

## 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
Bulgaria	2014	<a href="#">ECRI Report. (fifth monitoring cycle). Published on 16 September 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	The situation throughout Bulgaria became extremely tense in the final months of 2013 with an explosion of xenophobic hate speech against refugees from Syria. The Chief Mufti's Office has documented incidents of harassment and violence against the Muslim community, including threats against Muslim women with headscarves, setting dogs on them, spitting on them, throwing liquids on them, painting the walls of religious schools and mosques with the slogans Death to the Turks and Bulgaria for the Bulgarians; desecrating and setting fire to mosques; damage to mosque property; and physical attacks on imams and mosque guards. The Jewish community has reported an increased number of antisemitic incidents. Racist violence has escalated since last ECRI report (2009). There has been a pronounced increase in incitement to Islamophobia. The authorities rarely voice any counter-Hate speech message to the public. Few cases of hate speech have reached court and the conviction rate is low.	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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