

Serbia Hate Crime Report 2013

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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, the Judicial Academy has developed, integrated and implements a hate crime training plan and programme.

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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.

| Year | Hate crimes recorded by police | Prosecuted | Sentenced |
|------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 2013 | 64 | 24 | 16 |

National Developments

On 1 January 2013, the new provision on aggravating circumstances of the Criminal Code of Serbia entered into force. Section 54a provides for an enhanced penalty when a crime has been committed based on hatred towards race, religion, national or ethnic origin, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity.

The **Public Prosecutor's Office**, in co-operation with the British Embassy, launched a project establishing an information service for victims and witnesses within the prosecutor's office. In addition, a pilot service was established within the High Public Prosecutor's Office in Belgrade.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.