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Crime type:

- 1- *Homicide*
- 2- *Physical Violence*
- 3- *Damage to Property*
- 4- *Theft/Robbery*
- 5- *Arson*
- 6- *Vandalism*
- 7- *Desecration of Graves*
- 8- *Attacks against Places of Worship*
- 9- *Threats/Threatening Behaviour*
- 10- *Other Crimes can also be included and described (hate incidents)*

Bias indicators:

- 1- *Identity of Victim/Witness Perception*
- 2- *Comments, Written Statements, Gestures, and Graffiti*
- 3- *Racial, Ethnic, Gender, and Cultural Differences*
- 4- *Organized Hate Group as Perpetrator*
- 5- *Previous Bias Crimes/Incidents against the same victim/place*
- 6- *Location indicates bias*

Case 1

Title	Statue of Hand Painted Baby Jesus Destroyed by Firecracker
Date, time and location of the incident	December 31, 2015, Villa d'Almè
Country	Italy
Source of information	http://www.bergamonews.it/2016/01/02/ghiaie-di-villa-dalme-petardo-nel-presepe-distrutto-gesu-bambino/212356/
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Owner of the statue: Amici delle Ghiaie; local Christian community
Type of crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	In Villa d'Almè, a group of unknown perpetrators threw a big firecracker into the hut containing the crèche where the hand painted statue of the baby Jesus been placed on Christmas Eve. Nothing is known, for now, of the identity of the perpetrators of the act.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	Investigating
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	The statue will require restoration once all of the pieces are recovered.

Case 2

Title	Church the Target of Fireworks Attack
Date, time and location of the incident	December 31, 2015, Nuremberg
Country	Germany
Source of information	http://www.kath.net/news/53606
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Lorenzkirche; local Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	8 (attack against place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Hundreds of men gathered in front of the Lorenzkirche and shot firework missiles at the roof. A witness heard someone in the crowd say "We will burn Germany".
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 2 (comments), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	Pastor of the church made a complaint. Witness said it felt like a targeted attack against a Christian symbol.

Case 3

Title	Cathedral the Target of Fireworks Attack
Date, time and location of the incident	December 31, 2015, Cologne
Country	Germany
Source of information	http://www.faz.net/aktuell/im-gespraech-koelner-dombaumeisterin-14012317.html and http://www.kath.net/news/53587
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Cologne Cathedral; local Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	8 (attack against place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Cathedral was repeatedly bombarded by fireworks and firecrackers during a Mass attended by more than a thousand people. This happened earlier in the evening than fireworks are usually set off on New Year's Eve.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	Cardinal Woelki made a public complaint, expressing annoyance as well as concern. Witness said it felt like a targeted attack against a Christian symbol.

Case 4

Title	Church & Crèche Tagged; Infant Jesus Burned
Date, time and location of the incident	December 31, 2015, Haut-Rhin
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.lalsace.fr/haut-rhin/2016/01/03/l-eglise-et-la-creche-taguees-l-enfant-jesus-incendie
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Haut-Rhin Church; local Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 5 (arson), 6 (vandalism)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The figure of the Christ child was burned in a crib display, while the faces of his parents and a wall of the adjacent Catholic church was sprayed in black paint with the messages: “Nique l’Eglise” (“Fuck the Church”) and “Antifa”, with the letter capital “A” surrounded by a circle, a traditional symbol of anarchism.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of the victim/witness perception), 2 (graffiti), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	Firefighters responded; police opened investigation
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 5

Title	Nativity Figure of Infant Jesus "Hanged" with Noose
Date, time and location of the incident	December 31, 2015, Pitelli
Country	Italy
Source of information	http://www.tgcom24.mediaset.it/cronaca/liguria/la-spezia- rapito-e-impiccato-il-bambino-gesu-del-presepe- cittadino_2151816-201502a.shtml
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Local Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	6 (attack against place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Some time during night, an unknown perpetrator took the doll used in the role of the infant Jesus and hung it with a rope in front of the Nativity. The doll was noticed by a few passers-by who reported it to the police. The doll was then placed back in the crib that was set up by the public, from which the offerings were to raise funds for leukemia research.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 2 (gestures), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	investigation
Response of local authorities	The act was condemned by the Bishop, as well as the President of the region of Liguria.
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	The Bishop wrote a letter to the parish priest of Pitelli, Don Giovanni Tassano, to condemn the act and express solidarity to the whole community of Pitelli. "I learned with great sorrow the news of the sacrilegious act committed last night ... The act must be condemned by all." Giovanni Toti, President of the Liguria Region, called it "a serious gesture that comes on the eve of a night of tension in which all forces were mobilized in Europe to avoid attacks on our world."

Case 6

Title	Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Figures Stolen from Crèche
Date, time and location of the incident	December 28, 2015, Villejuif
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.leparisien.fr/villejuif-94800/villejuif-trois-santons-voles-dans-la-creche-de-l-eglise-sainte-julitte-31-12-2015-5413101.php#xtref=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.fr
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	L'Eglise Saint-Cyr-Sainte-Julitte, local Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	4 (theft)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The figure of the infant Jesus was stolen first, and the figures of his parents, Mary and Joseph were stolen the next day, along with the crib and straw.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	investigation
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	The priest and parishioners, as well as the Mayor, expressed their disappointment and outrage at the theft of the Nativity figures, valued at several hundred euros each.

Case 7

Title	Religious Statues Spray-Painted at Site Dedicated to the Virgin Mary
Date, time and location of the incident	December 27, 2015, Libaux
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.lejsl.com/edition-de-chalon/2015/12/27/la-grotte-des-libaux-profanee-a-lessard-en-bresse
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Local Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	6 (vandalism), 8 (attack on place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Several religious statues, among which Jesus Christ was central, as well as a commemorative plaque and the floor were all spray painted red in a grotto altar in Libaux.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	investigation
Response of local authorities	The town filed a complaint and is preparing, in cooperation with the parish priest of Sainte Trinité en Bresse, to rehabilitate the site, which was erected in 1950 in memory of the Virgin Mary.
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 8

Title	Crèche Vandalized, Items Stolen
Date, time and location of the incident	December 27, 2015, Aix-en-Issart
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.lavoixdunord.fr/region/aix-en-issart-la-creche-a-ete-vandalisee-ia36b49096n3242585?xtor=RSS-2
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Town of Aix-en-Issart; local Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 4 (theft), 6 (vandalism)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The Christmas crèche in a public square was moved about five meters and partially emptied. Roofing planks were broken and the installation's figures were damaged. An electric Christmas wreath that adorned the church was also stolen.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	investigation
Response of local authorities	The mayor filed a complaint with the police.
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 9

Title	Suspicious Burning of Nativity Display
Date, time and location of the incident	December 27, 2015, Giraumont
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.republicain-lorrain.fr/edition-de-briey/2015/12/28/giraumont-la-creche-de-noel-part-en-fumee
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	City of Giraumont, local Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 5 (arson), 6 (vandalism)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	During the night between December 27th and 28th, the city's nativity display was burned and partially destroyed. The wooden booth that housed the scene of the birth of Jesus resisted the flames, but the crib placed on pallets on straw and the rest of the installation were completely blackened. Mayor Jean-Claude Maffei commented that they can no longer use the installation and that it is deplorable, as the installation has been used for twenty years.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	The Mayor noted that it was odd that the crib was burned at night and that the electrical installation has been the same for years, powered by 12 volts. Captain Bucci, the officer in charge of the firefighters (and an electrician in civilian life) commented: "Electrically, the facility was well-protected. This was not tinkering ..." Additionally, other damage nearby was observed, including tagged garage doors and an electrical transformer.
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 10

Title	Christians Attacked a Day After Christmas
Date, time and location of the incident	December 26, 2015, Berlin Mitte
Country	Germany
Source of information	http://www.tagesspiegel.de/berlin/polizei-justiz/berlin-mitte-muslime-schlugen-auf-christen-ein/12764906.html
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Five Orthodox Christian men from Serbia & Montenegro
Type of the crime(s)	2 (physical violence), 9 (threats/threatening behaviour)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Group of unidentified men
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Five men, after leaving the Club “Adagio” at 17:20 on the Marlene-Dietrich-Plaza, were accosted by a man and asked about their religion. The police report said that the unknown man said, “I am Muslim! What are you?” The question resulted in a verbal shouting match. Suddenly more people arrived on the scene and together with the unknown Muslim they started beating on the men aged 20, 24, and 25. The perpetrators fled the scene just before the police arrived. According to police, the young men that were attacked come from Serbia and Montenegro, and are Orthodox Christians.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victims), 2 (comments), 3 (cultural differences)
Status of the case	investigation
Response of local authorities	The office for political crimes within the police took over the investigation.
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 11

Title	Church of Saint-Martin-sur-Ocre Tagged
Date, time and location of the incident	December 26, 2015, Loiret
Country	France
Source of information	Facebook page of Résistance et Unité
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The Church of Saint-Martin-sur-Ocre, local Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack on place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The Church of Saint-Martin-sur-Ocre was tagged with vulgar and insulting slogans during the night of December 26-27th.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim), 2 (graffiti), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 12

Title	Statue of Jesus Destroyed on St. Stephen's Day
Date, time and location of the incident	December 26, 2015, Albino
Country	Italy
Source of information	http://www.ecodibergamo.it/stories/valle-seriana/albino-vandali-in-azione-al-presepioin-frantumi-la-statua-di-gesu-bambino_1158636_11/
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Church of San Giuliano, local Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack on place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The crib outside the parish church of San Giuliano containing the statue of the infant Jesus was completely smashed. This was not the first time that the crib was attacked by vandals, as the statue of Jesus was targeted in 2012.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim), 5 (previous incidents against same place), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 13

Title	Fire Completely Destroys City Manger Scene
Date, time and location of the incident	December 25, 2015, Villa del Prado
Country	Spain
Source of information	http://www.sierranortedigital.com/294604820/Esta-noche-han-quemado-el-Nacimiento-de-Villa-del-Prado.html
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	City of Villa del Prado, local Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 5 (arson), 6 (vandalism)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The manger scene in the municipality of Villa del Prado (Madrid) was completely destroyed by a fire on December 25th at 4am. The fire also caused damage to the facade of the town hall.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	Investigation
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 14

