

WEBINAR

Ensuring Justice for Hate Crime Victims through Strategic Litigation

12 December 2024, 11:00-12:30 CET

Registration link: [here](#)



With the aim of promoting effective and community-centred outcomes through strategic litigation for hate crime victims, ODIHR will organize a dedicated webinar featuring insights offered by leading experts and practitioners in the field. Strategic litigation serves as a powerful tool in addressing the injustices faced by hate crime victims and closing the legislative gaps to ensure better support to these victims.

The speakers will focus on the crucial role of strategic litigation in raising awareness about the impact of hate crimes on victims, establishing new individual rights for them, and broadening their access to justice. Speakers will examine the challenges and opportunities in using strategic litigation to shape environments and conditions that improve the support available to hate crime victims. By selecting cases that can set legal precedents, strategic litigation can strengthen the legal protection of victims of hate crimes, increase accountability, and foster societal and systemic change.

The webinar is aimed at experts and professionals working to protect and support hate crime victims. This includes legal professionals working in civil society organisations, human rights institutes, Ombudsperson institutions, litigation lawyers and other human rights defenders, prosecutors and judges, alongside researchers in the field of hate crime and hate crime victim support and specialist support providers working on hate crime victim protection.

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Guest speakers

Ines Bojić

Attorney-at-law in the case of [Dorđević v. Croatia](#) before the European Court of Human Rights.

Iustina Ionescu

Attorney-at-law in the cases of [M.C. and A.C. v. Romania](#) and [Association Accept and Others v. Romania](#) before the European Court of Human Rights, team member and lawyer at [ACCEPT](#), author of the report on "[Hate Crimes and other Hate Motivated Incidents against LGBTI People in Romania](#)".

Susheela Math

Senior Managing Litigation Officer at [Open Society Justice Initiative](#), co-author of [Challenging Ethnic Profiling in Europe: A Guide for Campaigners and Organizers](#), lead of third party interventions in the case of [Wa Baile v. Switzerland](#) before the European Court of Human Rights.

Webinar Hosts & Moderation

Ruth Burns, Assistant Hate Crime Officer at OSCE ODIHR

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