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HATE CRIME REPORTING

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2024

Summary

Liechtenstein regularly reports on hate crimes to ODIHR.

Hate crime data collection in Liechtenstein
Support for hate crime victims in Liechtenstein
Liechtenstein's hate crime legislation

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Liechtenstein's efforts to report hate crimes to ODIHR. However, based on the available information, it observes that Liechtenstein does not collect data on hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Liechtenstein would benefit from raising awareness among and building the capacity of criminal justice officials to address hate crime.

Official Data

Liechtenstein does not record the bias motivations of crime, and therefore did not report hate crime data to ODIHR for 2024. The National Police only publishes data on cases of discrimination (§ 283 of the Criminal Code). Six such cases were recorded by the police, one prosecuted and one sentenced in 2024. However, these cases fall outside the OSCE hate crime definition and are not presented here. The National Police is currently in the process of defining the criteria for recording hate crime in the police database.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2024	not available	not available	not available

No data reported to ODIHR.

National Developments

As of 2024, the National Police planned to adopt and adapt Switzerland's Crime Prevention brochure on hate speech and hate crime in accordance with Liechtenstein law. Moreover, the National Police developed the criteria for recording hate crimes in the police database. In this context, an internal information letter for the training of police employees was also developed.

In 2024, the Government's Commission for the Protection against Violence (GSK) commissioned the Liechtenstein Institute to prepare annual documentation on extremism in Liechtenstein. In 2024, the Liechtenstein Institute published a Monitoring Report for 2023 on its website.

Incidents reported by civil society

For 2024, ODIHR did not receive any reports of hate crimes or hate incidents in Liechtenstein from civil society organizations. This is not an indication that hate crimes are not taking place, only that they have not been reported to civil society or to ODIHR.

To address under-reporting, ODIHR encourages any civil society organizations or groups that monitor hate incidents in Liechtenstein to report these to ODIHR at hatecrimereport@odihr.pl.

View civil society incidents for Liechtenstein, 2024