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# OSCADA

Osservatorio per la Sicurezza  
Contro gli Atti Discriminatori



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# Observatory for Security Against Acts of Discrimination

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# Where we are

Ministry of Interior



Department of Public Security



Central Directorate of Criminal Police



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**Mission**

**Prevent**

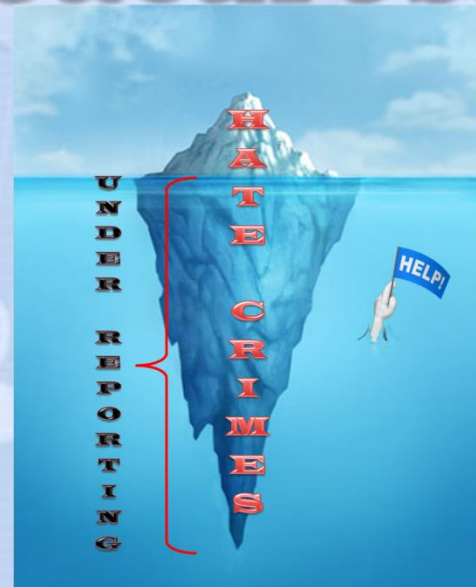
**Combat**

A close-up photograph of a hand in a white glove holding a wooden gavel. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, with the thumb and index finger gripping the handle of the gavel. The gavel is made of light-colored wood and has a rounded head. The background is dark and out of focus.

**HATE**

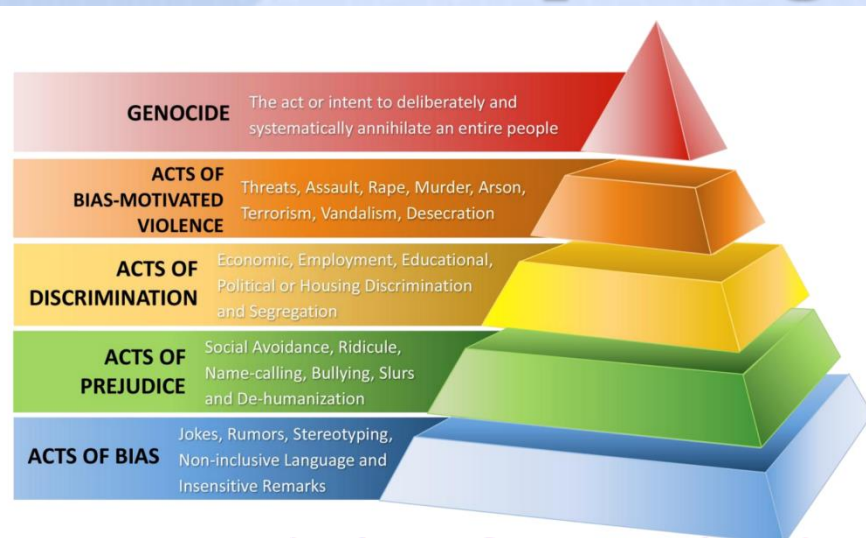
**CRIME**

# Considering HC features...



## 1. Effects at different levels

## 2. Under-reporting



## 3. Under-recording

## 4. Risk of escalation

...our main tasks

# Goals



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1. *Surfacing the phenomenon*