Title	Public Nativity Scene Attacked by Vandals
Date, time and location of the incident	December 24, 2015, Pamplona
Country	Spain
Source of information	http://www.navarra.com/articulo/sucesos/arrollan-y-tiran-suelo-buena-parte-figuras-belen-gigante-taconera/20151224114537017391.html
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	City of Pamplona, local Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), (6) vandalism
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	On the morning of Christmas Eve, vandals toppled and damaged figures in the city's enormous nativity scene, which is installed every year in a public park. Some of the thirty figures were toppled over and others tossed into a pool of water. Several were damaged.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	City officials said they are committed to rehabilitate the statues so that the very popular nativity scene can be admired again.
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 15

Title	Two of Thirteen Crèche Installations Burned
Date, time and location of the incident	December 24, 2015, Masevaux
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.dna.fr/faits-divers/2015/12/25/une-deuxieme-creche-incendiee
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Town of Masevaux, local Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 5 (arson), 6 (vandalism)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Unnamed person
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The first crèche was damaged by fire on the night of December 22nd and the second, including the ornaments and figures, was completely destroyed by fire on December 24th.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	The town filed a complaint against an unnamed person and Masevaux gendarmerie launched an investigation to find the arsonist(s).
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 16

Title	Tabernacle Vandalized in French Church
Date, time and location of the incident	December 18, 2015, Naintré
Country	France
Source of information	https://twitter.com/ldevilloutreys
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Church of Saint-Vincent, local Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Father Louis Villoutreys reported on Twitter that a tabernacle in l'église Saint-Vincent in Naintré was vandalized by unknown perpetrators.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 17

Title	National Association of Assyrians in Sweden Victim of Arson
Date, time and location of the incident	December 16, 2015, Södertälje
Country	Sweden
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/suede-incendie-criminel-du-siege-dune-association-assyrienne?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Christianophobie+%28Observatoire+de+la+christianophobie%29#.Vxc69tSLS01
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	National Association of Assyrians in Sweden, Assyrian Swedes
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 5 (arson), 9 (threatening behaviour)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Islamists, claiming to be the “Islamic State”
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The association's headquarters in the city of Södertälje was completely destroyed during the night between the 16th to 17th of December. According to the report, responsibility for the arson was claimed by Islamists calling themselves the Islamic State.
Bias indicators	1 (identify of victim), 3 (cultural differences), 4 (organized hate group as perpetrator), 5 (previous bias crimes against victim), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 18

Title	Men Attempt to Disarm Soldiers Guarding Cathedral
Date, time and location of the incident	December 15, 2015, Rome
Country	Italy
Source of information	http://www.ansa.it/english/news/2015/12/15/two-homeless-arabs-attack-soldiers-at-rome-cathedral_1eb5f4d1-1270-42b9-b46f-fa6ade40d53f.html
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Soldiers guarding cathedral; Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	8 (attack against place of worship), 9 (threats/threatening behaviour)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	A Palestinian man and a Tunisian man
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	A Palestinian and a Tunisian attempted to disarm soldiers stationed outside Santa Maria Maggiore cathedral while yelling "Allah (God) is great", according to Rome police.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victims), 2 (comments), 3 (cultural differences), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	The men were arrested and charged with resisting and threatening an officer and instigation to commit a crime with intent to commit terrorist acts, given expulsion orders, and taken to a migrant reception centre in the southern city of Bari prior to repatriation.
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 19

Title	Knife Attack and Murder in Refugee Camp
Date, time and location of the incident	December 14, 2015, Grande Synthe Refugee Camp
Country	France
Source of information	https://www.portesouvertes.fr/informer/regard-sur-l-actu/migrants-la-persecution-les-suit-jusqu-en-france
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Several Christian refugees
Type of the crime(s)	1 (homicide), 2 (physical violence), 9 (threats/threatening behaviour)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Iraqi refugees
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	According to Open Doors France, police investigated a knife attack by Iraqi migrants against Christian refugees which left several wounded and one 19-year-old man dead.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victims), 3 (cultural differences)
Status of the case	investigation
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 20

Title	Theft of Statue of Virgin of Fatima and Statues from Crèche
Date, time and location of the incident	December 14, 2015, Hauts-de-Seine
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.leparisien.fr/chaville-92370/chaville-on-a-vole-la-creche-de-l-eglise-15-12-2015-5375299.php#xtref=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.fr
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Parish of Sainte-Bernadette de Chaville, local Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	4 (theft), 8 (attack against place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	A statue of the Virgin of Fatima, given to the parish of Sainte-Bernadette de Chaville by the Portuguese community, was stolen on December 14th. Several statues in the nativity scene were also stolen. The perpetrators took six pieces that were on display during Advent: the donkey, the ox and four sheep. According to the parish, the damage totals € 2000. The statues in the crèche are made of stone and come from monastic workshops in Bethlehem.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim). 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	A police investigation was initiated.
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 21

Title	Church Vandalized in the province of Liege
Date, time and location of the incident	December 13, 2015, Verviers
Country	Belgium
Source of information	http://www.lavenir.net/cnt/dmf20151213_00750146/vandalisme-a-l-eglise-sainte-julienne-de-verviers
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Church of Sainte-Julienne, local Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The church Sainte-Julienne, which had previously been tagged with spray paint, was again vandalized as an unknown perpetrator broke a window by throwing rocks.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim), 5 (previous bias crimes), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 22

Title	Crèche Vandalized in la Grand-Place de Bruxelles
Date, time and location of the incident	December 13, 2015, Brussels
Country	Belgium
Source of information	http://www.rtl.be/info/grand-place-de-bruxelles-trois-jeunes-vandalisent-la-creche-et-volent-le-petit-jesus-779069.aspx?google_editors_picks=true
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	City of Brussels, local Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 4 (theft), 6 (vandalism)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Three people aged 20, 21 and 24 were arrested
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The manger display at the Grand-Place was vandalized. In addition to damaging the structure, they stole the figure of the baby Jesus and threw it on the ground. The police found that the branches of the nursery trees were damaged, roof tiles had been removed and part of the frame of the manger was broken. The perpetrators stole the doll by breaking the bassinet and breaking two statues in the manger.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	The men were released and repair costs were charged to them.
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 23

Title	Church Bells Destroyed in French Chapel
Date, time and location of the incident	December 13, 2015, Péder nec
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.letregor.fr/2015/12/13/faits-divers-la-chapelle-saint-herve-du-menez-bre-vandalisee/
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Chapel of Saint-Hervé-Ménez Bré; local Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 8 (attack on place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Vandals broke into the locked chapel of Saint-Hervé-Ménez Bré and rang the church bells so hard that one of them is irreparably broken while the other, off-axis from its support, is stuck.
Bias indicators	6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	The community is distressed because the cost of the bells, including installation, amounted to € 13,530.

Case 24

Title	Fire Investigated at Collegiate Church of Saint-Junien
Date, time and location of the incident	December 07, 2015, Limoges
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.lepopulaire.fr/limousin/actualite/2015/12/09/incendie-a-la-collegiale-de-saint-junien-une-enquete-a-ete-ouverte_11698048.html
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Collegiate Church of Saint-Junien, local Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 5 (arson), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack on place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Unknown perpetrator(s) three small fires in separate parts of the church. There was extensive damage, with four banks partially burned, the book in which parishioners write prayer intentions was largely affected. However, the greatest damage was to a mural that hung in the church. The burlap and felt mural of over 6 meters, was of great sentimental value to the parishioners.
Bias indicators	6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	The gendarmerie of Limoges investigated.
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 25

Title	Seventh Cemetery in 18 Months Desecrated by Vandals
Date, time and location of the incident	December 01, 2015, Bessin
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.lamanche libre.fr/actualite-121095-saint-martin-des-entrees-encore-cimetiere-profane-dans-bessin-.html
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Visitors to cemetery; members of the Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 7 (desecration of graves)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Thirteen crucifixes were torn from their graves and were thrown to the ground, broken, or planted upside down in the cemetery of Saint-Martin-des-Entrées. The damage was discovered by an inhabitant of the town who went to visit the grave of his wife. According to La Manche Libre, this was the seventh cemetery desecrated in eighteen months in Bessin (Calvados).
Bias indicators	2 (gestures: damaging Christian symbols), 5 (previous similar incidents in the region), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	Investigation
Response of local authorities	The police visited the site to collect fingerprints and gather clues. The local mayor, Daniel Siméon, expressed his feelings of "disgust, anger."
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 26

Title	Websites of the Diocese of Bayonne, Lescar and Oloron Hacked
Date, time and location of the incident	December 01, 2015
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/le-site-du-diocese-de-bayonne-pirate?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Christianophobie+%28Observatoire+de+la+christianophobie%29#.Vxc-adSLS02
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Diocese of Bayonne, Lescar and Oloron
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 10 (hacking website)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	According to reports, this was a targeted hacking.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 27

Title	Christians Attacked by Guards in Refugee Camps
Date, time and location of the incident	November, 2015, Berlin
Country	Germany
Source of information	http://kath.net/news/53206 http://www.christianophobie.fr/brevs/les-effigies-de-marie-et-de-joseph-decapitees-a-frejus?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Christianophobie+%28Observatoire+de+la+christianophobie%29
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Two Christian refugees from Iran
Type of the crime(s)	2 (physical violence), 9 (threats/threatening behaviour)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Five security employees
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	At the end of November five Muslim security employees beat two refugees from Iran for having a bible in their room.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victims), 3 (cultural differences)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	The German evangelical pastor Gottfried Martens described several different examples of Christian refugees being attacked by Muslim security personal and pointed to their belief in god and possession of the bible as the flashpoints for these attacks. Pastor Gottfried Martens said: "In German refugee camps we have a situation like in Iran. The people are here because of their beliefs and now they live in fear".

