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HATE CRIME REPORTING

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Summary

Moldova regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. In 2017, ODIHR and the OSCE Mission to Moldova co-organized a workshop for police, prosecutors and civil society on understanding and improving hate crime recording and data collection, which led to a set of recommendations for relevant state authorities.

Following a request by Moldova's Ministry of Justice, in 2016 ODIHR provided a legal opinion on draft amendments related to bias-motivated offences. ODIHR's recommendations were largely reflected in amendments to the Criminal Code adopted by the Moldovan Parliament and published on 3 June 2022. In 2024, ODIHR held a national hate crime data workshop in Moldova.

Hate crime data collection in Moldova
Support for hate crime victims in Moldova
Hate crime capacity building in Moldova
Moldova's hate crime legislation

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Moldova's efforts to build the capacity of criminal justice officials to address hate crime. Based on the available information, ODIHR observes that law enforcement agencies of Moldova do not record the bias motivations behind hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Moldova would benefit from developing its victim support system to ensure effective access to justice, assistance, and protection services for hate crime victims.

Official Data

The number of hate crimes recorded by police represents the number of criminal cases into which criminal investigation was initiated.

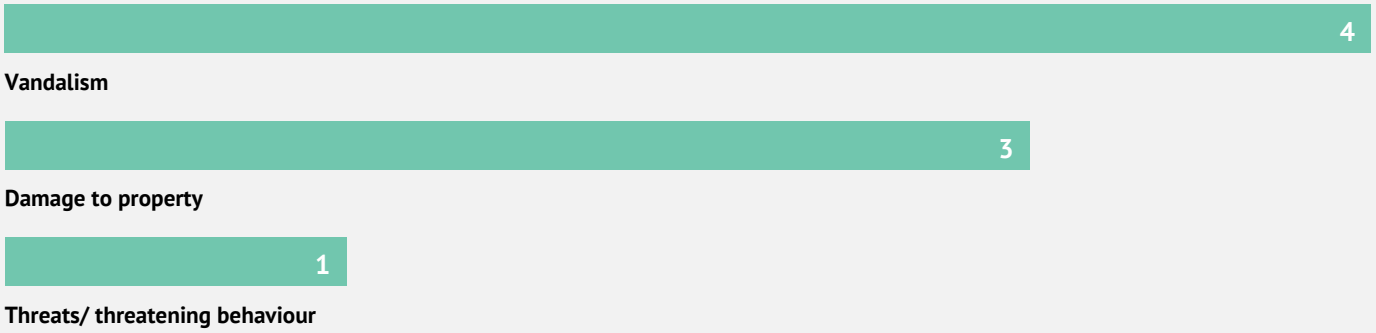
Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2021	8	1	7

Police data by bias motivation



Unspecified

Police data by type of crime

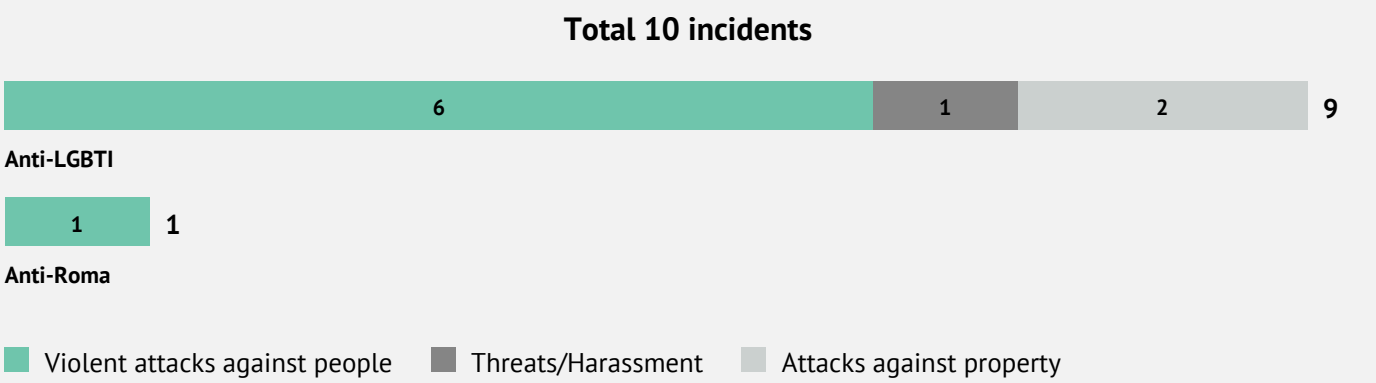


National Developments

In 2021, Moldova's "Strategic group for the harmonisation of law enforcement training on hate crimes", composed of representatives of the **General Police Inspectorate, the Superior Council of Magistracy, the Police Academy, the Ministry of Justice** and the **National Institute of Justice (NIJ)**, identified the need for two sets of cascaded training programmes in 2021. The first such training programme for police focuses on equality and non-discrimination, with the aim of strengthening preventive competencies. The second training programme aims to enhance inter-agency co-operation among criminal justice actors through a common understanding of hate crime and an integrated approach to combating such crimes.

