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HATE CRIME REPORTING

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Summary

Belgium regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Recent initiatives to improve hate crime identification, recording, and data collection have been implemented through ODIHR's Information Against Hate Crimes Toolkit (INFAHCT) programme. In particular, Belgium has implemented the programme's recommendations on the operational practice of police, prosecutors, and equality bodies.

Crime victimization surveys and research are frequently conducted in Belgium. "Safe.brussels", the Brussels public service responsible for crime prevention and security within the Brussels-Capital Region, conducts surveys on the perception of security and crime victimization among the general public every two years.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Belgium has not reported on hate crimes separately from cases of hate speech and/or discrimination.

Official Data

Figures refer to crimes with a racist or xenophobic motive and include crimes of incitement to hatred and crimes of discrimination.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2012	615	893	66

Police data by bias motivation

614

Racist and xenophobic

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Anti-LGBTI

Police data by type of crime



Unspecified crime type



Homicide

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

View civil society incidents for Belgium, 2012