Case 28

Title	Christian Refugees Subjected to Violence and Harassment
Date, time and location of the incident	November 30, 2015, Oberurseler Asylum Centre
Country	Germany
Source of information	http://m.welt.de/politik/deutschland/article151104662/Muslimische-Security-verpruegelt-Christen-im-Asylheim.html
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	"Ajdin", a 31-year-old Iranian Christian; 13 other Christian refugees
Type of the crime(s)	2 (physical violence), 9 (threats/threatening behaviour)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Four Muslim members of asylum centre security personnel, Muslim refugees
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	<p>"Skull contusion, monocular hematoma, chest trauma, blunt abdominal trauma history. Patient was beaten today by four security people. Patient was brought to the [emergency department] with a massive headache and pain in the abdomen" This describes the emergency department notes for 31-year-old Iranian Ajdin (name changed). "They accused me of insulting Islam, beat me, and kicked me in the face," said the Christian convert. When he entered the refugee home that evening, his refugee card on which his nationality was showing, the guard made the remark: "Ahh, the Islamic Republic of Iran". To this, Ajdin - who had fled from Iran before the Islamic regime - replied: "No, just Iran." He was followed to the dining room, where he was grabbed by another security guard and pushed into the hallway. There he was beaten by several security guards, as they said he had insulted Islam.</p> <p>He told <i>Die Welt</i> that almost daily, he and 13 other Christians in the Asylum Centre were insulted by Muslim refugees, particularly when they went twice a week for worship with their Bibles in their hands.</p>
Bias indicators	1 (identities of victims), 2 (comments), 3 (cultural differences)
Status of the case	investigation
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 29

Title	Cemetery Crucifixes Uprooted and Planted Upside Down
Date, time and location of the incident	November 29, 2015, Villiers-le-Sec
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.lamanchelibre.fr/actualite-121039-nouvelles-profanations-dans-cimetiere-du-bessin.html
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Visitors to cemetery; members of the Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 7 (desecration of graves)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Acts of vandalism were discovered on December 1st in the cemetery of Villiers-le-Sec, between Creully and Courseulles-sur-Mer, France. Fourteen crucifixes were found planted upside down in the ground. This is not the first such vandalism, as ten kilometres away in Tracy-sur-Mer, similar damage had been discovered in February.
Bias indicators	2 (gestures: targeting Christian symbols), 5 (previous similar incidents in the region), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 30

Title	Second Ukrainian Orthodox Church Desecrated in Same Town
Date, time and location of the incident	November 29, 2015, Rokitno
Country	Ukraine
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/ukraine-une-autre-eglise-orthodoxe-profanee?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Christianophobie+%28Observatoire+de+la+christianophobie%29#.Vxc_J9SLS01
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Church of Our Lady of Iveron; local Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 5 (arson), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	A new church dedicated to Our Lady of Iveron, in the town of Rokitno was desecrated by vandals. Unknown perpetrators desecrated the sanctuary, burned the holy gifts, the antimimension (one of the most important furnishings of the altar in Orthodox Christian liturgical traditions) with relics and the Gospel from the altar. Additionally, the perpetrators attempted to set fire to the building in three different locations. Money was also stolen. Similar acts were committed on November 18 - 19 in the church of the Holy Trinity in the same town.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victims), 5 (previous incidents in the same town), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 31

Title	Spanish Artist Claims to Have 32 New Consecrated Hosts, Stolen during Reparation Mass
Date, time and location of the incident	November 28, 2015, Pamplona
Country	Spain
Source of information	http://www.medias-presse.info/espagne-nouvelles-profanations-dhosties-consacrees/44573
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Cathedral of Pamplona, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	4 (theft), 8 (attack on place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Abel Azcona and his "fans"
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Abel Azcona announced he has 32 new consecrated Hosts stolen by "fans" who went to different Masses to get them. Azcona, who desecrated over 200 consecrated Hosts (which Catholics believe is the body of Jesus Christ) in an exhibition, claimed that he has acquired new Hosts, some of which were stolen during the Mass of reparation held at the Cathedral of Pamplona.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 2 (written statement), 5 (previous incident by perpetrator against same victim)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 32

Title	Church Vandalized; Damage Estimate: € 800
Date, time and location of the incident	November 25, 2015, La Role
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.lerepublicain.net/l-eglise-vandalisee_41305/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=l-eglise-vandalisee
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Church of Gironde-sur-Dropt, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	4 (theft), 8 (attack on place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Two copper gutter-pipes were stolen from the church of Gironde-sur-Dropt on the night of November 25. The damage is estimated at € 800.
Bias indicators	6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	A complaint was filed at the police station of La Role and an investigation was opened.
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 33

Title	Spanish Artist Stole and Desecrated over 200 Consecrated Hosts
Date, time and location of the incident	November 23, 2015, Pamplona
Country	Spain
Source of information	http://www.noticiasdenavarra.com/2015/11/23/sociedad/navarra/el-arzobispo-de-pamplona-convoca-una-misa-de-reparacion-tras-la-exposicion-de-abel-azcona
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Catholic community in Pamplona
Type of the crime(s)	4 (theft), 8 (attack on place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Abel Azcona
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Spanish artist Abel Azcona stole more than 240 consecrated Hosts (which Catholics believe is the body of Jesus Christ) by pretending to receive Holy Communion at Mass. He then placed the hosts on the ground to form the word "Paedophile" in Spanish. Photos of the theft of the hosts and their placement on the ground were displayed in a public art gallery in Pamplona.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 2 (comments, written statements)
Status of the case	The Christian Lawyers Association has filed a lawsuit against Azcona for violating Spanish law. It has said the city council must pull the display or face legal action.
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 34

Title	Ukrainian Orthodox Church Plundered and Desecrated
Date, time and location of the incident	November 22, 2015, Sarny
Country	Ukraine
Source of information	http://orthodoxie.com/une-eglise-orthodoxe-a-ete-pillee-et-profanee-a-rokitno-en-ukraine-occidentale/
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Ukrainian Orthodox Church, members of Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 4 (theft), 5 (arson), 8 (attack on place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The perpetrators stole money from the cash register of the church, and lit fires in five different locations in the building. According to the Diocese: "Last year, ten churches in the Diocese of Sarny were looted and desecrated."
Bias indicators	5 (previous incidents in the diocese), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	A statement from the diocese: "It's a shame that vandals still continue to destroy the holy places of the Polesie region, causing pain in the heart of the faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. By their actions, the criminals create a bleeding wound on the body of our church."

Case 35

Title	Thieves Destroyed a Parish Church
Date, time and location of the incident	November 21, 2015, Pajarillos
Country	Spain
Source of information	http://www.elnortedecastilla.es/valladolid/201511/23/ladrones-arrasan-parroquia-pajarillos-20151122212243.html
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Church of San Ignatius of Loyola, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property) 4 (theft), 6 (vandalism) 8 (attack on place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Unknown perpetrators stole a tabernacle, ciborium, chalices, patens, a candelabrum, and some of the sound equipment from the Church of San Ignatius of Loyola. The doors had been forced open, and the sacristy and the sanctuary of the chapel were completely destroyed. The perpetrators desecrated the holiest places of the church complex, including destroying several consecrated hosts.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	Investigation
Response of local authorities	According to the police, who have already opened an investigation, this was a violent theft committed by more than one person.
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 36

Title	Theft in Small 16th Century Chapel
Date, time and location of the incident	November 19, 2015
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.lest-eclair.fr/381954/article/2015-11-19/une-statue-volee-en-l-eglise-de-saint-leger-sous-margerie
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Church of Saint-Léger-sous-Margerie, local Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	4 (theft), 8 (attack against place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	A late 15th century wooden statue of St. Nicolas was stolen from the church of Saint-Léger-sous-Margerie. This is the second theft of art objects in this parish in less than three months. The perpetrator has not been identified.
Bias indicators	5 (previous incidents against victim), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 37

Title	Christian Convert Violently Attacked Outside His Home
Date, time and location of the incident	November 17, 2015, Bradford
Country	United Kingdom
Source of information	http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3325273/CCTV-catches-terrifying-moment-father-six-brutally-set-hooded-thugs-pickaxe-handle-targeted-blasphemer-converted-Islam-Christianity.html
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Nissar Hussain
Type of the crime(s)	2 (physical violence), 9 (threats/threatening behaviour)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Nissar Hussain, who has helped to promote an initiative to help protect Christians who have converted from Islam, was beaten with a pickaxe handle by two men while on the way to his car. Hussain and his wife converted to Christianity in 1996 and have since experienced intimidation and violence from the Muslim community.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim), 3 (cultural differences), 5 (previous incidents against victim)
Status of the case	investigation
Response of local authorities	According to the Daily Mail, "Detective Inspector Andy Howard, of Bradford District CID, said initial investigations suggested it was a targeted attack and it is being treated as a religious hate crime."
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 38

Title	Counter-Demonstrators Arrested during Students for Life Procession
Date, time and location of the incident	November 14, 2015, Innsbruck
Country	Austria
Source of information	http://m.heute.at/news/oesterreich/art23655,1234314
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Pro-Life Students
Type of the crime(s)	9 (threatening behaviour)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Various counter-demonstrators
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The Students for Life silent procession was disrupted by counter-demonstrators and arrests were made.
Bias indicators	2 (comments)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 39

Title	Church Vandalized and Statue of Virgin Mary Destroyed
Date, time and location of the incident	November 13, 2015, Poitiers
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/vienne-leglise-saint-cyprien-vandalisee-a-poitiers#.VxdBydSLS02
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Church of Saint-Cyprian, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack on place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	A large concrete statue of the Virgin Mary located at the church entrance was thrown to the ground and irreparably broken. Additionally, most of the flower pots and vases in the church were broken and scattered in the nave. Several decorative elements were torn from the walls and thrown to the ground.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	Investigation
Response of local authorities	A complaint was filed at the police station.
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 37

Title	Activists Advocate Violence at an anti-Domestic Violence March
Date, time and location of the incident	November 7, 2015
Country	Spain
Source of information	http://www.actuall.com/criterios/familia/el-feminismo-no-busca-la-igualdad-sino-la-revancha/
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Members of Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	9 (threats)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Radical activists shouted “We Will Burn the Episcopal Conference”.
Bias indicators	1 (perception of witnesses), 3 (comments)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 38

Title	Popular German Catholic Blogger Threatened After Reporting About Arson
Date, time and location of the incident	November 03, 2015, Berlin
Country	Germany
Source of information	Report to the Observatory http://kath.net/news/52733
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Dr. Josef Bordat
Type of the crime(s)	9 (threats)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Anonymous activist
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	On November 3rd, Dr. Josef Bordat wrote about an arson attack on the building housing "Demo für Alle" (an anti-gender ideology and sexualisation of children advocacy organization) on November 1st. Shortly thereafter he was threatened with arson. Dr. Bordat reported that he received an anonymous letter three hours after the publication of his report about the arson reading: "Don't be a nuisance, you Catholic conservative idiot ... otherwise a fire will soon be delivered to you. Your address is known."
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim), 2 (comments, written statements)
Status of the case	investigation
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	Dr. Bordat immediately reported the threat of violence to the Berlin police, who investigated.

