

3rd Foreigners Roundtable: Tackling Hate Speech and Hate Crime

About us.

Human Rights League

- ✓ We are independent non partisan NGO
- ✓ We provide legal counselling to refugees and foreigners in Slovakia
- ✓ Also, we focus on integration policies and working with municipalities and the State to improve conditions for foreigners in Slovakia
- ✓ We are working with Bratislava City on capacity building in integration of foreigners in the city (KapaCITY project) and we run project to raise awareness on various aspects of migration and integration of foreigners in Bratislava region (Migration Compass). More info: <https://www.hrl.sk/en/our-work/projects/projects>



Hate Speech and Hate Crime

What is hate crime?

- ODHIR (OSCE): Hate crimes are **criminal acts** motivated by **bias or prejudice** towards particular groups of people.
- Bias motivations can be broadly defined as **preconceived negative opinions, stereotypical assumptions, intolerance or hatred directed to a particular group that shares a common characteristic**, such as race, ethnicity, language, religion, nationality, sexual orientation, gender or any other fundamental characteristic. People with disabilities may also be victims of hate crimes.
- Hate crimes can include **threats, property damage, assault, murder or any other criminal offence committed with a bias motivation.**



What is hate speech?

CoE: European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI):

- **Hate speech** covers many forms of expressions which **spread, incite, promote or justify hatred, violence and discrimination** against a person or group of persons for a variety of reasons.
- In Slovakia, several types of hate speech are sanctioned by criminal law.
- Slovakia also has „**Framework to Fight Extremism 2015 – 2019**“ – national policy document officially approved by Slovak Government



What to do if something happens?

- Reporting **online incidents** – available tools in Slovakia
extrem@minv.sk email address, which belongs to police to report extremism and hate incidents
<https://stoline.sk/sk/uvod/> hate incidents, child abuse, other crime (form in Slovak and English)
<https://nenavistnyskutok.sk/> online tool developed by NGO to report both online and offline hate incidents
- **Police:** National Criminal Agency <http://www.minv.sk/?narodna-protiteroristicka-jednotka>
City Police of Bratislava : <http://mestskapolicia.bratislava.sk/kontakty/os-10/p1=1380>
- **Discrimination** cases: Slovak National Centre for Human Rights :
<http://www.snslp.sk/?locale=en>



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