

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	2020	Slovakia / Specialized Criminal Court 31/21/2020 ECU-SK-SJP-2020-9520100157.1	https://www.justice.gov.sk/sudy-a-rozhodnutia/sudy/rozhodnutia/fec685d8-e79f-4fc8-8111-cdd49f6e6d2e:17718491-edcb-4e7f-843c-3da5011dbc37f	Religion, Racial or ethnic origin	Specialized Criminal Court	The case concerns online hate speech published on perpetrator's Facebook profile. Hate speech targeted mainly Roma, but also migrants (it seems migrants of dark complexion or African origin) and Muslims. Perpetrator's posts on Facebook also possessed and disseminated extremist materials referring to Nazi symbolics (images, Nazi music recordings etc.). The prosecution however only accused him of possession and dissemination of extremist materials, not of hate speech or incitement to violence and hatred.	The accused was sentenced to 2 years in prison with probation of 4 years.	The case does not contain any elaborate argumentation, only presentation of evidence from the perpetrator's Facebook profile. The case listed all Facebook posts that were subject of indictment. Most of them constituted hate speech or incitement to violence and hatred against Roma, Black people, migrants, refugees and Muslims. Some of the posts disseminated extremist materials (Nazi symbolics, etc.).	The case did not bring any new clarifications or interpretations.	"Obvinený (...) je vinný, že od 01.03.2013 do 08.08.2017 (...) postupne sprístupnil a zverejnil rôzne extrémistické materiály, (...) najmä písomné, grafické a obrazové vyhlásenia, znaky, heslá, symboly, ktoré vyjadrujú národnostnú, etnickú a rasovú nesmiernosť, nenávisť z dôvodu farby pleti, myšlienky a ideológiu národného socializmu - nacionalizmu a nacizmu (...)." "The accused (...) has been found guilty of sharing and publishing various extremist materials, (...) especially written, graphic and pictorial statements, signs, mottos, symbols that express national, ethnic and racial intolerance, racial hatred and ideology of national socialism - nationalism and Nazism (...)."

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