Case 39

Title	Desecration and Vandalism in Chapel
Date, time and location of the incident	November 02, 2015, Málaga
Country	Spain
Source of information	http://www.actuall.com/laicismo/atacan-una-iglesia-de-malaga-danan-los-enseres-de-culto-y-realizan-pintadas-en-arabe-en-la-fachada/
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Temple of Carmen Rincon de la Victoria, members of Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack on place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The Temple of Carmen Rincon de la Victoria suffered damage in an attack that damaged the tabernacle, numerous articles of worship and devotional images. Additionally, there was vandalism painted in Arabic script.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 2 (graffiti), 3 (cultural differences), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	Authorities are investigating.
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 40

Title	Spanish Church Vandalized with Arabic Graffiti; Holy Objects Destroyed
Date, time and location of the incident	November 02, 2015, Rincon de la Victoria
Country	Spain
Source of information	http://www.christiantoday.com/article/islamist.vandals.attack.spanish.church.destroying.religious.objects.and.marking.wall.with.the.word.allah/69837.htm and http://www.express.co.uk/news/world/616830/Virgin-Mary-Andalucia-Malaga-Agustin-Carrasco
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Church of Our Lady of Carmen
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack on place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The unknown perpetrators broke into the Church of our Lady of Carmen in the Spanish town of Rincon de la Victoria, Andalusia, smashed wooden statues of the Virgin Mary and Jesus on the cross, and spray painted "Allah" on the wall.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 2 (graffiti), 3 (cultural differences), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 41

Title	Graves Vandalized
Date, time and location of the incident	November 01, 2015, Mazères
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/ariege-tombes-profanees-dans-le-cimetiere-de-mazeres?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Christianophobie+%28Observatoire+de+la+christianophobie%29#.VxdC7NLSL01 and http://www.ville-mazeres.fr/TAGS-au-CIMETIERE
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Visitors to cemetery; members of the Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 7 (desecration of graves)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	On All Saints Day, a solemnity celebrated by Catholics and some Protestants, visitors to the Mazères cemetery discovered five graves, including a central cross, sprayed with orange paint with references to "Satanists", among others.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 2 (graffiti), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	investigation
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	Families of the deceased were outraged, and an investigation to determine the perpetrators has been opened. Municipal officials had to clean the central cross on Sunday, so that it would be presentable for a religious ceremony.

Case 42

Title	Serious Arson Attack against "Demo für Alle"
Date, time and location of the incident	November 01, 2015, Magdeburg
Country	Germany
Source of information	https://demofueralle.wordpress.com/2015/11/02/brandanschlag-auf-beverfoerde-firmengebäude-geschäftsadresse-von-demo-für-alle/
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Demo für Alle
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 5 (arson), 9 (threatening behaviour)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The Magdeburg business office of "Demo für Alle", a Christian group that advocates against gender ideology and the sexualisation of children, was torched by unknown perpetrators. A vehicle used for demonstrations as well as part of the building were completely burned. In the evening after the fire, on an extremist leftist website, an anonymous writer boasted about this attack and urged others to follow suit.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim), 2 (comments), 3 (cultural differences)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	The fire brigade quickly responded and prevented the spread of flames. The police immediately launched an investigation.
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	From Hedwig von Beverfoerde of "Demo für Alle" (translated from German): "It is striking that this underhanded attack was perpetrated by left-wing extremists just a few days after the premiere of the play "Fear" at the Berlin Schaubühne. On the night after the premiere, on 25 October, the car of Beatrix v. Stork had already been set on fire in Berlin. In the agitprop play "Fear", "Demo für Alle" is panned and it portrays [members of "Demo für Alle"] Gabriele Kuby, Beatrix v. Storch, Birgit Kelle and myself in a defamatory manner as right-wing, hate speech-wielding zombies... Under the pretext of art... This is intellectual arson, which apparently leads directly to genuine arson..."

Case 43

Title	Fourth Act of Vandalism Against Notre-Dame-du-Rocher in Saint-Hippolyte
Date, time and location of the incident	October 28, 2015, Haut-Rhin
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/haut-rhin-un-oratoire-vandalise-pour-la-quatrieme-fois-a-saint-hippolyte#.VxdDXNSLS01
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Church of Notre-Dame-du-Rocher in Saint-Hippolyte; members of Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack on place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	On October 28, the statue of the Virgin Mary was broken off its base. Earlier vandalism led to the replacement of the statue of the Virgin Mary last spring. In mid-September the arms of the statue were broken and glued back together.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 5 (previous incident against same victim), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 44

Title	Desecration at "Autobahn" Church
Date, time and location of the incident	October 23, 2015, Baden-Baden
Country	Germany
Source of information	http://www.kath.net/news/52598
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Autobahn Church; members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack on place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The altar, tabernacle, and pews of the nationally-known church were desecrated by swastikas and other Nazi symbols carved into the wood, and acid poured onto the stone.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 2 (graffiti), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 45

Title	Christian Converts Harassed at Swedish Asylum Centre
Date, time and location of the incident	October 20, 2015
Country	Sweden
Source of information	http://www.dagen.se/hotad-p%C3%A5-asylboende-flyttade-till-kyrka-1.421974
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Christian Pakistani refugee couple
Type of the crime(s)	9 (threats/threatening behaviour)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Muslim refugees
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	A Pakistani couple had to leave the shelter in Western Sweden where they were staying after harassment by some of the Muslim refugees in the housing ended with the husband's name sprayed on a wall near their room calling for his death.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of the victims), 2 (comments, graffiti), 3 (cultural differences)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	The Swedish Migration Board was notified, but did not take any steps to protect the couple, according to the husband. Since they didn't feel safe at the centre, they moved to a church shelter.

Case 46

Title	Christian Convert Attacked in German Refugee Camp
Date, time and location of the incident	October 20, 2015, Hamburg-Eidelstedt
Country	Germany
Source of information	http://www.welt.de/regionales/hamburg/article147844337/Angriff-auf-Christen-Haftbefehl-gegen-Afghanen.html and http://www.welt.de/regionales/hamburg/article147765589/Verpruegelt-weil-er-zum-Christentum-konvertierte.html and http://www.express.co.uk/news/world/613479/Migrant-Refugee-Germany-Camp-Attack-Afghan-Iranian-Christianity-Koran-Syrian-Hamburg
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	24-year-old Iranian Christian refugee
Type of the crime(s)	2 (physical violence), 9 (threatening behaviour)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	“Mohebolla A.”
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	An Afghan man, who allegedly declared that it was not a sin to kill him, beat a 24-year-old Iranian Christian with a baton. According to Die Welt, he was left unconscious as a result of the attack. 15 to 20 people intervened and pulled the attacker away. The victim is believed to have "told some Afghan migrants that he had embraced Christianity," the Sunday Express reported.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim), 2 (comments), 3 (cultural differences)
Status of the case	In February 2016, the Hamburg prosecutor indicted Mohebolla A. for attempted murder.
Response of local authorities	Government spokesman Carsten Rinio confirmed that the Afghan has been indicted for attempted homicide and serious bodily harm. The police believe that it is the first suspected case of religiously motivated violence among asylum seekers in Hamburg. http://www.idea.de/menschenrechte/detail/anklage-gegen-einen-afghanen-der-iranischen-christen-toeten-wollte-93625.html
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 47

Title	Statue of Virgin Mary Decapitated
Date, time and location of the incident	October 15, 2015, Aisne
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/aisne-une-statue-de-la-vierge-decapitee-et-amputee-des-mains-a-montfaucon?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Christianophobie+%28Observatoire+de+la+christianophobie%29#.VxdFaNSLS02
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Town of Aisne; members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The statue, beloved by the citizens of the small town, was erected on Aug. 14, 1960 as act of gratitude for a priest who was in a serious motorcycle accident at that location, but was unhurt.
Bias indicators	6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 48

Title	Vandalism at Catholic School
Date, time and location of the incident	October 15, 2015, Vienna
Country	Austria
Source of information	Witness known to the Observatory
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Catholic student parish event centre
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Graffiti of two "Antifa" signs and one anarchy symbol seen on a pillar of Catholic student parish event centre and dormitory.
Bias indicators	2 (graffiti), 3 (cultural differences), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 49

Title	Serious Desecration and Theft at the Chapelle d'Effiat à Montrichard
Date, time and location of the incident	October 14, 2015, Loir-et-Cher
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.paroissedemontrichard.com/activites/actualites/5-touchez-en-plein-cur-encore-une-fois
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Chapelle d'Effiat à Montrichard, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 4 (theft), 8 (attack on place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	On the morning of October 14, the Tabernacle was forced open and the Ciborium containing ten consecrated Hosts was stolen.
Bias indicators	6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 50

Title	Madrid Church Vandalized
Date, time and location of the incident	October 14, 2015, Madrid
Country	Spain
Source of information	http://libertadreligiosa.es/2015/10/14/agresion-contra-la-parroquia-virgen-del-alba-de-alcorcon/
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Church of the Virgen del Alba de Alcorcón; members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property); 6 (vandalism); 8 (attack against place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The outside of the church of the Virgen del Alba de Alcorcón was vandalized by individuals who soiled the facades and access steps as well as the bulletin boards. As a result of the damage, the morning Mass was cancelled to prevent the parishioners from slipping. The damage was reported to the police. According to parishioners, it is not the first time that the church has been damaged or vandalized.
Bias indicators	5 (previous incidents against same victim), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 51

Title	French Church Burned
Date, time and location of the incident	October 13, 2015, Drôme
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/drome-incendie-suspect-dans-leglise-de-la-baume-de-transit?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Christianophobie+%28Observatoire+de+la+christianophobie%29#.VxdTiNSLS01
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The church of La Baume-de-Transit
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 5 (arson)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	A fire in the church of La Baume-de-Transit in Southern Drôme damaged furniture.
Bias indicators	6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 52

Title	Assyrian Christians in Sweden Threatened: "Convert or Die"
Date, time and location of the incident	October 13, 2015, Gothenburg
Country	Sweden
Source of information	http://www.dn.se/nyheter/sverige/restaurangagare-hotades-med-is-budskap-konvertera-eller-do/
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Several Assyrian Christian business owners
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 9 (threats)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Assyrian Christians living in Sweden have been targeted with a string of threatening messages, including demands that they "convert or die." Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter reported that Swedish Christian Assyrian Markus Samuelsson found the walls of his restaurant in Gothenburg covered in jihadist graffiti, including messages of "Convert or Die" and "The Caliphate is Here." These same messages, along with the IS logo and the Arabic letter ح, were painted on the walls of the Christian-owned Le Pain Français bakery and the next-door pizzeria, but other, non-Assyrian owned restaurants were left untouched. It was the second time in just over a week that the pizzeria owners were threatened with Islamic State-style messages.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of the victims), 2 (written statements, graffiti), 3 (cultural differences), 4 (hate group as perpetrator), 5 (previous incidents against victims), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	investigation
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 53

Title	Parish Tagged with Pro-Abortion Message
Date, time and location of the incident	October 09, 2015, Barcelona
Country	Spain
Source of information	http://libertadreligiosa.es/2015/10/11/abortistas-hacen-pintadas-en-una-parroquia-de-barcelona/
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The Parish del Espíritu Santo; members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The Parroquia del Espíritu Santo was spray painted with the message "You will drink the blood of our abortions."
Bias indicators	2 (graffiti), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 54

Title	Chapel the Victim of Thieves
Date, time and location of the incident	October 08, 2015, Charleroi
Country	Belgium
Source of information	http://www.lavenir.net/cnt/dmf20151009_00716711?utm_source=lavenir&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=soir&utm_content=general-news&M_BT=24969983667 and http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/belgique-vol-du-toit-dune-chapelle-a-charleroi#.Vhzs2KLI33U
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Chapel of Saint-Joseph de Charleroi, members of Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 4 (theft), 8 (attack on place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Thieves dismantled and carried away the metal roof of the Chapel of Saint-Joseph de Charleroi. The crime occurred in broad daylight, without attracting the attention of passersby.
Bias indicators	6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	Charleroi local police opened an investigation.
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	The church represents a place of worship and Christian heritage in the town and the theft of the zinc roof and cornices left only the wooden structure.

