

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
Malta	2016	Malta / Court of Magistrates as a Court of Criminal Judicature, Police v. Eric Cuschieri, Court of Magistrates as a Court of Criminal Judicature, Police v. Chris Pisani		Racial or ethnic origin	Court of Magistrates as a Court of Criminal Judicature	In February 2015, a photo of an African man lying in a hospital bed at Mater Dei hospital was posted on the Facebook page entitled 'Daqshekk ghall-Immigrazzjoni Llegali f'Malta' ('No More Illegal Immigration to Malta'). Two men, Eric Cuschieri and Christopher Pisani, left disparaging comments on the post. Eric Cuschieri wrote the words 'burn him' while Pisani suggested that he would replace the man's saline drip with hydrochloric acid. The men were brought before the Court after screenshots of their comments were handed over to the Police Cybercrime Unit. Both accused men pleaded guilty and were fined 3,000 EUR each.	The men were arraigned in Court after a screenshot of the comments was handed over to the Police Cybercrime Unit. Both of the accused pleaded guilty and were fined 3,000 EUR.		None, for the reasons explained earlier.	

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