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2. *Training*

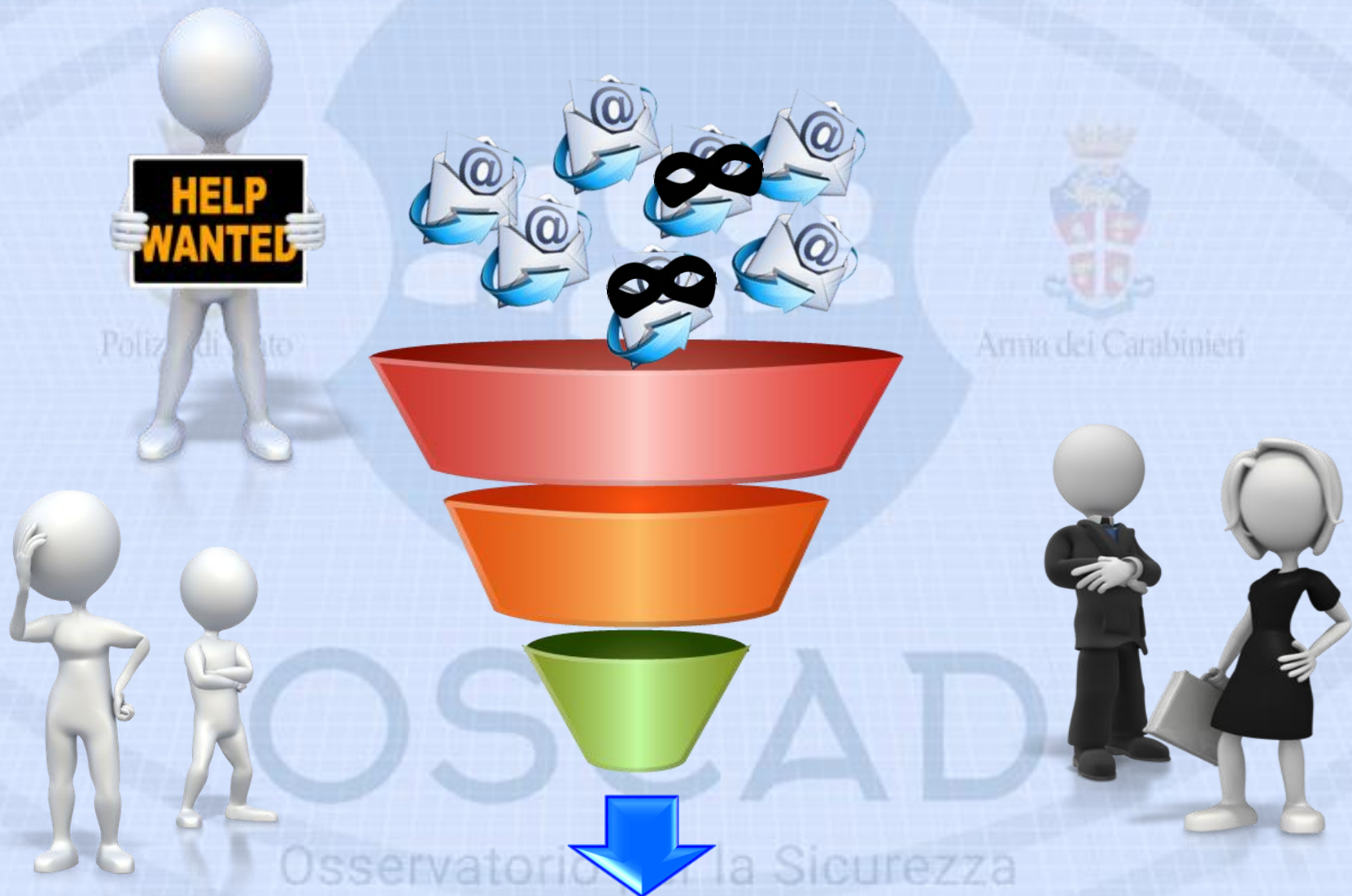
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3. *Monitoring and analysis*

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# Surfacing the phenomenon



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# Inter-institutional co-operation



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a difesa delle differenze

# Training challenges

## Lack of awareness

We started HC training in Italy from scratch and built our HC programme day-by-day... with a multi-agency approach

## Lack of previous competence

Participation in many international training programmes (OSCE-TAHCLE; CoE training on Roma/LGBTI...) and WG (European Commission, FRA...)

## Lack of dedicated budget

Participation in EU funded training programmes (FATF)  
Proactive and 'creative' approach...



