

Lithuania

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In addition to incidents of hate speech and violence, which are mainly directed at historical minorities, Lithuania experiences a widespread problem of incitement to homo-/transphobic hatred as well as acts of violence against LGBT persons.

Therefore ECRI recommends as priority that the authorities:

- resolve the difficult housing situation of Roma, by co-operating with and financially supporting local authorities, in particular the Municipality of Vilnius, to provide social housing to members of the Roma community in need; working with rental agencies and associations of private landlords to overcome prejudices against Roma in the private-sector housing market; and providing proper accommodation for the Roma living in the Kirtimai settlement, ensuring that no evictions take place in the meantime, and that all necessary public services are provided.
- develop a comprehensive strategy to tackle effectively the problem of racist and homo-/transphobic hate speech.