



NEWS REPORT

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Title: Romanian National Equality Body releases 2009 Annual Report
Country: Romania
Context
Issue at stake: The National Council on Combating Discrimination published its annual report and statistical data analysing its activity in 2009
Ground of discrimination: all grounds
Source: national equality body
Field: all fields

Content

Development: Shortly after appointment of new members in the National Council on Combating Discrimination,¹ thus unlocking the institutional paralysis, the Steering Board adopted and released the Activity Report for 2009. The report mentions that 528 complaints have been received in 2009: 11,74% of the complaints were on grounds of ethnicity, 9,28 % on grounds of disability, 5,30 % on grounds of nationality, 1,70% on grounds of gender, 1,89% on grounds of age, 3,59% on grounds of religion and belief, 2,46% on grounds of language, 1,13% on grounds of sexual orientation, 0,37% on grounds of race. The report mentions that most of the complaints received are in the field of employment, access to public services, right to dignity and education.

In 2009, the NCCD issued 673 decisions, out of which 369 cases were rejected as non-admissible, in 255 the NCCD found that it did not have the competence to address the cases, and in 49 cases the NCCD issued a decision sanctioning discrimination (representing 8% of the complaints). In the cases when finding discrimination, the NCCD issued recommendations carrying no financial penalty in 30 cases (representing 61,22%), administrative warnings also carrying no financial penalty in 24 cases

¹ RO-32 Flash Report.

(representing 37,50%) and administrative fines in ten cases (representing 15,62%).

In 2009, the NCCD used mediation in four cases, provided legal counselling in cases of discrimination to 3.000 persons, carried out 131 investigations, started cases ex officio in 15 cases, leading to six findings of discrimination (five recommendations, two warnings and one administrative fine). The NCCD decisions had been challenged before the courts in 254 cases, with the courts maintaining the decisions of the NCCD in almost 90% of the appeals.

Also, the NCCD was present before civil courts in 1543 cases, during civil proceedings on grounds of the Anti-discrimination Law, as requested by Art. 27(3) of the Law. Most cases before civil courts were regarding salary-related rights (86%). Also mentioned are preventive programs, research and information and education campaigns carried out by the NCCD.

Internet link source and additional information:

www.cncd.org.ro