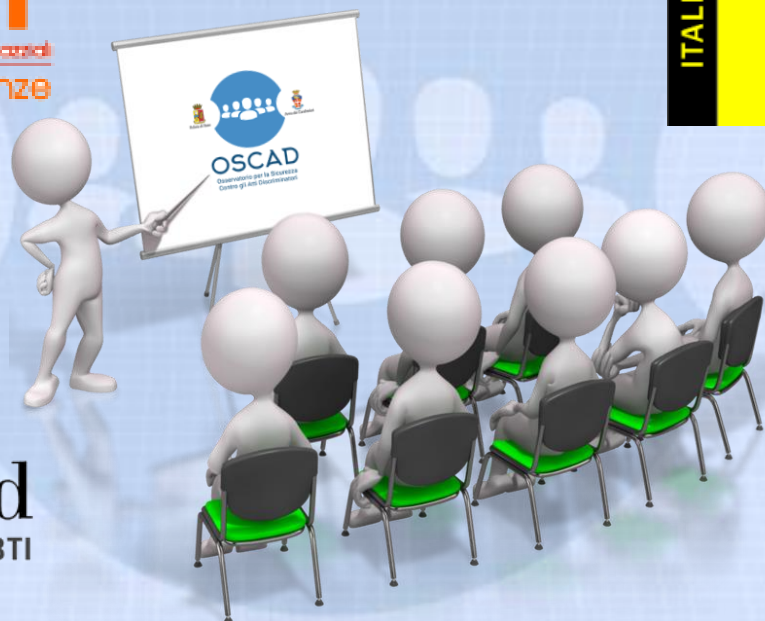


# Multi-stakeholder training



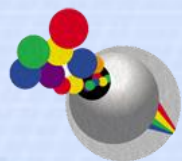
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**Rete Lenford**  
AVVOCATURA PER I DIRITTI LGBTI

**cospe**

TOGETHER FOR CHANGE

Since 2012 more than 29.000 Police officers tutored

In 2021 HC will be part of the in-service training programme for all the National Police officers <sup>9</sup>

