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Hate crime in North Macedonia: Geographic distribution of hate crimes and hate incidents

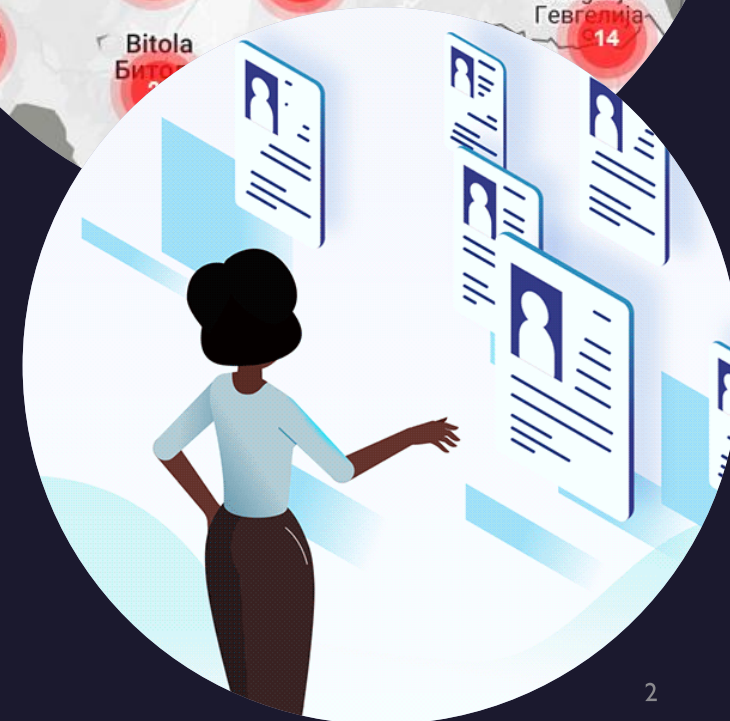
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Introduction

1. Legal framework for countering Hate crime in North Macedonia
2. Collecting data for hate crime cases
3. Challenges in collecting data and geovisualization of hate crime
4. Geovisualization on hate crimes for the period of 2015 to 2020* & main findings
5. Recommendations





Your honor, how can it be considered a 'hate crime' if my client loved doing it



Several changes of the legal framework – most important the amendments in 2018

- *“A hate crime expressly provided by the provisions of this Code is considered a criminal offense against a natural or legal person and related persons or property committed in whole or in part due to a real or presumed (imagined, conceived) characteristic or connection of the person on grounds of race, skin color, nationality, ethnicity, religion or belief, mental or physical disability, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation and political belief.”*

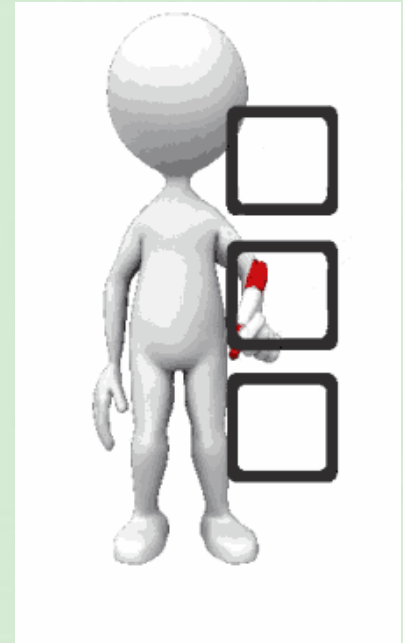
According to the 2023 Screening report of the EC, the legal framework on fighting racism and xenophobia is *partially aligned* with the EU acquis

According to the 2023 report of the EC, official data needs to be gathered more systematically, and more efforts need to be invested in the development of a recording and data collection framework by the authorities. No detailed data is available from the courts, even though there is an obligation to register hate crime as a separate phenomenon.



Collecting data for hate crime cases

Problem – the law enforcements do not always check the box for hate crime in every hate crime case – independently of the fact - if they are not trained to recognize hate crime



HATE CRIMES

Report an incident

How did we collect the data?

