

ODIHR's Work to Address Hate Crimes



Hate crimes are unlike other crimes. By targeting people based on their identity, hate crimes inflict deep wounds on victims and their communities, sowing fear among at-risk groups, fracturing social trust and, in extreme cases, leading to civil unrest and even conflict.

OSCE participating States have long recognized the impact of hate crimes on the security of communities and wider society. Consequently, ODIHR supports participating States to develop robust legislation, collect hate crime data, train criminal justice actors and put in place effective policy and criminal justice responses to hate crimes.

What is a hate crime?

Hate crimes are criminal offences motivated by bias against a particular group.

A hate crime occurs when a perpetrator intentionally targets an individual or property because of one or more identity traits, or expresses hostility towards those identity traits during the commission of the offence.

Hate crimes target people or property associated with a group that shares a core identity trait, such as 'race', ethnicity, language, religion, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability or another characteristic.

While anyone can be the victim of a hate crime, it disproportionately impacts people from minority or marginalized groups.

How does ODIHR assist in countering hate crimes?

ODIHR recognizes that countering hate crimes requires a comprehensive, whole-of-society approach that includes the meaningful participation of affected communities.

ODIHR's Hate Crime Report

ODIHR's annual **Hate Crime Report** is one of the most comprehensive compilations of official hate crime data and civil society information in the world. It presents hate crime information and statistics recorded by participating States, alongside summaries of hate incidents

reported by civil society and international organizations. To review the latest findings, please visit: hatecrime.osce.org.

As part of the reporting process, ODIHR trains civil society organizations on how to recognize and report hate crimes and hate incidents, and monitors any gaps in the implementation of OSCE commitments to address hate crime.

Hate crime training and technical assistance

ODIHR has over two decades of experience in delivering high-quality, customizable training programmes that aim to strengthen the capacity of police, prosecutors and judges to effectively address hate crime. In addition, ODIHR's legislative reviews help to ensure appropriate legal frameworks are in place, while its advice on operational guidance for police and guidelines for prosecutors facilitates the practical implementation of hate crime laws and policies.

- The **Training Against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE)** programme improves police skills in recognizing, understanding and investigating hate crimes through a victim-centred approach, while also preparing police officers to train their colleagues.
- The **Prosecutors and Hate Crimes Training (PAHCT)** programme strengthens the effectiveness of hate crime prosecution by equipping prosecutors and judges with the knowledge and tools to effectively investigate, prosecute and adjudicate hate crime cases.
- The **Information Against Hate Crimes Toolkit (INFAHCT)** programme supports participating States to develop and strengthen their hate crime recording and data collection systems.

Hate crime victim support

Protecting and supporting hate crime victims is an essential but often overlooked part of a comprehensive response to hate crimes. ODIHR works with participating States, civil society and the international community to ensure that victims of hate crimes have access to much-needed protection and support.

In particular, ODIHR strengthens hate crime victim support structures and practices, trains first responders to understand and address hate crime victims' needs, and works with policymakers, practitioners and the international community to identify and implement best practices in hate crime victim support.

To learn more and view the project's latest resources, please visit:
Comprehensive Support for Hate Crime Victims - Phase II

Overview of OSCE commitments related to hate crime

OSCE participating States have committed to:

- ✓ Reporting reliable information and statistics on hate crime to ODIHR
- ✓ Making hate crime data publicly accessible
- ✓ Ensuring an effective criminal justice response to hate crime
- ✓ Enacting legislation to counter hate crime

- ✓ Supporting victims and encouraging them to report hate crimes
- ✓ Working with civil society to address hate crime
- ✓ Ensuring a comprehensive approach to tackling hate crime through partnerships, consultation mechanisms and dialogue

Learn more about OSCE commitments related to hate crime:

<https://hatecrime.osce.org/our-mandate>

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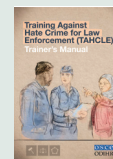
Key ODIHR resources



Hate Crime Laws: A Practical Guide



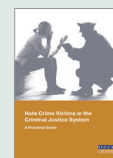
Hate Crime Data Collection and Monitoring: A Practical Guide



Training Against Hate Crimes for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) - Trainer's Manual



Prosecutors and Hate Crimes Training (PAHCT) - Trainer's Manual



Hate Crime Victims in the Criminal Justice System



Hate Crime Prosecution at the Intersection of Hate Crime and Criminalized 'Hate Speech': a Practical Guide



Information Against Hate Crimes Toolkit (INFAHCT): Programme Description



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