

Report Data - Bulgaria - 2018

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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.

IGO Reports **Organization Name** [Council of Europe's Ad Hoc Committee Of Experts On Roma And Traveller Issues \(CAHROM\)](#) [1]

Organization Report

The **Council of Europe's Ad Hoc Committee Of Experts On Roma And Traveller Issues (CAHROM)** published relevant recommendations in its "[Thematic Report on Roma and Travellers' Access to Justice \(with a gender focus\)](#) [2]."

Bias Motivation [Bias against Roma and Sinti](#) [3]

Description Type Developments

ODIHR Recommendations

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

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Organization Report

As part of ODIHR's EU-funded project on "Building a Comprehensive Criminal Justice Response to Hate Crimes", the Prosecutor's Office partnered with ODIHR to develop and pilot a manual on delivering joint training events to police officers and prosecutors from the same jurisdiction. Three such pilot training events were delivered and the Manual was launched in June.

Under ODIHR's "Turning Words into Action to Address Anti-Semitism" project, a workshop was organized that brought together police officers, the Jewish Community and other criminal justice and security experts to discuss anti-Semitic hate crimes and measures needed to increase the security of Bulgaria's Jewish community.

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[3] <https://hatecrime.osce.org/what-hate-crime/bias-against-roma-and-sinti>