

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
Greece	2019	Greece / Greek Ombudsman Case 264690	https://www.synigoros.gr/en/category/diakriseis-pooth-apagorevsh-xtvsh-mapilas-kata-thy-praktikh-askvsh-nootheykths-se-kinkies-dhmosioy-nosokomeioy-den-shixeoBetei-diakrish-logw-Bthskaytikwn-pesoiBthswm	Religion	Ombudsman	The head of a nursing unit at a public hospital refused to permit a student of the Muslim faith to carry out her internship at the hospital while wearing a veil. The Ombudsman requested that the hospital's administration set out a specific and full justification, in compliance with the relevant provisions of Law 4443/2016 on the grounds for that decision. The hospital cited this was done on the grounds of public health, since the student's practical exercise would be carried out in the internal medicine or the surgery clinic.	The Ombudsman states in its 2019 Special Report on Equal Treatment that the case is still being investigated. There is no information on whether the head of the nursing unit has complied or not.	The Ombudsman responded to a complaint submitted by a nursing student who claimed she faced discrimination based on her religious beliefs when carrying out her training at a public hospital. The hospital demanded that the nursing student refrain from wearing her veil during her training which is contrary to her Islamic faith. The Ombudsman has recorded the incident as a case of discrimination based on religious beliefs. It should be noted that the head of the nursing unit invoked public health as a justification for not permitting the student to wear a veil.	Given that the case is still being examined, a full report has not been issued yet. A short description is provided by the Ombudsman in its 2019 Special Report on Equal Treatment. The Ombudsman has recorded the incident as a case of discrimination based on religious beliefs. It should be noted that the head of the nursing unit invoked public health as a justification for not permitting the student to wear a veil.	Not applicable. Given that the case is still being examined, a full report has not been issued yet. A short description is provided by the Ombudsman in its 2019 Special Report on Equal Treatment.

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