

Bulgaria Hate Crime Report 2013

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Summary

Bulgaria regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Bulgaria implemented ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme from 2012 until 2017. Bulgaria also took part in ODIHR's project on "Building a Comprehensive Criminal Justice Response to Hate Crime", helping to develop a joint training programme for police and prosecutors that was piloted in the country. Bulgaria has also made efforts to improve hate crime identification, recording and data collection systems through ODIHR's Information Against Hate Crimes Toolkit (INFAHCT) programme. ODIHR completed a [review](#) of Bulgaria's hate crime legislation in 2018.

[Hate crime data collection in Bulgaria](#)

[Support for hate crime victims in Bulgaria](#)

[Hate crime capacity building in Bulgaria](#)

[Bulgaria's hate crime legislation](#)

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Bulgaria has not reported hate crime data disaggregated by bias motivation to ODIHR.

Official Data

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2013	651	300	239

Police data by bias motivation

651

Unspecified

Police data by type of crime

633

Physical assault

5

Attacks against places of worship

3

Damage to property

3

Incitement to violence

2

Homicide

2

Threats/ threatening behaviour

2

Unspecified

1

Desecration of graves

National Developments

Throughout the year, the Police Academy continued to train police officers on hate crimes as part of ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crimes for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme. In 2013, ODIHR evaluated the implementation of the TAHCLE programme in Bulgaria.

In November 2013, as part of the European Commission's PROGRESS programme, police officers received training from the **Commission for Protection against Discrimination** on various issues relating to hate crime prevention and reporting.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

[View civil society incidents for Bulgaria, 2013](#)