

Dears, thank you to the organisers to let us to have the opportunity to quickly explain our actions against hate speech.

Plataforma per la Llengua is the NGO working for the promotion of Catalan language and the defence of the linguistic rights of Catalan-speakers, from all the areas where Catalan is spoken. Plataforma has more than 20.000 members.

During the last years, we have done a serial of proposal to Spanish, Catalan, Balearic, Valencian and Aragon Governments in order to stop the linguistic discriminations that Catalan speakers are enduring in all those territories and, also online. Part of those actions have been included in the Catalan Human Rights Plan, promoted by Catalan Ombudsman.

Moreover, Plataforma has a grievance service to accompany people who face or endure any kind of linguistic discrimination, giving them administrative and legal assistance. Part of the technical staff of Plataforma is in fact in charge to detect hate speech on social networks and to give them administrative and legal assistance.

The objective: that everyone discriminated on social networks because expressing himself or herself in Catalan feels accompanied and knows that he/she is not alone.

We have detected that often before we contact those people, someone has already informed them to contact us. Since 2011 we have received 5,963 grievances.

Finally, like other human rights NGOs, we are part of the Barcelona Board of Organisations for the Assistance of Victims of Discrimination promoted by the City Council to fight against any kind of hate speech. All the NGOs implied in this network give support to each other in their respective fields of action. The Board has given support to 546 cases in 2018.

Thank you for your attention and I remain at your disposal if you have any question.