# Challenges on data...

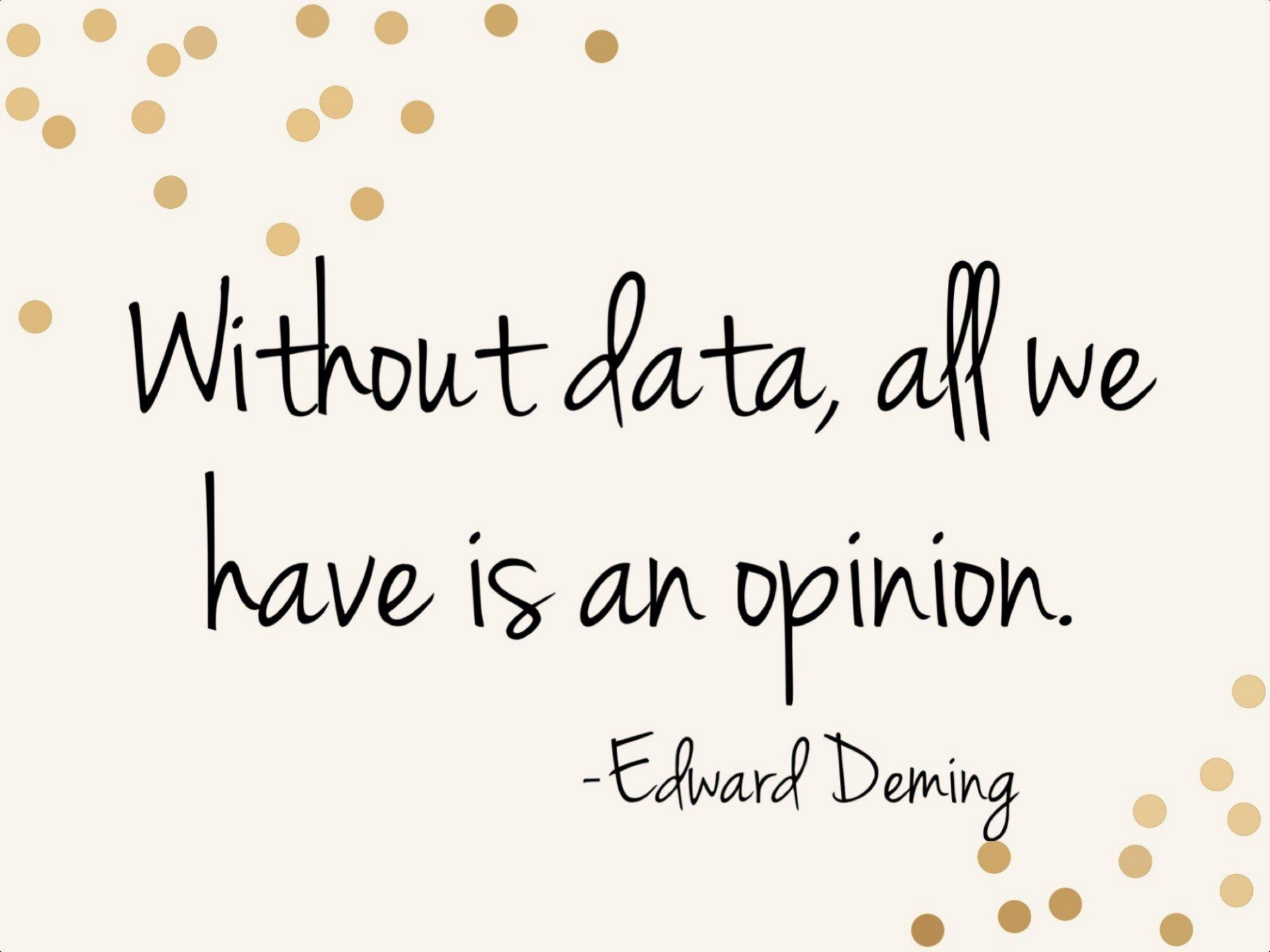
## Monitoring



## Collection



## Analysis



Without data, all we  
have is an opinion.

