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European conference on The Right to a Safe Educational Environment

(Brussels, 8-10 November 2012)

DIGNITY researchers, focusing on '*Safety in Rights based Schools*,' conducted a European conference for researchers, inspectors, policymakers, judges, representatives from European networks of equality bodies, and stakeholders in education in Brussels on 8th-10th November 2012.

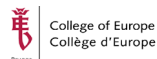
Over the past years, violence in schools has occurred with incidents ranging from minor discipline problems, to verbal and physical threats. While an understanding of the phenomenon of violence in schools has progressed in various disciplines, a significant gap on the legal framework and the enforcement of law in schools to guarantee a safe educational environment remains.

The conference organizers intend to provide a better understanding of how law influences and might effectively be modified to reduce violence in schools in a given European context and create safe educational environments.

The international conference addresses the legal challenges for creating a safe educational environment. Moreover, it considers the need of officials who supervise schools, of directors and teachers, of education providers to acquire understandings of international norms for safety plans in schools within the framework of respect for human rights.

The ultimate objective of the conference is to make violence in schools regarded as a preventable problem instead of being inevitable.

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