

Report Data - Bulgaria - 2016

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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.

Hate crimes recorded by police

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Organization Report

In its "Concluding observations on the combined twentieth to twenty-second periodic reports of Bulgaria," the **United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)** recommended the appointment of specialized hate crime prosecutors.

Bias Motivation [Racism and xenophobia](#) [3]

Description Type Developments

ODIHR Recommendations

ODIHR observes that the law enforcement agencies of Bulgaria have not recorded the bias motivations of hate crimes.

National Developments **Description Type** Developments

Organization Report

Eighty-five investigating police officers from the Investigation Department at the Regional Office of the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works participated in a training workshop on "Practical difficulties in the investigation of crimes with a discriminatory element."

The Ministry of the Interior prepared two curricula for both new recruits and experienced police officers on working in multicultural environments, the use of force, aids and weapons from police authorities, anti-discrimination and hate crimes. The programme prepared 41 officers as trainers to further cascade the courses. This was part of a programme funded by Norway.

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