Case 55

Title	French Chapel Sacked by Vandals
Date, time and location of the incident	October 08, 2015, Masny
Country	France
Source of information	http://m.lavoixdunord.fr/region/masny-la-chapelle-du-champ-fleuri-saccagee-ia16b0n3091999 and http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/nord-une-chapelle-saccagee-et-profanee-a-masny?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Christianophobie+%28Observatoire+de+la+christianophobie%29#.VxdUn9SLS01
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	La Chapelle du Champ Fleuri; members of Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	La Chapelle du Champ Fleuri in Masny, was the victim of desecration: The altar was overturned, the organ left in pieces, Communion wafers littered the ground, a statue of the Virgin Mary, venerated by Catholics as the mother of Jesus, was decapitated, and liturgical vestments were burned.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 56

Title	French Church Desecrated and Vandalised
Date, time and location of the incident	October 04, 2015, Blanzly
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.lejsl.com/edition-montceau/2015/10/07/vandalisme-express-a-l-eglise
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The church of Saint-Pierre-et-Saint-Paul, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 5 (arson), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Intruders into the church of Saint-Pierre-et-Saint-Paul in Blanzly damaged the Tabernacle by attempting to force open the door, damaged the organ, and set fire to the statue of the Virgin Mary.
Bias indicators	6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 57

Title	Arson in Normandy Church
Date, time and location of the incident	October 02, 2015, Saint-Lô
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.lamanchelibre.fr/saint-lo/actualite-119328-saint-lo-debut-incendie-a-eglise-sainte-croix.html and http://www.ouest-france.fr/feu-dans-leglise-sainte-croix-saint-lo-plein-de-fumee-pas-de-victime-3733864
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	L'église Sainte-Croix de Saint-Lô, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 5 (arson), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	L'église Sainte-Croix de Saint-Lô was the victim of arson on Friday, October 2, 2015. The entry display was torched and it took 10 firefighters and 4 fire engines to combat the blaze. A first arson attempt took place two days earlier in the same place.
Bias indicators	5 (previous incidents against the same place), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	investigation
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	As the result of a series of arson crimes, another church in town, the Notre-Dame de Saint-Lô has been equipped with surveillance cameras in the last few years.

Case 58

Title	Ukrainian Evangelical Pastor Kidnapped by Militants; Released 4 Days Later
Date, time and location of the incident	October 01, 2015, Sverdlovsk
Country	Ukraine
Source of information	http://khpg.org/en/index.php?id=1443573668 http://hrwf.eu/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Ukraine2015.pdf
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Pastor Taras Sen
Type of the crime(s)	2 (physical violence), 9 (threats/threatening behaviour)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Armed militants
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The Church of Christians of Evangelical Faith reported that Pastor Taras Sen was taken hostage on 27 September in the city of Sverdlovsk in the Luhansk oblast by armed militants and released on 1 October 2015.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 3 (cultural differences)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	On 29-30 September 2015 a conference of the OSCE/ODIHR was held in Warsaw on problems of crimes based on hatred, discrimination, and persecution of Christians and other believers, where the incident involving Pastor Taras Sen was mentioned. Pastor Sen was released a day after the conference ended.

Case 59

Title	Islamists threaten Christians in German Refugee Camps
Date, time and location of the incident	September 27, 2015, Brandenburg
Country	Germany
Source of information	http://www.welt.de/politik/deutschland/article146919471/Islamisten-bedrohen-Christen-in-Fluechtlingsheimen.html
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Iranian Christian refugee
Type of the crime(s)	9 (threats/threatening behaviour)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Muslim asylum seekers
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	An Iranian Christian who fled persecution in his country told German newspaper <i>Die Welt</i> , "In Iran, the Revolutionary Guards have arrested my brother in a house church. I fled the Iranian intelligence, because I thought in Germany I can finally live freely according to my religion." He lives in a camp for asylum seekers in southern Brandenburg near the border with Saxony. "They wake me before dawn during Ramadan and say I should eat before the sun comes up. If I refuse, they say I'm a kuffar, an unbeliever. They spit at me... They treat me like an animal. And threaten to kill me," he told <i>Die Welt</i> .
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 2 (comments), 3 (cultural differences)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	"I can not openly admit that I am a Christian in my home for asylum seekers. I will be threatened."

Case 60

Title	Sunni Muslim Threatens to Kill Christian Syrian in Refugee Accommodation
Date, time and location of the incident	September 22, 2015, Kalmar
Country	Sweden
Source of information	http://www.ostrasmaland.se/kalmar/jag-ska-skara-halsen-av-dig/?share=eyJkYXRhIjp7InVybCI6Imh0dHA6XC9cL3d3dy5vc3RyYXNtYWxhbmQuc2VcL2thbG1hclwvamFnLXNrYS1za2FyYS1oYWxzZW4tYXYtZGlnXC8iLCJ0dGwiOixNDQ0NjMwNjcwliwidXNlcl9pZCI6IjU0MmUzNGFhYTY3MjAxOTMwYjAwMGE5NSJ and http://www.dagen.se/f%C3%A4llande-dom-f%C3%B6rd%C3%B6shoten-p%C3%A5-asylboende-i-kalmar-1.421857
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	"Amir," a Christian refugee
Type of the crime(s)	2 (physical violence), 9 (threatening behaviour)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	"N.N."
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	A 26-year-old Sunni Muslim, who claimed to have fought with jihadist groups in Syria, was arrested by police after threatening to "slaughter" and "cut the throat" of a Christian refugee.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim), 2 (comments), 3 (cultural differences)
Status of the case	N.N. was convicted of making the death threats.
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	The victim, Amir, is frightened because the perpetrator, known as N.N., was ultimately sentenced only to probation and a monetary fine. "I have fled the war to avoid this kind of thing," he said.

Case 61

Title	French Church Desecrated
Date, time and location of the incident	September 19, 2015, Landes
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/landes-leglise-de-habas-profanee
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The church of Saint-Pierre-et-Saint-Paul d'Habas; members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The church of Saint-Pierre-et-Saint-Paul d'Habas was badly vandalized. Various liturgical objects were desecrated: the altar was stained by food, crosses inverted, missals torn. The entire church was degraded with scattered flowers, candles, sheets of paper and posters torn.
Bias indicators	6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	investigation
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 62

Title	Counter-Demonstrators Attempt to Block March for Life
Date, time and location of the incident	September 19, 2015, Berlin
Country	Germany
Source of information	http://www.tagesspiegel.de/berlin/marsch-fuer-das-leben-in-berlin-demonstration-von-abtreibungsgegnern-wurde-mehrfach-unterbrochen/12343156.html and http://www.morgenpost.de/berlin/article205762987/Tausende-demonstrieren-in-Berlin-fuer-und-gegen-Abtreibung.html
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Pro-life demonstrators
Type of the crime(s)	9 (threatening behaviour)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Counter-demonstrators
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Interrupting the silent march of a record number of pro-life participants, most of whom were carrying white crosses, were roadside whistles, booming music and vociferous slogans from counter-demonstrators. Some of the counter-demonstrators tried to break through the police lines protecting the marchers. The officers were only able to stop them through the use of tear gas. At the end of this year's march, 14 police officers were injured, 16 protesters were identified for personal offenses, and twelve more were arrested.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 2 (comments, gestures)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 63

Title	Confessional Burned in Church
Date, time and location of the incident	September 18, 2015, L'Ile-Bouchard
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.lanouvellerepublique.fr/Indre-et-Loire/Actualite/Faits-divers-justice/n/Contenus/Articles/2015/09/19/Un-confessionnal-en-feu-a-L-Ile-Bouchard-2470278
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The church Saint-Gilles de L'Ile-Bouchard
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 5 (arson), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	A confessional in the church Saint-Gilles de L'Ile-Bouchard (France) was burned and the organ was damaged on the 18th of September. The initial analysis by forensic investigators reveals that the fire was likely intentionally set, rather than an accident. The case has been sent to the public prosecutor, and if confirmed, it would be charged as the crime of desecration.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 64

Title	All Sacred Objects Stolen from French Chapel
Date, time and location of the incident	September 18, 2015, Le Brethon
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/allier-vols-dans-une-chapelle-au-brethon#.VgJcd8vtmko
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Chapel in Le Brethon, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	4 (theft)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	A small chapel in Le Brethon, France, was robbed of all of its sacred objects during the week from Monday 14 to Friday, September 18. The few sacred objects it housed have all disappeared, namely, a processional cross, statuettes, votive offerings and all of the crosses. Additionally, a painting of Mary Magdalene, donated by an amateur painter was also stolen. Because of the isolated location of the chapel, and that it is always open to the public, officials have not been able to determine exactly when the theft occurred.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 65

Title	Church is Victim of Repeated Vandalism
Date, time and location of the incident	September 16, 2015, Sangatte
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/sangatte-vols-degradations-et-tentative-dincendie-criminel-dans-leglise-saint-martin#.VgQKoqLI1B9
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	L'église Saint-Martin, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 5 (arson), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	L'église Saint-Martin in Sangatte, France is yet again a victim of vandalism. On September 16th, a volunteer at the Blanc-Nez Pentecostal parish returned to Saint-Martin to close the doors for the evening and immediately discovered smoke emerging from the church. She also noticed broken candles littering the ground and that small decorations were taken down. Thick smoke surrounded the altar of wood and marble, and it was apparent that the small fire could have easily spread to the wooden furniture and carpets, completely destroying the church.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 5 (previous incidents against the same place), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	According to the witness, broken candles, stolen chairs, and displaced furniture have become regular occurrences. She said that she is in constant fear of damage because last December, the church was broken into, the door being completely destroyed, and an ancient statue of the Virgin, a precious gold chalice, antique chandeliers and the marble tabernacle were stolen.