-Edward Deming

# Hate crimes

**‘Protected characteristics’  
in the Italian legislation**

**“RACE”**

**ETHNICITY**

**NATIONALITY**

**RELIGIOUS  
BELIEF**

**DISABILITY**

**LANGUAGE**

**SEXUAL  
ORIENTATION**

**GENDER  
IDENTITY**



# Physical assault based on discriminatory motive

**Ethnic-racial  
national-religious**



**murder/rape/robbery/injuries...  
(so called 'base crimes')**

**+**

**Art. 604ter criminal code  
(aggravating circumstance)**

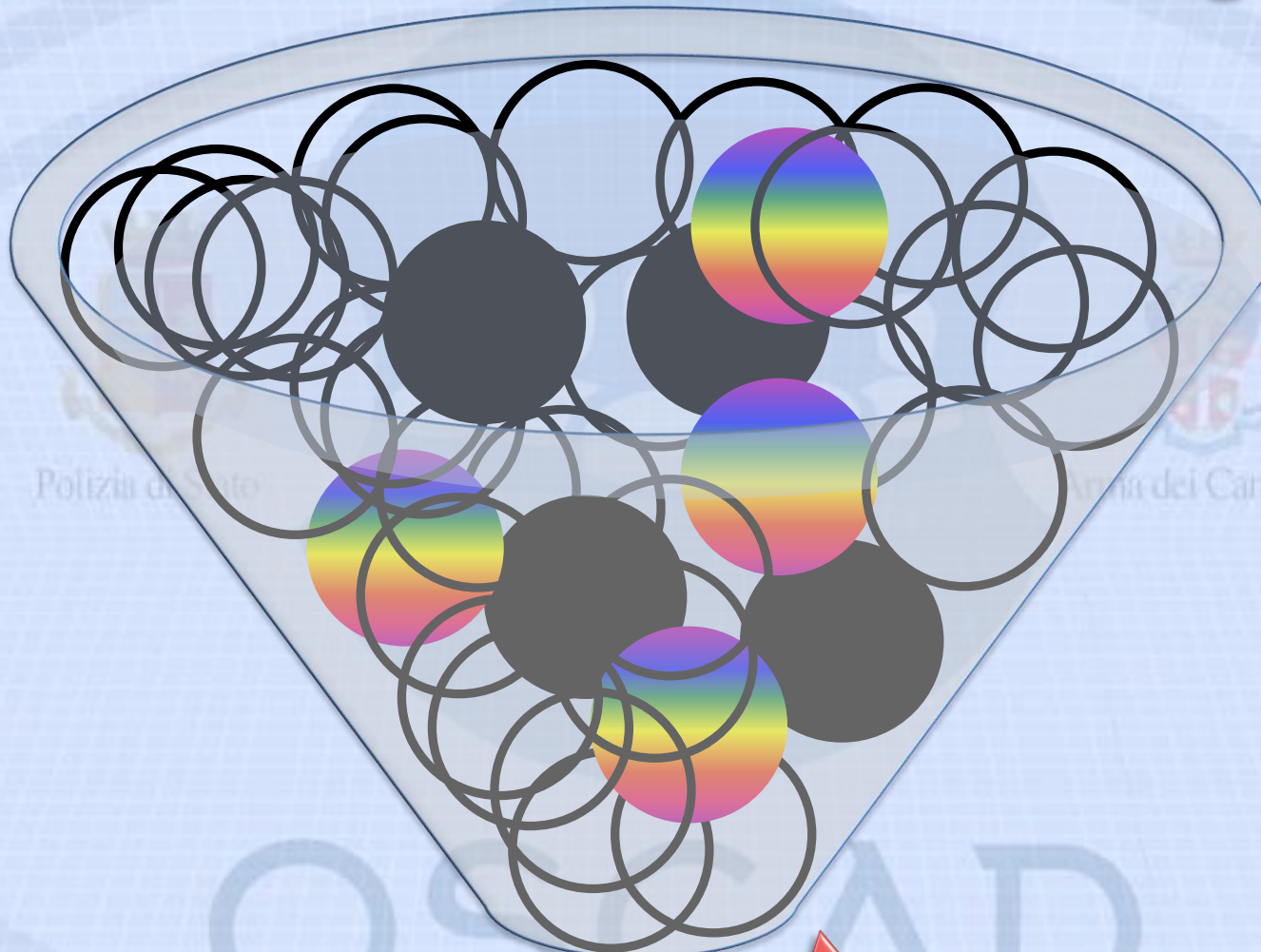
**Homo/transphobic**



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# SDI: inter-agency data system



NON  
discriminatory  
crimes

Ethnic/  
racial/  
national/  
religious  
crimes

Homo-  
transphobic  
crimes

**Ethnic/racial/national/religious  
motivated crimes:  
EXTRACTABLE DATA**



**Homo/transphobic  
motivated crimes:  
NON EXTRACTABLE DATA**

# No legislation => No official data!!!

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Sorry

No data available



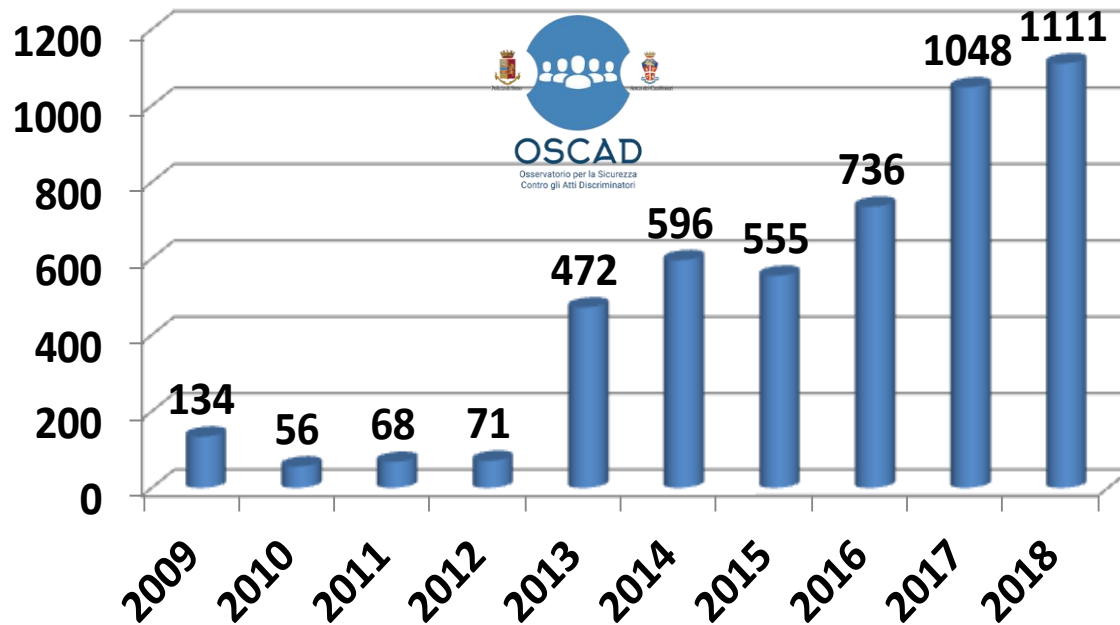
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Italy

