

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
Slovakia	2019	Slovakia / District Court Martin / 131/175/2017	https://www.justice.gov.sk/sudy-a-rozhodnutia/sudy/rozhodnutia/8d4f9cb-4327-4d34-881c-5bb46e612bdb;2b512fc6-8051-4f9c-8837-ded2462b614c/	Religion, Racial or ethnic origin	District Court Martin	The case concerns online incitement to hatred against persons of Islamic religion. In 2016 unknown author posted a picture of a building depicting the residence of the Association of Muslims in the middle Slovakia and corresponding phone numbers with a commentary: "They have a mosque in Martin. Not with minaret, but still they have." Defendant commented on this post: "If I find out, where they meet, I'm willing to join and f..k them out of there. What an insolence to do... We have Matica (name of the cultural institution with focus on Slovak nation, does not have equivalent in English) where our Slovak language came from and some d..k will f..k me here. Honour to our cross, honour to our Matica. I am Slovak and I will be Slovak and I have to protect this land with my hands and legs so some bastards as these do not claim any piece of Martin..." This comment was posted publicly and read by multiple users of the social network.	The judge issued a verdict sentencing the defendant to prison for a period of 1 year with suspension establishing 2 years probationary period.	The defendant was accused of public incitement to violence and hate against group of persons based on their religion and thus committing an offense of incitement, defamation and threat against persons based on their race, nation, nationality, skin color, ethnic group or origin based on §424a art.1, letter a) of the Criminal Code effective until 31.12.2016 (Act no. 300/2005 Coll Criminal Code). The verdict does not contain justification, because both prosecutor and the defendant renounced their right to appeal.	The case did not bring any further clarification/interpretation to the law application.	The decision did not contain the reasoning of the court.

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