Case 66

Title	Swiss Evangelical Party's Office Attacked for Supporting Pro-Life Demonstration
Date, time and location of the incident	September 16, 2015, Zurich
Country	Switzerland
Source of information	http://www.medrum.de/content/mit-hammer-und-sichel-gegen-evangelikale
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Swiss Evangelische Volkspartei, the Swiss Evangelical Alliance and humanitarian organisations Tearfund and Opportunity
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Radical activists
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The Zurich offices of the Swiss Evangelische Volkspartei (EVP) as well as the Swiss Evangelical Alliance and humanitarian organisations Tearfund and Opportunity were attacked by vandals. Two days before members of the EVP planned to take part in the "Marsch fürs Läbe" (March for Life), the façade of the EVP office building was spray-painted with texts reading "Marsch fürs Läbe angreifen", meaning "attacking the March for Life", and several hammer and sickles. Paint bombs were thrown against the façade and windows were broken. The repairs will likely cost several thousand Swiss Francs. The attackers posted an anonymous text online defending their violent action, justifying their fight against "homophobic, anti-feministic and patriarchal policies".
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim), 2 (graffiti), 3 (cultural differences), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 67

Title	Church the Victim of Burglary, Desecration and Vandalism
Date, time and location of the incident	September 15, 2015, Bremen
Country	Germany
Source of information	http://www.kirchenbote.de/content/zerst%C3%B6rt-aber-nicht-verloren
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The St. Pius Church and members of the Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 4 (theft), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Unknown perpetrators broke into the St. Pius Church and stole the tabernacle with consecrated Hosts, offertory boxes, and sprayed fire extinguishing powder all over the inside of the church. The dust cloud damaged the organ, which is still not playable.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	The stolen tabernacle was recently found it in a lake and returned by police.
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	"We estimate the damage at 20000-30000 euros," said the pastor.

Case 68

Title	UK Burglars Urinate in Holy Water
Date, time and location of the incident	September 10, 2015, Sunderland
Country	United Kingdom
Source of information	http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/11858087/Burglars-urinate-in-holy-water-at-Sunderland-church.html
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Sunderland church; members of the church community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Burglars broke into a Sunderland church, smashed a window (causing more than £1,000 in damage) and used fire extinguishers to try to break down doors. Although nothing was stolen, someone urinated in the holy water font.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 69

Title	43 Graves in French Village Damaged and Vandalized
Date, time and location of the incident	September 3, 2015, Montjavoult
Country	France
Source of information	http://lci.tf1.fr/france/faits-divers/oise-43-tombes-degradees-dans-un-cimetiere-8651478.html
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Visitors to cemetery; members of the Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 7 (desecration of graves)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	On the 3rd of September 2015, the destruction of 43 graves was discovered in the small French village of Montjavoult. Swastikas were spray-painted on 6 of them and crosses were broken off and left on the ground. Authorities have reason to believe that this act was political in nature, and not just a prank.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 2 (graffiti), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	investigation
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 70

Title	Two Men Arrested for Setting Fire to Lutheran Church in Sweden
Date, time and location of the incident	September 01, 2015, Åmåls
Country	Sweden
Source of information	http://www.dagen.se/m%C3%A4n-anh%C3%A5llna-f%C3%B6r-kyrkobranden-1.390425
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Lutheran Church, members of the Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 5 (arson), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	During the evening of the 26th of August, a Lutheran church Åmåls, Sweden was attacked by arsonists. The perpetrators used at least one Molotov cocktail to set fire to the building, and broke several windows in the church and the parish hall.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 71

Title	Treasured Statue Stolen from French Church
Date, time and location of the incident	September 01, 2015, Molins-sur-Aube
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.lest-eclair.fr/343117/article/2015-09-14/des-tresors-difficiles-a-proteger-dans-nos-eglises
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The church of Molins-sur-Aube, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	4 (theft), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The statue of the Virgin Mary and Jesus, dating from the 15th century, was stolen from the church of Molins-sur-Aube.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	The mayor of the town said this theft deserves a response.
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 72

Title	Orthodox Church Destroyed by Authorities
Date, time and location of the incident	August 26, 2015, Dhermi/Himara
Country	Albania
Source of information	http://orthodoxie.com/une-eglise-orthodoxe-a-ete-detruite-par-les-employes-municipaux-dans-le-sud-de-lalbanie/
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Orthodox church St. Athanasius, members of the church community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Government officials
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Local officials destroyed the Orthodox church St. Athanasius, in southern Albania. On the orders of the mayor, municipal police arrived on the scene and excavators destroyed the building. The few people who heard the noise of machines at dawn, went to the site, but were unable to stop the destruction. Later, the villagers returned to collect pieces of their church. Days earlier, municipal employees of Himara had already gone to the church and removed icons and sacred objects and made a first attempt at destruction. The Orthodox community was not warned beforehand. As soon as they were informed of preparations to destroy the building, they went there with the church's priest to protest and to prevent the act. The destruction, performed by state employees, may have been violation of Law No. 10057 of 22.01.2009 (translated as: "On ratification of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Albania and the Orthodox Church of Albania" that guarantees the integrity of places of worship and protects against abusive actions of the state.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 73

Title	Broken and Desecrated Statue of the Virgin Mary
Date, time and location of the incident	August 23, 2015, Reunion
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/la-reunion-une-statue-de-la-vierge-marie-brisee-et-profanee#.Ve1J_RHtmkp http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/les-effigies-de-marie-et-de-joseph-decapitees-a-frejus?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Christianophobie+%28Observatoire+de+la+christianophobie%29
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Members of the Catholic community; citizens of Reunion
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property) 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	A Statue of the Virgin Mary next to the chapel Notre-Dame-de-la-Paix was purposely destroyed, its chest impaled on a spit, and the other pieces of the statue were left in a plastic bag on the side of a road.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	The sight of the destroyed statue has shocked locals.

Case 74

Title	Desecration in Gex and Colloges Churches
Date, time and location of the incident	August 16, 2015, Pays de l'Ain
Country	France
Source of information	http://catholique-belley-ars.cef.fr/blog/2015/08/profanation-a-gex-et-vols-dans-les-eglises-de-lain/
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The church of Gex, the church of Collonges, the Diocese of Belley-Ars, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	4 (theft), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	On Sunday, August 16, 2015, a ciborium containing consecrated Hosts and chalice were stolen from the church of Gex. The same day, a ciborium, a chalice, and a reliquary, registered in the inventory of Historical Monuments, were stolen from the church of Collonges. Since October of 2014, this is the 22nd time that desecration, theft or significant damage has occurred in the churches of Pays de l'Ain.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 5 (previous incidents against the same victim/place), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	The Diocese of Belley-Ars expressed regret that holy objects such as chalices, chalices, reliquaries or tabernacles were stolen or damaged, noting the "profound lack of respect shown by the perpetrators." Catholics are especially deeply shocked by the theft of the consecrated hosts in Gex. According to the Diocese, "Whatever the intentions of the perpetrators, nothing more offensive can be committed against God, against the Christian faith and against the Catholic community".

Case 75

Title	Chapel Vandalized with Graffiti
Date, time and location of the incident	August 16, 2015, Nantes
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/nantes-une-chapelle-taguee#.VelUzhHtmko
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The chapel of Christ Roi, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property) 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The outside wall of a chapel of Christ Roi in Nantes was spray painted with the words: "Don't open. Intégriste. Inside".
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 2 (graffiti), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 76

Title	Church Hit with Series of Burglaries
Date, time and location of the incident	August 14, 2015, Haute-Loire
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.mon43.fr/actualite-77495-eglise-bains-cambriolee.html
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The Church Sainte-Foy de Bains, Church of Loudes, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	4 (theft), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	A burglary was committed in the sacristy of the church Sainte-Foy de Bains (Haute-Loire) on August 14, 2015. The criminals stole sacred objects: a chalice and a ciborium. This the second burglary in a church in the French region of Haute-Loire in a week. Just over a week before, criminals had entered the Church of Loudes in the same way and had also stolen sacred vessels.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	investigation
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 77

Title	Attempted Arson in Chapel Saint-François
Date, time and location of the incident	August 14, 2015, Rennes
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/rennes-precisions-sur-lincendie-criminel-de-la-chapelle-saint-francois#.Vehbvov-vww
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Chapel Saint-François, Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest (ICKSP), members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 5 (arson), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The chapel Saint-François of Rennes was the victim of an attempted arson during night between August 13 and 14th. Chapel Saint-François, in which the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest (ICKSP) celebrates the Mass, is regularly the target of attacks: even during the Mass, individuals often interrupt sacred rituals with blasphemous or insulting slogans and by threatening the priest. The arson attempt had been preceded by blasphemous graffiti on the chapel walls.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 2 (graffiti), 5 (previous bias crimes/incidents against the same place), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	The community has had to create its own security personnel that stands in the back of the church, near the entrance, just in case. The priest has lodged complaints.