Italy regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Italy's Criminal Code contains general penalty-enhancement and substantive offence provisions. Hate crime data are collected by law-enforcement authorities and the Ministry of Interior. Data are not made publicly available.

## Increase of data submitted to OSCE, Following OSCAD involvement in the process



Year	Hate crimes recorded by police
2018	1111
2017	1048
2016	736
2015	555
2014	596
2013	472
2012	71



Since 2014, OSCAD officially submits to ODIHR  
data of a **different nature**

**Ethnic-racial  
national-religious  
motivated crimes**



**Official SDI data**

**Homo/transphobic  
crimes**



**Unofficial OSCAD data**

# **Given that the criminal law protects against Ethnic, racial, national, religious motivated crimes altogether**



## **It is NOT possible to disaggregate official SDI data:**

1<sup>st</sup> level disaggregation: to distinguish among the protected grounds race, ethnicity, nationality, religious belief

2<sup>nd</sup> level disaggregation: e.g. to distinguish among the different religious beliefs (Antisemitism, Islamophobia, Hatred against Christians...)

# Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)

## Annual overview of Anti-semitic incidents



NATIONAL  
POLICE DATA  
on  
Antisemitism  
(Unofficial)



OSCAD DATA  
on  
Antisemitism  
(Unofficial)



CARABINIERI  
DATA  
on  
Antisemitism  
(Unofficial)



ITALY DATA  
on  
Antisemitism



# ITALY

## Official data

In Italy, the official inter-agency database (System of Investigation – ‘Sistema di Indagine’, SDI) was used by the police during the investigation; it is based on the provisions of the criminal law. The system was not designed for statistical purposes and therefore cannot deliver official statistics on antisemitic incidents.<sup>60</sup>

The Observatory for Security against Acts of Discrimination (OSCAD)<sup>61</sup> has developed a new model for collecting data on antisemitic incidents and the new approach has been applied when compiling the data for 2019. The data provided by OSCAD include the data from the Division for General Investigations and Special Operations (DIGOS), which has been the data source for the statistics from earlier years. The change in the recording methodology means that the data for 2019 may not be fully comparable with data from previous years.

In 2019, OSCAD observed 73 cases of antisemitism, which were investigated by either the National Police or the Carabinieri Corps. These 73 cases involved a total of 91 antisemitic hate crimes (Table 30).



**TABLE 32: ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS AND ANTISEMITIC CONDUCT, BY TYPE OF CRIME, 2019**

Type of Crime	Number of crimes
Homicide	0
Physical assault	1
Incitement to violence*	62
Theft/robbery	1
Damage to property	5
Arson	0
Desecration of graves	1
Attacks against places of worship	0
Disturbance of the peace	1
Vandalism	10
Threats/threatening behaviour	9
Other	1

Source: OSCAD, 2019

# The 1<sup>st</sup> Italian research on HC data recording/collection

From 2016 to 2019, OSCAD was partner of the “Facing All the Facts” project that included a research on HC data recording/collection  
**(realized by Joanna Perry)**





**Who/what can make the difference  
in a Country where  
HC is not a priority?**

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# The role of 'change agents' is key!!!



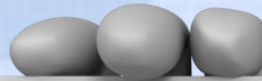
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# Multi-agency co-operation is key!!!





*Thank you  
for your attention!!!*



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