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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2017 Hate Crime Report.
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Summary

Albania last reported information on hate crimes to ODIHR for the 2025 Hate Crime Report. In co-operation with the OSCE Presence in Albania, Albania has trained law enforcement officers on addressing hate crimes. ODIHR organized a hate crime data workshop in Albania in 2017.

In 2021, Albania introduced the National Strategy for Gender Equality, 2021-2030, which includes specific measures to combat discrimination and hate crimes and promote equality and social inclusion. In 2024, Albania introduced the Intersectoral Strategy for the Protection of Crime Victims, 2024-2030.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Albania has not periodically reported to ODIHR the numbers of hate crimes recorded by police.

Official Data

Thirteen further incidents were reported as registered by the police, but which represent criminal forms of hate speech and fall outside of the scope of the OSCE hate crime definition.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2017	1	1	not available

National Developments

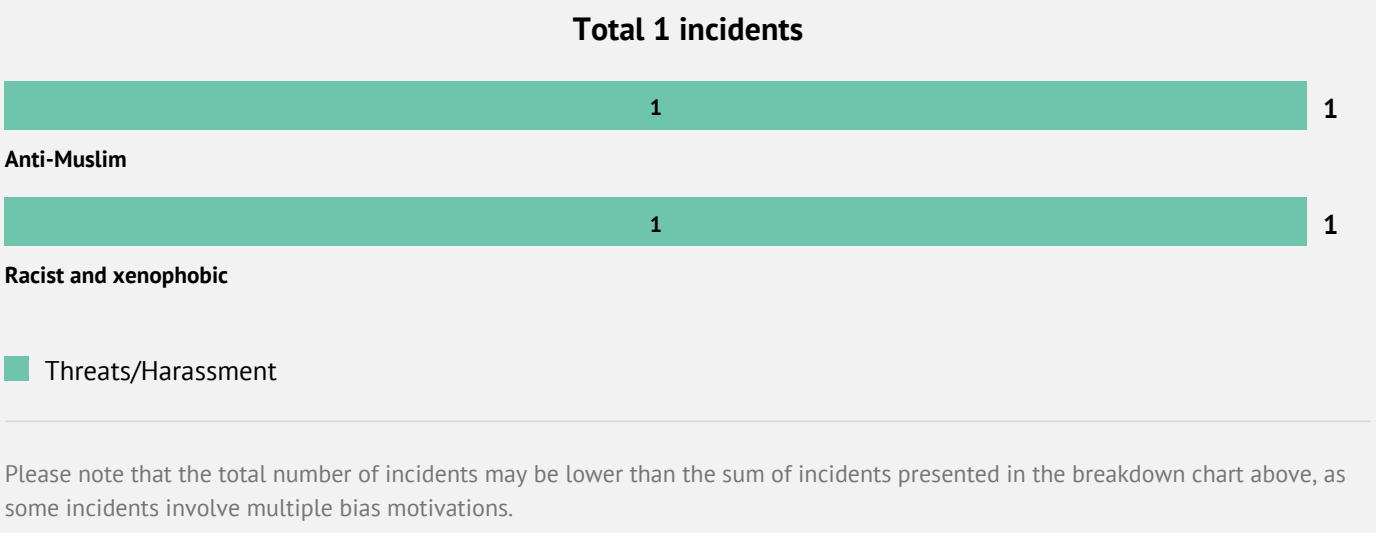
The Sector for Criminal Statistics at the General Directorate of State Police added a column in the crime statistics, defining the motive for all crimes committed, in order to clearly identify the bias motive in recorded cases.

In May, ODIHR, together with the OSCE Presence, Prosecutor's Office, the Police and several civil society organizations, organized a one-day workshop on improving the police recording of hate crimes. The workshop resulted in 12 recommendations to the Albanian authorities, including the above action.

A module on hate crime has been included in the curricula of the Security Academy at the Bachelor level, as part of a course on elements of crimes, interviewing and investigation.

The OSCE Presence organized training sessions on hate crimes for the police in seven police regions across the country.

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.

View civil society incidents for Albania, 2017