Case 78

Title	Belgian Chapel Vandalized
Date, time and location of the incident	August 03, 2015, Walloon Brabant
Country	Belgium
Source of information	http://www.dhnet.be/regions/brabant/notre-dame-de-walcourt-vandalisee-55c799433570b5465331484d
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Notre-Dame de Walcourt, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property) 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	During the week of the 3rd of August 2015, the small chapel Notre-Dame de Walcourt, which had been restored for free a few years ago by a volunteer, was vandalized with spray paint. The tag represented a person giving the finger to what seems to be a crown.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 2 (graffiti), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 79

Title	40 Christian Tombs Desecrated in French Cemetery
Date, time and location of the incident	August 13, 2015, Labry
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.lemonde.fr/societe/article/2015/08/04/une-quarantaine-de-tombes-chretiennes-profanees-dans-un-cimetiere-de-meurthe-et-moselle_4710570_3224.html and http://www.lefigaro.fr/flash-actu/2015/08/03/97001-20150803FILWWW00320-un-cimetiere-chretien-profane-en-lorraine.php
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Visitors to cemetery; members of the Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 7 (desecration of graves)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Local policemen found that 40 graves had been desecrated in a cemetery in the town of Labry, in northeastern France. 35 funeral ornaments, mostly crucifixes and plaques were displaced, and 4 were broken. Three teenagers were arrested and they admitted being responsible for the desecration.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	The prosecutor talks of "gothic" motivations while the local mayor said the vandals were just being "stupid". The French Prime Minister Manuel Valls shared his "indignation" and promised a "harsh punishment".
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 80

Title	Two Orthodox Religious Murdered in Ukraine
Date, time and location of the incident	July 30, 2015, Kiev
Country	Ukraine
Source of information	http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/ukraine-orthodox-nun-tortured-death-kiev-days-after-priests-murder-1513356
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Sister Alevtina, Priest Roman Kikolayev
Type of the crime(s)	1 (homicide)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	A priest and a nun, both members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Moscow Patriarchate, were murdered within days of each other in the Ukraine. Sister Alevtina, 62, was found dead in her apartment with her hands tied. She was a nun at the Florivsky Convent in Kiev. 41-year-old- priest Roman Kikolayev from St Tatiana Church was shot in the head.
Bias indicators	1 (identities of the victims)
Status of the case	Investigators do not believe these murders are related, but are investigating whether there is a political motive.
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 81

Title	Church Vandalised and Soiled with Faeces in Eure-Et-Loir
Date, time and location of the incident	June 10, 2015, Santeuil
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/eure-et-loir-leglise-de-santeuil-vandalisee-et-souillee-dexcrements?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Christianophobie+%28Observatoire+de+la+christianophobie%29#.VXIAGkZOzIU
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Church, members of the church community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The Santeuil church was vandalised by unknown perpetrators who burst into each room of the church, destroyed doors, statues and belfry. Additionally, they soiled the church with faeces.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 2 (gestures), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	The case was reported to the police and investigation decided to examine the DNA in the neighbourhood to find the perpetrator.
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 82

Title	Arson In the Church of St. Chrysole
Date, time and location of the incident	June 06, 2015, Comines
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/nord-tentative-dincendie-criminel-de-leglise-de-comines?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Christianophobie+%28Observatoire+de+la+christianophobie%29#.VXau8kZOzIU
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The Church of St. Chrysole, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 5 (arson), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The doors to the church of St. Chrysole were burned as a result of the arson. Thanks to the quick reaction of police and firefighters, the flames did not reach the interior of the church.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	Local faithful and volunteers were terrified

Case 83

Title	The Chapel of Sainte-Bathilde Damaged
Date, time and location of the incident	June 04, 2015, Seine-et-Marne
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/seine-et-marne-une-chapelle-vandalisee-a-chelles?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Christianophobie+%28Observatoire+de+la+christianophobie%29#.VXIVm0ZOzIU
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The Sainte-Bathilde Chapel, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The Sainte-Bathilde Chapel was hit by vandals who destroyed statues in the garden behind the shrine. One represented St. Bathilde on which flammable liquid was found. Another statue of St. Therese had been attacked and broken into pieces.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 84

Title	Silent National Christian-Inspired Protest Mocked By Opponents
Date, time and location of the incident	May 24, 2015, Italy
Country	Italy
Source of information	Witness known to Observatory
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	<i>Sentinelle in piedi</i>
Type of the crime(s)	10 (other: hindering public demonstration)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Counter-demonstrators
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	On 24th of May 2015, an Italian network called <i>Sentinelle in piedi</i> ("Standing Watchmen") organized a protest against the proposed draft laws on "homophobia" and same-sex unions and expressed their dissenting views by standing for an hour in silence at over 100 public squares all over Italy. The reason for that is the belief that new laws, if approved, would curtail freedom of speech for Christians. Opponents used offensive slogans and provocative gestures, including simulating homosexual acts. The participants of the <i>Sentinelle in piedi</i> were physically hindered by the protests.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception); 2 (comments, gestures)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 85

Title	Arson in Lutheran Church
Date, time and location of the incident	May 19, 2015, Altena
Country	Germany
Source of information	http://www.kath.net/news/50596
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Lutheran Church Altena, members of the Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 5 (arson), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	A fire caused damages worth thousands of euros in the Lutheran Church in Altena in Nordrhein-Westfalen. Police suspected arson.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	Parishioners and local priests felt offended by this act.

Case 86

Title	Disruption, Threats, and Insults at a Catholic Procession
Date, time and location of the incident	May 14, 2015, Conselice
Country	Italy
Source of information	http://www.jewsnews.co.il/2015/05/14/italy-muslims-disrupt-catholic-procession-with-insults-and-threats/
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Procession participants, witnesses
Type of the crime(s)	9 (threats/threatening behaviour)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Counter-demonstrators
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	A group of Muslim demonstrators disrupted a Catholic procession in the Italian municipality of Conselice which was held in honour of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Reportedly seeing the procession as provocation, the group started to threaten and insult Catholics and claimed that the procession offended Islam.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 3 (cultural differences)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	Participants were scared and shocked by the threats.

Case 87

Title	Attack at Marriage Referendum Event Causes Life-Threatening Allergic Reaction
Date, time and location of the incident	May 13, 2015, Meath
Country	Ireland
Source of information	http://www.irisht Examiner.com/breakingnews/ireland/young-girl-has-life-threatening-allergic-reaction-after-attack-at-no-campaign-event-677029.html#.VVOoCC05-ms.facebook
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	10-year-old girl at "No-Campaign" event
Type of the crime(s)	2 (physical violence), 9 (threatening behaviour)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	A 10-year-old girl suffered a severe allergic reaction after an egg attack at a "No-Campaign" event in Meath, Ireland. "Yes-Campaigners" threw objects, including eggs, at people who were expressing opposition to same-sex marriage.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception, 3 (cultural differences)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	"No-Campaign" leader Mr. Manning said that the atmosphere created by "Yes-Campaigners" was "toxic".

Case 88

Title	Burglary in St. Apostles at Neumarkt
Date, time and location of the incident	May 12, 2015, Cologne
Country	Germany
Source of information	http://gemeinden.erzbistum-koeln.de/st-aposteln/detailseiten/news/Diebstahl_in_der_Basilikax/
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The Church of St. Apostles in Cologne, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 4 (theft), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	An unknown perpetrator broke into the church of St. Apostles in Cologne on May 12th, and stole figures of Jesus Christ from the cloister, as well as causing damages worth thousands of euros.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 89

Title	Vandalism Spree Against Chapels
Date, time and location of the incident	May 12, 2015, Island of La Reunion
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.kath.net/news/50533
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property) 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Many chapels and other places of worship on the island of La Reunion were devastated with satanic slogans and red Stars of David.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 90

Title	Figure of Jesus Christ Destroyed
Date, time and location of the incident	May 03, 2015, Munich
Country	Germany
Source of information	http://www.tz.de/muenchen/stadt/altstadt-lehel-ort43327/geistiger-verwirrter-schaendet-kreuz-sendlinger-4964420.html and http://www.abendzeitung-muenchen.de/inhalt.kreuzschaendung-in-muenchen-sendlinger-tor-jesus-figur-vom-kreuz-gerissen.54a3a9f1-da05-490c-a5e0-0b2ca51f829a.html and http://www.pi-news.net/2015/05/muenchen-mahnwache-vor-geschaendetem-kreuz/
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Unnamed Turkish Muslim
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	A Turkish Muslim armed with a kitchen knife destroyed the figure of Jesus Christ located on the Sendlinger Tor in Munich. Additionally, he attacked eyewitnesses and devastated all vases and flowers which were next to the cross.
Bias indicators	6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 91

Title	Islamic Terrorists Planned Suicide Bombings at St. Peter's Square
Date, time and location of the incident	April 24, 2015, Rome/Vatican City
Country	Italy
Source of information	http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2015/04/24/bin-laden-aides-plotted-attack-on-vatican-from-old-us-navy-base.html?via=mobile&source=email http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/al-qaida-in-italien-terroristen-planten-grossen-dschihad-a-1030455.html
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Vatican, Catholics
Type of the crime(s)	8 (attack against a place of worship), 9 (threats/threatening behaviour)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Terrorists
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	A terrorist ring based on Sardinia had been planning an attack against the Vatican since 2010, involving two suicide bombings at St. Peter's Square. The network supported itself through illegal migrant trafficking. False work contracts helped facilitate asylum for Pakistani and Afghanistan men posing as migrants. Fake customs declarations and flawed money transactions partly financed the activities.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 4 (organized hate group as perpetrator), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	Italian counter-terrorism operatives issued arrest warrants for 18 men and arrested nine of them across Italy.
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 92

Title	Attack on Churches Foiled
Date, time and location of the incident	April 22, 2015, Paris
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.faz.net/aktuell/politik/ausland/europa/paris-attentat-auf-zwei-kirchen-vereitelt-13552303.html http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-32409253
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	
Type of the crime(s)	8 (attack against a place of worship), 9 (threats/threatening behaviour)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Algerian Muslim man
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	French police arrested an Algerian Muslim man suspected of planning an attack on "one or two churches" near Paris. According to the Paris prosecutor, documents linked to al-Qaeda and Islamic State were found at his apartment and a contact in Syria had advised him to target churches.
Bias indicators	4 (organized hate group as perpetrator), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 93

Title	Hacker Attacks Vatican Website
Date, time and location of the incident	April 16, 2015
Country	International
Source of information	https://www.kathpress.at/site/nachrichten/database/69185.html
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Vatican
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 10 (other: hacked website)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Turkish activist
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Twice in one week, the Vatican website was partly inaccessible due to attacks from hackers. On Twitter someone named "Turk Hack Team Herakles" claimed responsibility, saying he would continue until the pope apologized for referring to a Turkish genocide against Armenians 100 years ago.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 94

Title	12 Christians Killed by Muslim Migrants
Date, time and location of the incident	April 16, 2015, Palermo
Country	Italy
Source of information	http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-32337725 http://orf.at/stories/2273861/
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	12 Christians refugees
Type of the crime(s)	1 (homicide)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Migrants from Senegal, the Ivory Coast, Mali, and Guinea
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Italian police said that 15 Muslim migrants were arrested after they threw 12 Christians overboard on a boat in the Mediterranean Sea on the way to Italy. Migrants from Senegal, the Ivory Coast, Mali, and Guinea were arrested in the Sicilian city of Palermo and charged with multiple counts of aggravated murder, motivated by religious hate.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victims)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 95

Title	Damage to Religious Symbols in Cemetery
Date, time and location of the incident	March 30, 2015, Madrid
Country	Spain
Source of information	http://www.abc.es/madrid/20140331/abci-profanacion-cementerio-brunete-201403311805.html
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Visitors to cemetery; members of the Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 7 (desecration of graves)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The cemetery of Brunete in Madrid was vandalized during the night of March 30th. Tombs, crucifixes, and other religious symbols were either destroyed or damaged. Graffiti was found, which said: "PP (the Conservative Party) is a son of a bitch".
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 2 (graffiti), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	As the Spanish Conservative Party is considered by many to be associated with Christianity, local Christians felt personally insulted by the vandalism.

