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**OUTPUT
SUMMARY**

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Media in Europe for Diversity Inclusiveness

EUROPEAN EXCHANGES OF MEDIA PRACTICES

Pair: **COE 70**

REPRESENTATION OF MUSLIMS AND IMPROVING DIVERSITY OF SOURCES IN THE GREEK AND GERMAN MEDIA

1. Exchange Partners

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2. Summary

Muslim communities in Europe have been subject to much vilification in recent year. Media in Greece and Germany are grappling with how to portray Islam and Muslims and generally refer to Muslim sources only when reporting on specifically Muslim issues, such as the Burqa, mosques and when tackling the issue of "Islamist" terrorism, which has become an increasingly hot topic as the Islamic State continues to expand across the Middle East. The situation could be changed through diversity training, hiring journalists of different backgrounds, introducing intercultural outreach programmes and establishing databases of expert sources with different cultural, religious and ethnic backgrounds.

3. Dissemination of the Output

We will share our findings with the broad networks of journalists, media outlets and NGOs with whom we have worked over the past number of years. We will also disseminate the recommendations with our former journalism schools. Jennifer Collins studies journalism at Dublin Institute of Technology, where media diversity is a key topic, while Nikolia Apostolou studied at Columbia School of Journalism.

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4. *Biographies of the authors*

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