Glossary Reports FAQ Contact us



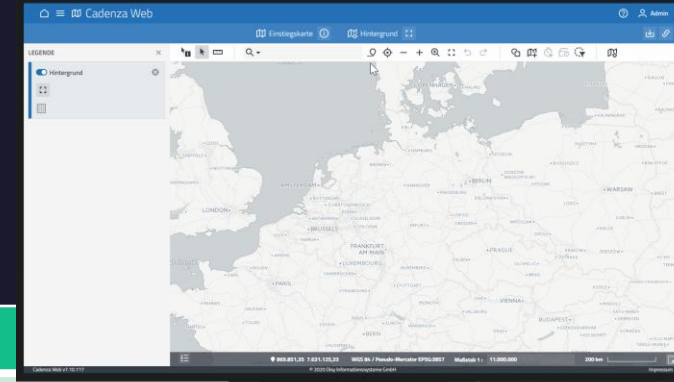
Helsinki Committee & OSCE Mission

By Category By Criminal Offences By Grounds

By Category

- All Categories
- Offences against persons with disabilities
- Incident on a sport match
- Incident due to sexual orientation or gender identity
- Incident due to political affiliation or political belief
- Incident due to religious affiliation or religious belief
- Incident due to ethnic belonging, citizenship or language
- Incident due to a refugee or migrant status
- Racial or other discrimination
- Causing national, racial or religious hate, discord or intolerance

1. Geovisualization on hate crimes for 2020 - the year of Pandemics

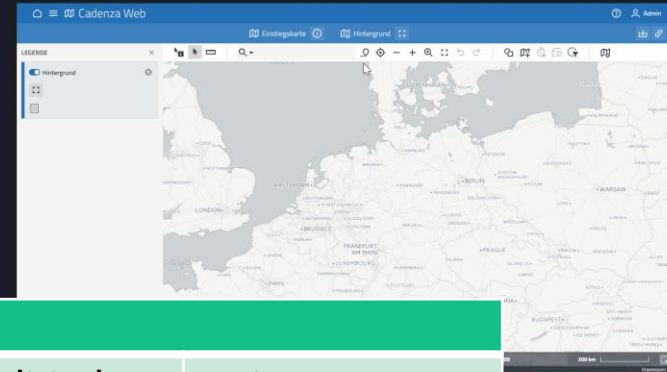


Protected characteristic

City	nationality	ethnicity	religion or belief	mental or physical disability	gender, gender identity	sexual orientation	political belief	racism & xenophobia migrant status, language, skin color
Skopje	2	54	1			1	7	7
Veles								2
Valandovo	1							
Kicevo								2
Tetovo			2					
Bitola		1		1		1		1
Prilep		1						1
Krushevo							1	
Kocani								1
Kumanovo		1						5
Ohrid	1							3
Struga		1					1	

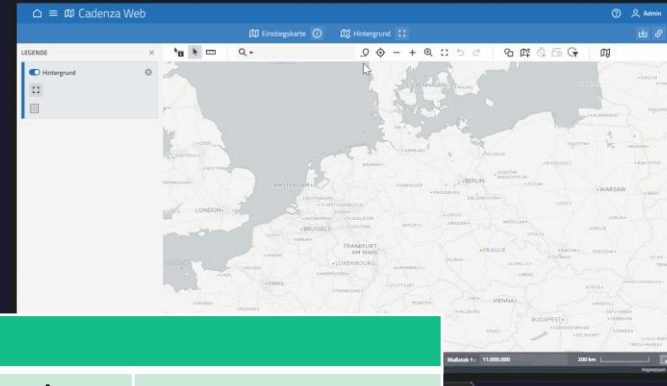
1. Geovisualization on hate crimes for 2019

the year of Presidential elections



Protected characteristic									
City	nationality	ethnicity	religion or belief	mental or physical disability	gender, gender identity	sexual orientation	political belief	racism & xenophobia	migrant status, language, skin color
Skopje	1	115	1		1	2	8	3	
Veles									
Gevgelija							1		
Kicevo									
Tetovo		5	1						
Gostivar		1						2	
Bitola	1	1							
Stip									2
Kocani & Vinica									1
Kumanovo		1					1	3	
Ohrid									2
Struga & Resen							3		

1. Geovisualization on hate crimes for 2018



Protected characteristic

City	nationality	ethnicity	religion or belief	mental or physical disability	gender, gender identity	sexual orientation	political belief	racism & xenophobia migrant status
Skopje	2	67	2				14	1
Veles								1
Gostivar							2	
Kicevo							1	
Tetovo		6					1	
Bitola		1		1				
Prilep		3					7	
Delcevo							1	
Vinica							2	
Kumanovo		1					2	2
Ohrid			1					
Negotino								2
Gevgelija		1						



Conclusion

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