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HATE CRIME REPORTING

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Summary

Estonia reported hate crime data to ODIHR for the 2022 Hate Crime Report.

The Ministry of Justice is responsible for collecting hate crime data. The main strategy that addresses hate crime is the "Internal security development plan 2020-2030 (*Siseturvalisuse arengukava*, 2020–2030)".

The Estonian Human Rights Centre, a major civil society organization (CSO) working on hate crimes in Estonia, is engaged in raising awareness, strengthening co-operation between CSOs and the state, and advocating for more effective laws and policies.

In 2017, ODIHR organized a workshop on understanding and improving hate crime recording and data collection and also implemented its Training against Hate Crimes for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme in Estonia. In 2022, ODIHR organized an online workshop to assess national structures and services for hate crime victim support in Estonia, which resulted in a number of recommendations issued to the Estonian authorities.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes that Estonia reported its hate crime data to ODIHR for the first time since 2016. However, based on the available information, it observes that the law enforcement agencies of Estonia have not recorded the bias motivations behind hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Estonia would benefit from reviewing its existing legal framework in order to ensure that bias motivation can be effectively acknowledged and appropriate penalties can be imposed on the

perpetrators.



Official Data

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2020	3	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

The police data on hate crimes are disaggregated by type of crime only.



Unspecified

Police data by type of crime

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Physical assault



Disturbance of the peace

This category includes an aggravated form of breach of public order.

National Developments

Victim Support Estonia provides information on hate crime and to potential victims of "hate crime"(*vaenukuritegu* in Estonian). Hate crime victims can also access a crisis helpline (116 006) administrated by the Social Insurance Board.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

View civil society incidents for Estonia, 2020