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HATE CRIME REPORTING

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Summary

Serbia regularly reports data on hate crimes to ODIHR. In 2018, the Office of the Prosecutor General, with the support of the OSCE Mission to Serbia and ODIHR, developed *Guidelines for the prosecution of hate crimes in the Republic of Serbia*. A network of contact persons working on hate crime within the prosecution services was established and, with the OSCE Mission's assistance, Serbia's Judicial Academy has developed, integrated and implemented a hate crime training plan and programme.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Serbia has not reported on hate crimes separately from cases of hate speech.

Official Data

Figures include crimes of incitement to hatred, other speech crimes and crimes violating freedom of religion.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2014	87	21	14

Police data by bias motivation

87

Unspecified

Police data by type of crime



Incitement to violence



Unspecified crime type

This category includes crimes violating the freedom to worship and perform religious rites.

National Developments

The governmental **Office for Human and Minority Rights** co-organized a regional conference on Prosecuting Hate Crimes in South-East Europe in December 2014. The conference brought together regional governmental representatives dealing with hate crimes, OSCE field operations and ODIHR.

The **Information Office for Victims and Witnesses** started working at the **Higher Public Prosecutor's Office** in Belgrade. The initiative is part of a project aimed at providing support to injured parties and witnesses, implemented by the **Republic's Public Prosecutor's Office** in co-operation with the Embassy of the United Kingdom in Belgrade.

Serbia's government adopted the Action Plan for the Implementation of Strategies for the Prevention and Protection against Discrimination for the period 2014–2018. The Action Plan aims, among other activities, to establish a single database of criminal charges, number of convicted persons and range of sanctions related to acts of violence (and threats) committed on the basis of personal characteristics. The Action Plan also envisions training judiciary and prosecution personnel on communication with communities affected by discrimination and hate crimes.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

View civil society incidents for Serbia, 2014