



## North Macedonia

During the period January-May 2023, on the platform <https://www.govornaomraza.mk/>, 299 cases were registered with elements of hate speech and harassment on various grounds.

At the top of the table, **HATE SPEECH BY ETHNICITY** is the most prevalent, with a total of **144** registered cases or **48%** of the total number of registered cases. When analyzing the cases based on ethnicity, mistrust between the different ethnic communities was observed, especially between the two largest ethnic communities in the country. A discourse referring to and returning to the 2001 military conflict and intensifying hate speech has been observed.

**HATE SPEECH DUE TO NATIONALITY AND XENOPHOBIC HATE SPEECH** was observed on social networks, **41** cases of hate speech were registered based on nationality, or **13,71%** of the total number of registered cases. This culminated after the news of the murder of a young migrant woman by a police officer at the Bogorodica border crossing that happened in April.

**THE SPEECH TOWARDS SEXUAL MINORITIES AND DIFFERENT GENDER IDENTITIES** in the country was not absent even in this period of monitoring with a total of 78 registered cases or 26% of the total number of registered cases. Prejudice against this community was especially visible with the observance of May 17 - the International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia. This period was also marked by the Latas-Lazarov case, for which the Basic Public Prosecutor's Office from Skopje opened an investigation following a report from the Department for Computer Crime and Digital Forensics for Spreading xenophobic and racist material on a computer system in accordance with Article 394d of the Criminal Code, due to suspicion that the YouTuber Lazarov in the podcast with the journalist Latas, published on the YouTube platform, promoted gender - based violence and rape of women.

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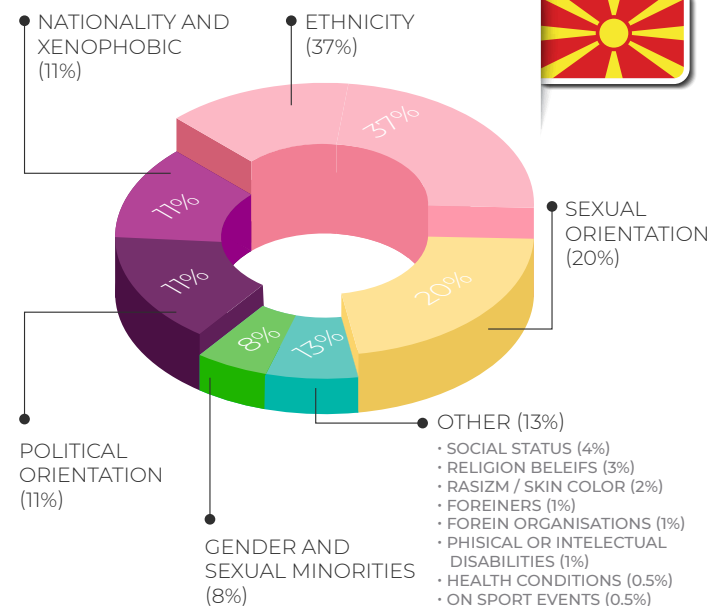
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## Albania

During the period January-May 2023, ALBANIAN HELSINKI COMMITTEE registered cases with elements of hate speech and harassment on various grounds.

### CASES OF HATE SPEECH RELATED TO ETHNICITY

1

Cases based on ethnicity between different ethnic communities was observed, especially towards Serbian and Albanian community on a TV show.

### CASES OF HATE SPEECH IN THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY

2

In the period of monitoring hate speech on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity was observed, especially towards the LGBTI+ community.

### CASES OF HATE SPEECH BASED ON POLITICAL AFFILIATION

3

Hate speech based on political affiliation was observed on media platforms in Albania, such as tv shows, social media accounts, newspapers and online platforms between the ruling party and opposition party. Also, in the period of monitoring the use of offensive images and gestures was used in electoral campaigns that violate human dignity.



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