Barcelona Provincial Prosecutor's Office
Special Hate Crimes and Discrimination Service
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Hate Crimes: Institutional Coordinated Response

Prosecutors' Office and Security Forces
5.552.050 Inhabitants

BARCELONA
City & Province
1) Specialized response
Prosecutor's Office
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- Background: June 2007
- Service Created: October 2009
  - Instruction Provincial Prosecutor's Office Barcelona 1/09
Functions Service:

• Acknowledge and follow up of all the Judicial Procedures in Criminal Acts Committed on Discriminatory or Hate motive or grounds.

• Coordination of 250 prosecutors of all the province of Barcelona & Technical Support (Legislation & Jurisprudence both national & international).

• Investigation Procedures of the Prosecutors Office, with functional coordination of the Police while investigating.
Collaboration with Civil Society

Areas:

a) Racism & Xenophobia  
b) LGBT  
c) Religion

Objectives:

“Victims do not file complaints. Let's get closer to them”

Members:

NGOs, Public Administrations & Police
2) Establishing a Protocol

Catalonia Police Protocol 2010:

- How to investigate hate crimes.
- Proof of motive for the crime.
- Organized groups.
- Victims Assistance.

Prosecutors service:

- Instruction 1/2009
- Protocol for public acts with possible Incitement to Violence, Hate & Discrimination
Discrimination for ethnic reasons
Racism
Xenofobia
Hatred for the poor (Spanish: Aporofobia).
Religious Intolerance: Islamophobia,
Anti-Semitism
Anti - Christianism
Discrimination for health reasons
Discrimination for disability
Discrimination for Gender
Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity
Discrimination for age
Bullying
Violence & Hate in Sports
2013: Extension of the Project to the rest of Spain

• New delegation for the tutelage of equality and non discrimination at the Spanish State's General Prosecutor. (2011).

• 50 Prosecutors that have recently been appointed in all the Spanish provinces.
Challenges
1.-Lack of Knowledge of the acts

a) Complaints not recorded
b) Crimes unreported
2.- Tendency to Minimize
3.- Victims

- Not Reporting
- Lack of Trust or Fear of the Police or Justice Administration
4.- Lack of Investigations

1. Police Level
2. Judicial Level
5.-Violence on Sports
6.-Bullying

- Need for criminal procedures for minors and
- Need for Education Authorities to involve in the matter.
7.- Hate Speech
8.- Racial Profiling
9. Juridical Actors Training

1. Absence of Specific Training.

10.- Legal Reforms
Thanks for your attention,