

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	2017	Lithuania / Vilnius Regional Court / Criminal case No. 15-94-1020/2017	https://eteismai.lt/byla/212027335578215/15-94-1020/2017	Migrant status	Regional court (Apygardos teismas)	The case concerns online incitement to hatred and violence. European Foundation of Human Rights, non-governmental human rights organization, lodged complaint of commentary on public article "Danish parliamentary shuddered with request to shoot migrant boats" of following words: "Good idea - each country and her citizens are OBLIGATED to defend themselves and country from parasites-occupants. Deport everyone!".	Complaint was dismissed and no appeal where followed up. The identification of hate-crimes in Lithuanian judicial system is still problematic issue.	Regional court dismissed complaint as without substance and there where none criminal activity. Court evaluated statement as negative, but person didn't tried to adress other people to use violence. Thus statement could be evaluated as morally and ethically disturbing, but not breaking law.	Key issue was to evaluate statement as was it incitement to violence or not.	"Todėl teismas sutinka su pirmosios instancijos teismo išvada, kad nors asmens, pasivadinusio „A“ vardu, komentare išdėstytos mintys bei vertinimai pasižymi nekorektiškumu bei gali būti vertinami kaip pažeidžiantys etikos bei moralės normas, tačiau neturi realaus pagrindo ir nėra nukreipti skatinti neapykantą bei kurstyti smurtą prieš žmonių grupę ir negali būti kvalifikuoti kaip nusikalstama veika, numatyta BK 170 straipsnyje/ " "Thus Court agrees with first instance court evaluation, that person who is named „A“ statement and ideas could be evaluated as incorrect and could be evaluated as morally and ethically disturbing, but there is no real basis and there is no incitement to hatred and violence againsts group of people and cannot be qualified as criminal activity, which is prohibited in 170 article of Penal code."

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