

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
Serbia	2020	Krstić, I. (2020). Report on the use of hate speech in Serbian media. Commissioner for the Protection of Equality, Belgrade, 30 December 2020.	https://ravnopravnost.gov.rs/istrazivanje-izvestaji-o-upotrebi-govora-mrznje-u-m...	Hate speech: Public incitement to hatred or violence	Serbia, Commissioner for the Protection of Equality Poverenik za zaštitu ravnopravnosti	Serbia has a solid legal framework for combating hate speech. However, the protection mechanisms are not effective and dissuasive. Hate speech is rarely prosecuted and courts tend to rule in favor of freedom of expression. National equality body faces a problem of overlapping definitions of hate speech and harassment in its complaint procedure. Media regulatory bodies do not use all available means to suppress hate speech. Not many analyzed media texts featured hate speech, but many expressed negative feelings towards Albanians, Croats, Bosniaks, Montenegrins, thus increasing social distance towards these groups. Serbia needs to improve its media space, align hate speech definition with ECRI's Recommendation No. 15, and strengthen prevention and protection mechanisms.	Qualitative analysis of media reporting and selected case law. The media monitoring covered the period 20 November - 20 December 2020, but the report also refers to the period before this date in order to show the persisting problem of hate speech. The report is also based on desk research of international and domestic regulations and reports, as well as on structured interviews with stakeholders.	Not applicable	Not applicable - national level

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