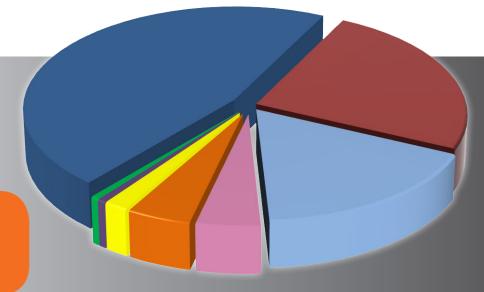
MONTHLY REPORT THE SITUATION WITH HATE SPEECH IN THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA

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GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION

OF THE HATE SPEECH SITUATION

IN SEPTEMBER 2024

Hate speech based on nationality	81
Hate speech based on ethnicity	43
Hate speech based on political affiliation	30
Hate speech based on sexual orientation and gender identity	8
Hate speech based on sex and gender	8
Hate speech based on religion and religious belief	3
Hate speech based on social origin	1
Exposure to the ridicule of representatives of foreign countries	1

*140 original cases of hate speech were registered on the platform - in some of the cases, more than one protective feature was registered.







In the course of September, the web platform www.govornaomraza.mk

registered cases containing elements of hate speech, discrimination, and harassment on various grounds.

During this month,

81 (46%)

cases were related to hate speech based on nationality,

43 (25%)

cases were based on ethnicity,

30 (17%)

cases stemmed from political affiliation,

8 (5%)

cases were related to sexual orientation and gender identity,

8 (5%)

cases were based on sex and gender.

During this month, hate speech related to national affiliation that has been observed on social networks was reported on the platform specifically focusing on the nationalities within the Western Balkans.

Notably, there were instances of territorial claims and the use of maps depicting Greater Albania, Greater Macedonia, and Greater Serbia. Additionally, some citizens of the Republic of Bulgaria have denied the existence of Macedonia.

On social networks, following news about a person who shot a woman and subsequently committed suicide, there were comments exhibiting elements of hate speech related to sex and gender registered on the platform.

Insulting and disparaging speech between the two largest ethnic communities in the country was observed on social networks, occurring without any specific event that would typically trigger such hate speech.

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