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FLASH REPORT

Country:	Romania
Title:	National survey on attitudes and perceptions of discrimination in Romania
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Context	
Issue at stake:	Annual survey released by the NCCD on attitudes and perceptions of discrimination
Grounds of discrimination:	All grounds
Field of application:	All fields
Source:	National equality body

Content

Policy development: On 26 February 2019, the National Council for Combating Discrimination released its survey on attitudes and perceptions of the population regarding discrimination in Romania.¹ The NCCD aims to carry out such surveys every year and the most recent one was developed together with the Institute for Public Policies as a part of a project funded by the EU.² The operator contracted was the Romanian Institute for Evaluation and Strategy (IRES).

The key findings of the survey are that the phenomenon of discrimination is recognized as a problem by 71% of the population and 63% of the interviewees consider that the frequency of discrimination in Romania is very high or high. One third of the interviewees experienced discrimination directly and 29% have an indirect experience through media, 9% through internet and 9% through family.

The highest levels of lack of trust are manifested in relation with homosexuals (74%), Roma (72%), migrants (69%), Muslims (68%), persons living with HIV/AIDS (58%), persons of a different religion (58%), Hungarians (53%) and Jews (46%). The most discriminated group is the LGBT community with 59% of the interviewees not accepting that a relative might be LGBT and 52% not accepting an LGBT friend, 37% not accepting an LGBT co-worker, 27% not accepting an LGBT person to live on the same street. Two thirds of the respondents do not accept same-sex marriages (72%).

62% of the interviewees think that Muslims are potentially dangerous and 52% think that migrants should be stopped before entering Europe. From the perspective of social

¹ The presentation of the findings is available at: http://api.components.ro/uploads/1d3a0bf8b95391b825aa56853282d5da/2019/02/Sondaj_de_opinie_NoIntoHate_2018.pdf. The report discussing findings is available at: http://api.components.ro/uploads/1d3a0bf8b95391b825aa56853282d5da/2019/02/Raport_Proiect_NoIntoHate_2018.pdf.

² Rights, Equality, Citizenship, 2014 – 2020, Grant Contract no. 809349 – NoIntoHate2018 - REC-AG-2017/REC-RRAC-HATEAG-2017.

distance, 39% of the respondents would not accept having a Muslim relative and 28% would not accept having a Muslim friend and 19% as co-worker.

51% of the interviewees consider that persons with disabilities should be interned in special institutions.

65% of the respondents consider that the use of hate speech increased in the society in the last year.

The study was carried out on 1300 persons over 18 with a margin of error of $\pm 2,7\%$ and the survey was carried out between 26 November and 10 December in the aftermath of the constitutional referendum in October 2018 which aimed to restrictively define family in the Romanian Constitution.

Key points of analysis: Homophobia, as well as xenophobia and anti-Semitism are on the rise based on the results of the survey. Notably, the survey was carried out immediately after the campaigning for the constitutional referendum which failed in October 2018, a referendum which polarized the Romanian society.

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Press release of the NCCD is available at:

<http://cncd.org.ro/2019-02-26-comunicat-de-presa-referitor-la-conferinta-de-lansare-a-raportului-10-ani-de-decizie-cadru-privind-prevenirea-infractiunilor-romania-angajata-pentru-imbunatatirea-mecanismelor-de-raportare-si-inregistrare-referitoare-la-infractiuni-motivate-de->.