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HATE CRIME REPORTING

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Summary

Romania regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. The Ministry of Administration and Interior, the Police, the Prosecutor's Office and the Superior Council of Magistracy collect hate crime data.

Amendments to the Criminal Code introduced in 2023 set out the constituent elements of hate crimes and the protected grounds therein.

In 2016, Romania implemented ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crimes for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) Programme. A specialized hate crime unit was created in the Romanian Police in 2021.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Romania's efforts to provide national hate crime data and information to ODIHR. However, based on the available information, it observes that law enforcement agencies have not recorded the bias motivations of hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Romania would benefit from raising awareness among and building the capacity of criminal justice officials to address hate crime.

Official Data

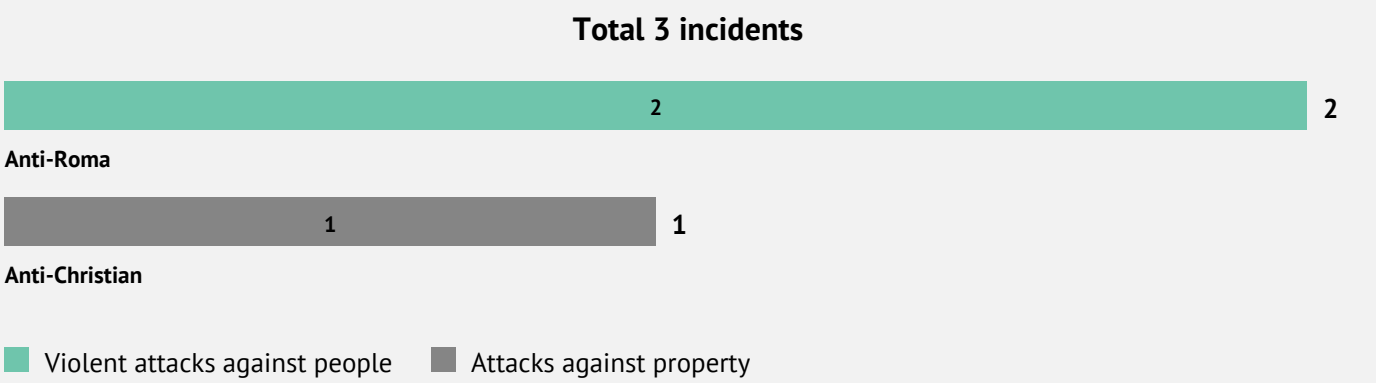
In addition to the above, a further 20 cases were recorded by police and 276 by the prosecution authorities that fall outside of the OSCE's definition of hate crime. Out of the total number of sentenced cases, the courts applied the aggravating circumstances provision to 19 cases, in accordance with Article 77 of the Criminal Code on offences involving a bias motivation.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2021	7	54	128

National Developments

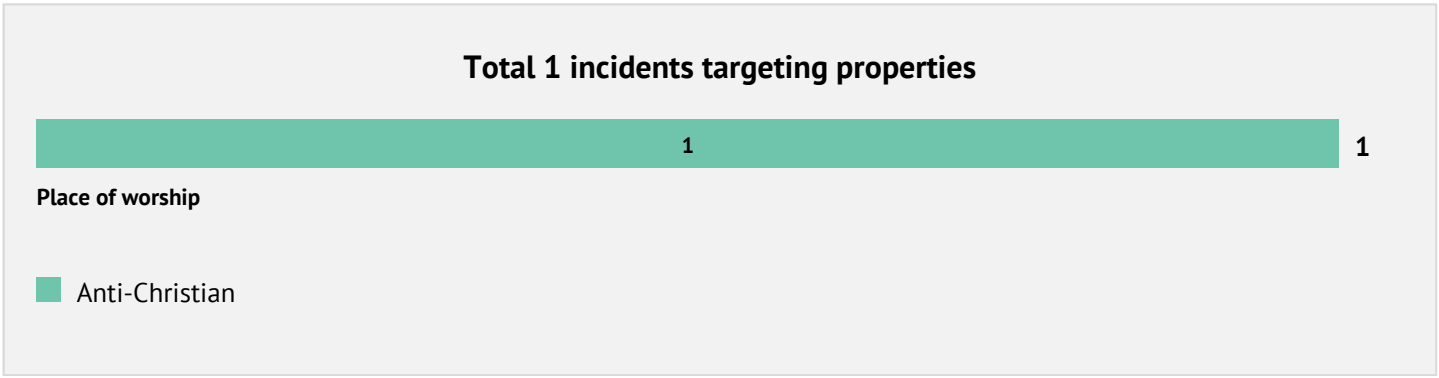
The Romanian Police is working to establish specialist hate crime investigation officers. There is now a designated police officer responsible for hate crimes cases within each regional Criminal Investigation Service of the Romanian Police. Consequently, there are 48 specialist hate crime police officers throughout Romania's 41 counties and in Bucharest. In addition, there is a newly established unit within the Criminal Investigation Directorate – the Office for the Investigation of Hate Crimes – which is made up of six police officers.

Incidents reported by civil society

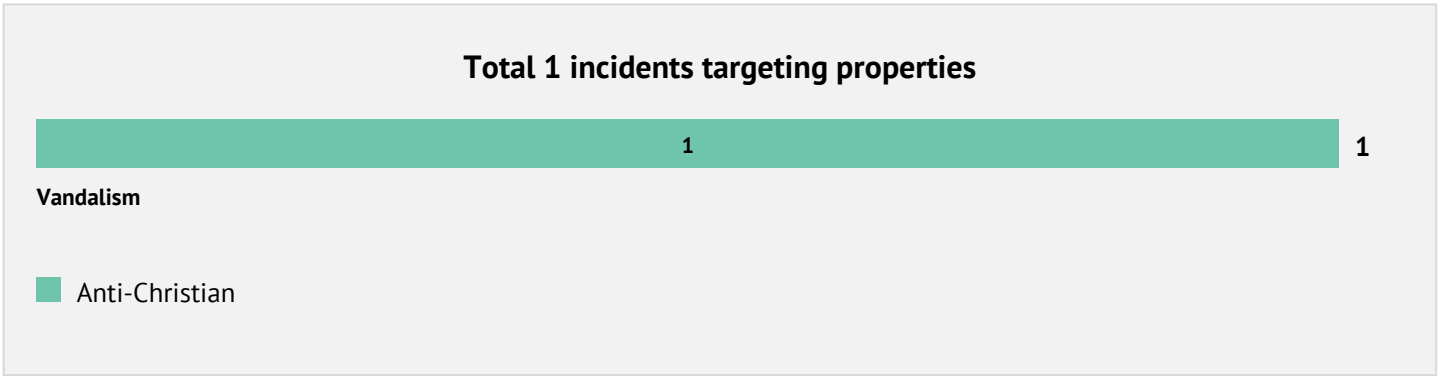


Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Romania, 2021