

## Research findings

Country code	Year	Reference details title	Reference details URL	Main thematic focus	Institution	Key findings - Short summary	Methodology (Qualitative/Quantitative and exact type used, questionnaires etc)	Sample details and representativeness	Area/location of interest - NUTS3 level
Belgium	2014	<a href="#">ECRI Report, (fifth monitoring cycle), Published on 25 February 2014</a>	<a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/european-commission-against-racism-and-intolerance/b...">https://www.coe.int/en/web/european-commission-against-racism-and-intolerance/b...</a>	Racism & xenophobia, Discrimination	ECRI   European Commission against Racism and Intolerance   Council of Europe	Ethnic and religious groups, in particular Muslims, continue to face in general many disadvantages, including discrimination in key fields of life. Muslims are often represented in a negative way in the public debate. The law banning the full veil and the failure of a number of local authorities to authorise the opening of mosques have further strengthened the Muslim Community's feeling that they are the target of discrimination. A large number of racism, xenophobia, discrimination and homophobia cases are dropped by prosecutors. The situation concerning hate speech on the Internet is extremely worrying with a sharp increase in racist webpages and discussion fora on Belgian sites. Until now, the Federal Police and the Prosecution Service did not record hate speech as a specific category of a criminal offence.	The working methods for the preparation of the reports involve documentary analyses, a visit to the country concerned, and then a confidential dialogue with the national authorities.	ECRI's reports are analyses based on a great deal of information gathered from a wide variety of sources.	Not applicable - national level

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