

Report Data - Bulgaria - 2012

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Official Data

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced	About these data
2019	22	432	155	
2018	46	6	158	
2017	22	9	9	
2016	28	299	71	
2015	704	752	135	

National developments

In 2019, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, together with ODIHR and FRA, organized a workshop for police and other criminal justice agencies involved in recording hate crimes. The workshop produced a set of recommendations on improving hate crime registration, which were provided to the Ministry to be conveyed to the Bulgarian authorities for implementation.

A training on the "Investigation of hate crimes on homophobic and transphobic motives", organized by the LGBT youth organization Action, was held as part of a project funded by the American Bar Association. The aim of the project was to increase sensitivity to the problems of the LGBTI community in Bulgaria and to improve the investigation of crimes committed against LGBTI people. Forty-seven officers (including investigative police officers, security police officers and criminal police operatives) from various District Police Directorates in the country were trained.

NGO reports Organization Report

The **Office of the Grand Mufti** reported seven cases of desecration of or damage to mosques, two incidents of damage to the offices of the Grand Mufti and one case of the desecration of a grave.

Organization Name [Office of the Grand Mufti](#) [1]

Bias Motivation [Bias against Muslims](#) [2]

Description Type Reports

Organization Report

The **Bilitis Resource Centre** reported one physical assault resulting in serious injury against a gay man after he participated in Sofia Pride.

Organization Name [Bilitis Resource Centre](#) [3]

Bias Motivation [Bias against other groups - Sexual orientation or gender identity](#) [4]

Description Type Reports

IGO Reports Organization Name [UN High Commissioner for Refugees \(UNHCR\)](#) [5]

Organization Report

UNHCR reported one racist incident - a serious physical assault by a group against two asylum

seekers from Afghanistan, resulting in the hospitalization of one of the victims.

Bias Motivation [Racism and xenophobia](#) [6]

Description Type Reports

Organization Name [European Roma Rights Centre \(ERRC\)](#) [7]

Organization Report

The **European Roma Rights Centre** reported three murders, one of a Roma woman when an explosive device was left outside her office and the others of two men who were stabbed to death; and one physical assault against a Roma man, resulting in serious injury.

Bias Motivation [Bias against Roma and Sinti](#) [8]

Description Type Reports

ODIHR Recommendations

ODIHR observes that Bulgaria has not reported on hate crimes separately from cases of hate speech and/or discrimination.

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