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## **NSS calls on European leaders to robustly promote the “democratic value” of separation of religion and state**

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The National Secular Society today called on EU presidents to promote "democratic values", warning that past assumptions about the place of religion in politics and modern society being settled may no longer apply. [Read More »](#)

## **Inclusive schools needed to tackle radicalisation, says European Commission**

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The European Commission has called for inclusive education to help tackle radicalisation across the continent. [Read More »](#)

## **European Commission announces online crackdown on “hate speech”**

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Tech companies including Facebook and Twitter have signed up to a new European Commission plan designed to clampdown on online "hate speech." [Read More »](#)

## **NSS stresses role of education in nurturing cohesive societies in speech at European Parliament**

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The NSS has told top-level European officials of the positive role secular education can play in building a shared future and challenging religious intolerance across Europe. [Read More »](#)

## **Council of Europe “retreat” on circumcision of young boys**

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Jewish and Muslim groups have claimed victory after the Council of Europe 'retreated' over a proposed ban on male circumcision and instead recommended that it only be performed by trained individuals. [Read More »](#)

## **National Secular Society calls for integrated education at EU colloquium on combatting religious hatred**

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The National Secular Society has spoken out at a meeting of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) on religious intolerance to call for integrated schools that promote citizenship and human rights. [Read More »](#)

## **Ireland strongly criticised by UN for domination of religious schools over education system**

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The United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) has called on Ireland to "increase the number of non-denominational schools" in its education system. [Read More »](#)

## **Secularists call for commitment to free speech and civil society to challenge bigotry**

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The National Secular Society has called on the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights to promote a robust civil society response against religious and ethnic hatred. [Read More »](#)

## **NSS warns of ‘de-facto’ blasphemy laws at European Parliament**

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The National Secular Society has raised concerns about the limits imposed on free speech by unofficial blasphemy laws enforced by the threat of violence. [Read More »](#)

## **Head of Russian Orthodox Church says secularization in Europe has reached “apocalyptic dimensions,” calls for “Christian values”**

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Patriarch Kirill said Europe has abandoned its "Christian identity" and that the "process of secularization" has reached "apocalyptic dimensions". [Read More »](#)

## **Secularists protest Pope’s planned address to the European Parliament**

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Over a dozen secularist organisations have written to the President of the European Parliament, Martin Schulz, objecting to his invitation to Pope Francis to address the Parliament. [Read More »](#)

## **European Commission dismisses NSS complaint over employment discrimination in faith schools**

Posted: Thu, 23 Oct 2014

The European Commission has announced it will take no further action after investigating complaints, submitted by the National Secular Society, regarding UK state funded 'faith schools' legislation and European employment laws. [Read More »](#)

## **EU publishes guidelines on protecting free expression abroad**

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The Council of the European Union has adopted human rights guidelines on Freedom of Expression Online and Offline. [Read More »](#)

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