidents of hate crime and hate speech, be they anti-Jewish, anti-Roma, anti-homosexual or other. We believe that the experience of Jewish communities in monitoring such behaviour can play a vital role in marshalling government and civic responses to that combat antisemitism and all forms of hatred.

**The Diversity Tour** is a training programme that travels to Jewish communities around Europe. The project aims to identify needs and activities for improving the local Jewish community's intercultural relations. There is also the possibility to train trainers from within local Jewish communities.

**Overcoming Antisemitism Training and Holocaust Education.** CEJI's training programmes draw upon the lessons of the Holocaust. It is an essential reference to the dangers of hate speech, the escalation of prejudice and discrimination and antisemitism.



## *Rising racism in Europe presents immediate challenges.*

Since its foundation, CEJI has been carrying the message of tolerance into schools, the workplace, policy-making and other institutional and

community establishments. Our programmes have reached tens of thousands of people through hundreds of CEJI-trained educators.

Our work has inspired others to join us in our efforts and our programmes have gained award-winning distinction. The European Commission cited our Religious Diversity and Anti-Discrimination Training Programme as the “best adult education project” for 2008. And in 2010, CEJI won the BMW Group’s first prize for “Intercultural Commitment.”

“CEJI represents the conceptual change that has taken place in the minds of the young leaders of Jewish communities today. [This change] is the realization that the more we do for others, the more we are able to do for us. And that if we stand by no one but ourselves, then none will stand by us.”

**SHIMON PERES**

Israel’s president and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

## **LOOKING AHEAD: MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

After 20 years of existence, CEJI’s challenge is to bring our programmes to even wider audiences. We are investing in new staff and broadening the scope and depth of our programmes. We are reaching ever-growing populations in Europe who are coming into contact with other religions and minorities for the first time.

## **MEET SOME OF OUR TEAM**



**Baron Alain Philippson – Chairman**

He is honorary president of Bank Degroof and founder and president of the Marie & Alain Philippson Foundation, stimulating sustainable human development in Central and West Africa.

**Ronny Naftaniel – executive vice-Chairman**

He is Chairman of the Dutch Jewish Humanitarian Fund, Board member of the umbrella organisation of Dutch Jewry, CJO and director the Centre for Information and Documentation on Israel in The Hague.



**Daniel Kropf – Secretary General**

He is a healthcare entrepreneur who throughout his life has initiated several social and philanthropic endeavours in a pursuit of a deeper understanding of human diversity.

**Robin Sclafani – CEJI Director**

She has over 20 years experience in developing and delivering anti-prejudice diversity awareness training programmes. With an MA in Conflict Resolution, she was appointed director at CEJI in 2006 after serving five years as its Training Director. She previously worked for the Anti-Defamation League in New York.



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