

Cases and rulings

Country Code	Year	Reference details title	Reference details URL	Hate Bias motivation	Court / Body	Key facts of the case	Results (sanctions, outcome) and key consequences or implications of the case	Main reasoning / argumentation	Key issues (concepts, interpretations) clarified by the case	Key quotation in original language and translated into English with reference details
Lithuania	2016	Lithuania / Kaunas District Court / Judgment of in the criminal case no. 1-384-240/2016	http://liteko.teismai.lt/viesasprendimupaiska/tekstas.aspx?id=51068ea6-0026-4f16-9a23-6f9b8cb1fb78	Nationality	Kaunas District Court	L.K. and V.K. were accused of incitement to discrimination, violence and physical violent treatment against a group of persons on grounds of nationality and social status (Article 170 (paragraphs 2 and 3) of the Criminal Code, because they displayed posters with the statement "SUDEGINK RUKLA DEPORTUOK VYRIAUSYBĘ IMIGRANTAI WELCOME!" ("Burn Rukla deport Government immigrants welcome") in public places.	Both accused were acquitted	The accused and experts had different interpretations of the text on the posters, therefore, the court decided that it could not be confirmed that the accused understood the content of the posters as incitement to violence, violent treatment, discrimination against a group of persons on grounds of nationality and social status	For the crime of incitement to hatred it is required that person unambiguously and clearly shall point out one of the groups of persons described by law and to express his/her negative, contemptuous or degrading opinion, inciting and urging negative feelings, hatred of other members of the society against particular group of persons or a person belonging thereto, discrimination of such persons.	"<...> pasisakantis asmuo nedviprasmiškai ir visiems suprantamai turi nurodyti vieną iš įstatyme apibrėžtų žmonių grupių ir išreikšti jos atžvilgiu savo neigiamą, niekinančią ar žeminančią požiūrį, skatindamas ir kurstydamas kitų visuomenės narių (jo viešų pareiškimų respondentų) neigiamus jausmus, neapykantą nurodytai asmenų grupei ar jos nariui, tokių asmenų diskriminaciją." "<...> person unambiguously and clearly shall point out one of the groups of persons described by law and to express his/her negative, contemptuous or degrading opinion, inciting and urging negative feelings, hatred of other members of the society against particular group of persons or a person belonging thereto, discrimination of such persons."

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