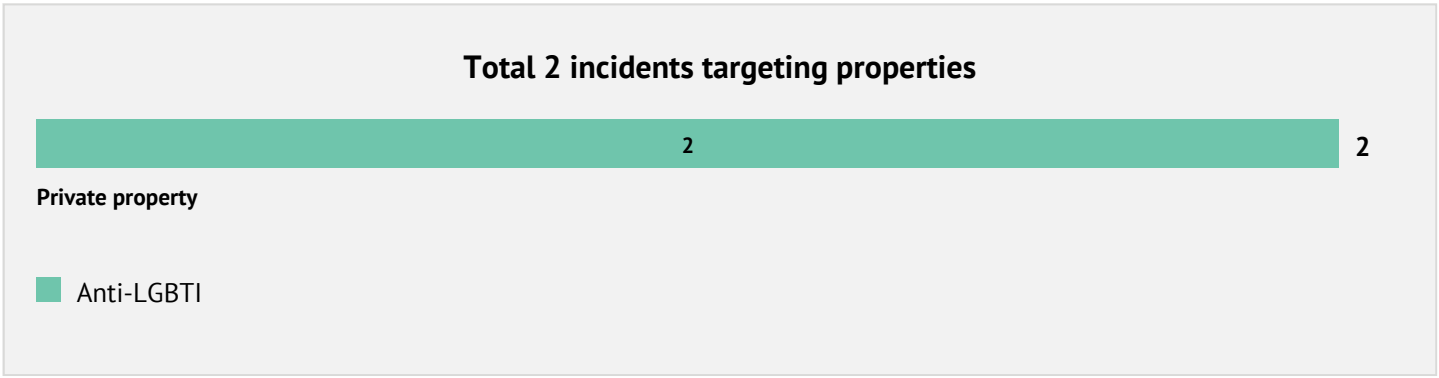
In 2021, police officers, prosecutors and judges benefitted from trainings events undertaken as part of two regional projects organized by the Council of Europe and funded by the European Union ("Strengthening the access to justice for victims of discrimination, hate crime and hate speech in the Eastern Partnership" and "Enhancing diversity and equality in the Republic of Moldova"). First, a training-of-trainers session on equality, non-discrimination and hate crimes was organized for police officers, followed in June 2022 by the delivery of cascaded training sessions by the trainees. With the Council of Europe's support, the **NIJ** organized four seminars entitled "Hate crimes through ECHR's practices" for the assistants of prosecutors and judges. A specialized course on "the examination and investigation of crimes motivated by prejudice" was included in the NIJ's in-service training curricula for prosecutors and judges.

Incidents reported by civil society

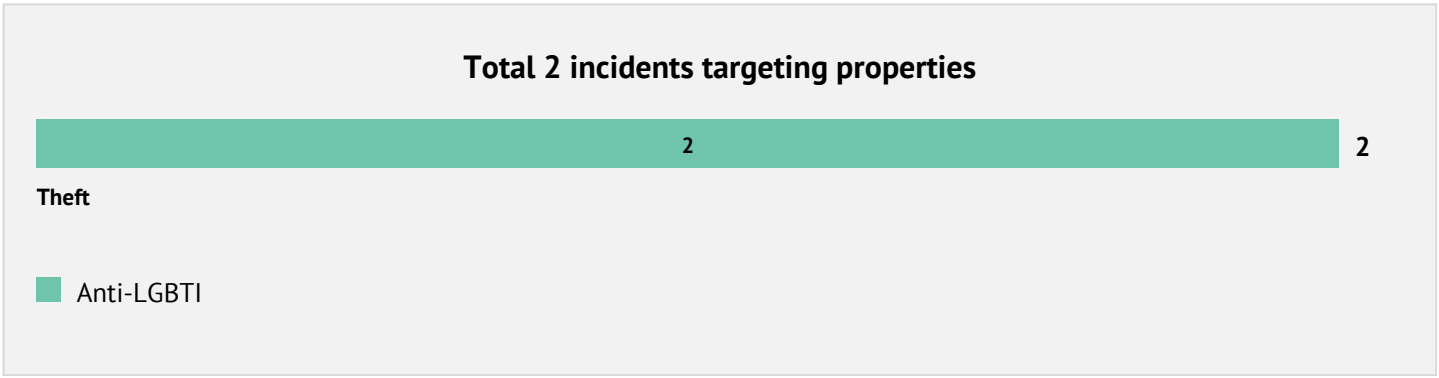


Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Moldova, 2021