

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
Malta	2018	ECRI (2018). Report on Malta (fifth monitoring cycle). Strasbourg, Council of Europe.	https://rm.coe.int/fifth-report-on-malta/16808b592b	Racism & xenophobia, Discrimination, Hate crime, Hate speech: Public incitement to hatred or violence	ECRI European Commission against Racism and Intolerance Council of Europe	ECRI recognised progress made by Malta by the ratification of Protocol 12 to the ECHR in December 2015; the NCPE's advances to be in line with ECRI general recommendations; and the implementation of the agreement with the OSCE-ODIHR to implement the TAHCLE training, and the adoption of the National Migrant Integration Strategy. ECRI acknowledges Malta's "impressive work" on the advancements LGBT rights. It, however, raises concerns regarding various aspects relating to hate speech and hate crime especially when xenophobic discourse towards foreigners and especially migrants is increasing. The report notes instances of hate speech towards Muslims specifically, acknowledging that there is a "fear of Muslim invasion" ever present in the country. In addition, the ECRI report states that "Islamophobia is prevalent in Maltese society in general. It is experienced not only by migrants of North African or Middle Eastern descent and Sub-Saharan Africans, but also by Maltese Muslims, who note that the terms "Arab", "Muslim", "North African" and "immigrant" are often used synonymously and are generally framed in a negative light".	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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