Case 96

Title	Vandalism in Saint-Élisabeth Church
Date, time and location of the incident	March 11, 2015, Paris
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/paris-degradation-dans-leglise-sainte-elisabeth?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Christianophobie+%28Observatoire+de+la+christianophobie%29#.VxnUINSLSO1
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The Church of Sainte-Élisabeth-de-Hongrie, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	An act of vandalism and degradation took place on a work of art behind the choir at the foot of the Cross and St. Mary and St. John in the church of Sainte-Élisabeth-de-Hongrie in Paris.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 97

Title	Replica of the Lourdes Grotto Vandalized in
Date, time and location of the incident	March 10, 2015, Delme
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/paris-degradation-dans-leglise-sainte-elisabeth?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Christianophobie+%28Observatoire+de+la+christianophobie%29#.VxnUQtSLS02
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Visitors to the Lourdes Grotto
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Several acts of vandalism targeted the Lourdes Grotto near the cemetery in Delme. Witness said that benches placed in front of the cave were destroyed. Police were notified.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 98

Title	Swiss Church Vandalized
Date, time and location of the incident	March 05, 2015, Pregny-Chambésy
Country	Switzerland
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/suisse-une-eglise-catholique-vandalisee-a-pregny-chambesy?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Christianophobie+%28Observatoire+de+la+christianophobie%29#.VxnUwNSLS01
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The St. Petronilla Catholic Church, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property) 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Several statues in the St. Petronilla Catholic Church in Pregny-Chambésy were damaged. A local parishioner noticed damage at the feet of the statue of Mary, the mother of Jesus. He also noticed that two other stone statues were damaged: A statue of Jesus Christ was damaged and partly torn and the faces of the Saint Joseph and Jesus appeared to have been struck by a hard object. The parish called the police and filed an official complaint.
Bias indicators	6
Status of the case	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 99

Title	Aggression against Pro-Life Activists in Munich
Date, time and location of the incident	February 28, 2015, Munich
Country	Germany
Source of information	Witness known to Observatory
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Jugend für das Leben
Type of the crime(s)	2 (physical violence), 9 (threats/threatening behaviour)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Counter-demonstrators
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The German Christian pro-life group Jugend für das Leben ("Youth for Life") organized a demonstration on the Odeon Square in Munich. Participants reported that counter-demonstrators blocked the way of the peaceful and silent march and tried to push it back. The pro-life demonstrators, including a considerable number of small children, were huddled together on the edge of the square, protected from physical attacks by about 50 to 70 police officers. Verbal aggression and attacks included "Hätte Maria abgetrieben, wärt ihr uns erspart geblieben", (Had Mary had an abortion, we would have been spared from you). "We have photos of you and will find you!", "We will masturbate onto your photos!", "feminism instead of fundamentalism", and "You Nazis!".
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 2 (comments), 3 (cultural differences)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 100

Title	Cathedral Target in Plans for Islamist Attack
Date, time and location of the incident	February 28, 2015, Bremen
Country	Germany
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/alle-magne-attentat-islamiste-evite-contre-la-cathedrale-de-breme?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Christianophobie+%28Observatoire+de+la+christianophobie%29#.VxnVHdSLS01
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Cathedral of St Peter, members of Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	10 (other: attempted terrorist attack)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Four Islamists from France
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Four Islamists from France attempted to commit terrorist attacks in Bremen in the Cathedral of St Peter, a Gothic cathedral adjacent to the Renaissance town hall, in a synagogue, and on a lively square. A massive deployment of police thwarted their plans, but the would-be attackers managed to escape.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 4 (organized hate group as perpetrator), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 101

Title	Vandalism of Two Churches on the Same Day
Date, time and location of the incident	February 25, 2015, Joigny
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/yonne-deux-eglises-degradees-le-meme-jour-a-joigny?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Christianophobie+%28Observatoire+de+la+christianophobie%29#.VxnVQtSLS01
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Saint-Thibault's Church, St. John's Church, members of Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 4 (theft), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The City of Joigny and Fr. Romain Tavernier, a parish priest, submitted two complaints for acts of vandalism and theft which had taken place in two churches. Unknown perpetrators dislocated and stole a new trunk from the Saint-Thibault's Church, creating a hole in a wall in the church. On the same day, the priest found individuals engaged in damaging and profaning St. John's Church. Due to those acts, the Church remained closed for several days.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 102

Title	Profanation of a Polish Church
Date, time and location of the incident	February 24, 2015, Czestochowa
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://niezalezna.pl/64518-sprofanowano-kosciol-w-czestochowie and http://wpolityce.pl/kryminal/235009-profancja-kosciola-w-czestochowie-na-elewacji-kosciola-pojawily-sie-grozby-ten-kosciol-splonie-i-zabic-chrzescijan
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The Church of the Mystery of the Resurrection in Emmaus, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Unknown perpetrators vandalised the church of the Mystery of the Resurrection in Emmaus in Czestochowa. The perpetrators drew satanic signs on the facade of the church.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 2 (graffiti), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	Police were informed by the rector of the church, Fr. Marian Wojcieszak, who also filed a notice of the crime. "The investigation is carried out under destruction of property. It concerns a monument of great importance for the culture of the city "- said Joanna Lazar, a spokesperson for the Municipal Police Headquarters in Czestochowa, to the news outlet "Niedziela".

Case 103

Title	A Statue of the Virgin Mary Desecrated
Date, time and location of the incident	February 19, 2015, Châtel
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/haute-savoie-une-statue-de-la-vierge-profanee-a-chatel#.VxnVwdSLS01
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Town of Châtel, members of the Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property) 6 (vandalism)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Unknown perpetrators have committed various degradations and profanations in the main town of the resort of Châtel in Haute-Savoie. The statue of Our Lady of Skieurs in front of the church was the main target for the vandals. The perpetrators knocked off both hands of the statue of Mary and thrown them into the cemetery. The statue of Our Lady of Skieurs is the work of the Polish sculptor Max Misztal and had been made for a celebration of the millennium in 2000. The local authorities filed a complaint.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 104

Title	Christian Graves Desecrated
Date, time and location of the incident	February 19, 2015, Matoury (French Guiana)
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/guyane-tombes-chretiennes-profanees-a-matoury#.VxnV89SLS01
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Visitors to cemetery; members of the Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 7 (desecration of graves)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Several graves in the cemetery of Matoury were intentionally vandalized. The prefecture announced in a statement that eight crucifixes were stolen or damaged, according to the Chief of Staff of the prefect, Xavier Luquet. "The affected graves are very simple graves where the coffin is planted with a plaque on it and a wooden cross," he said. "Alcohol and pieces of chicken bones were found at the scene, which may suggest esoteric rites although no hypothesis is excluded", stated Mr. Luquet.
Bias indicators	6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	In its statement, the Prefect of French Guiana qualifies these acts as "despicable".
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 105

Title	Church Soiled by Offensive Graffiti
Date, time and location of the incident	February 17, 2015, Delémont
Country	Switzerland
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/suisse-une-eglise-souillee-de-tags-a-delemont?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Christianophobie+%28Observatoire+de+la+christianophobie%29#.VxnWD9SLS02
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The Church of Saint-Marcel Delémont, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Radical activists
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Inside and outside the Catholic church of Saint-Marcel Delémont was vandalised by offensive graffiti. The perpetrators are suspected to have been anarchists or leftists. Graffiti found on the church walls said: "Jesus is gay", "ACAB", "ACHAB", "Your religion is not mine". Slogans were also followed by satanic symbols.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 2 (graffiti), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	investigation
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 106

Title	Dozens of Christian Graves Vandalized
Date, time and location of the incident	February 17, 2015, Calvados
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/calvados-des-dizaines-de-tombes-chretiennes-vandalisees?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Christianophobie+%28Observatoire+de+la+christianophobie%29#.VxnWQtSLS01
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Visitors to cemetery; members of the Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property) 6 (vandalism), 7 (desecration of graves)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Christian symbols on graves were vandalized in the cemetery of the town of Tracy-sur-Mer in Calvados. Unknown perpetrators vandalized dozens of crucifixes and displaced them.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	investigation
Response of local authorities	The Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve expressed his outrage and promised that "every effort will be made to identify and bring to justice the perpetrators of these outrageous acts that violate our values and respect that seals our community".
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 107

Title	Statues in Church Severely Vandalized
Date, time and location of the incident	February 16, 2015, Friedrichshafen
Country	Germany
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/Allemagne-des-statues-vandalisees-dans-une-eglise-de-friedrichshafen#.VOxrt_mG8R4
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Church of St. Peter Canisius, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	A church was vandalized and desecrated in Friedrichshafen in Baden-Württemberg. A local parishioner discovered that statues of saints in the church had been vandalized. Among the damages are: a statue of St. Jude Thaddeus that was beheaded and a statue of the Virgin Mary that had one hand amputated and on the other a broken finger.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	investigation
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 108

Title	St. John the Baptist Church Vandalized With Offensive Graffiti
Date, time and location of the incident	February 16, 2015, Lecce
Country	Italy
Source of information	Witness known to Observatory
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The Church of Saint John the Baptist, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Radical activists
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The church of Saint John the Baptist in Lecce was vandalized. A statue of the Virgin Mary was spray painted in red and graffiti saying "God is a transgender" and that "Priests are paedophiles" was painted. Other graffiti clarified that the reason for the attack was the pro-family conference organized the previous week by organizations "Se alla famiglia" and "Alleanza Cattolica". Offending graffiti also attacked a judge and former deputy Minister Alfredo Mantovano, who spoke at the pro-family event.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 2 (graffiti), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 109

Title	After Numerous Acts of Vandalism Bishop Orders Removal of the Eucharist
Date, time and location of the incident	February 10, 2015, Bellay-Ars
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.kath.net/news/49481 and http://www.famillechretienne.fr/eglise/vie-de-l-eglise/profanations-le-saint-sacrement-retire-des-tabernacles-dans-le-diocese-de-belley-ars-159831
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Diocese of Bellay-Ars
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	In a response to the repeated, severe acts of vandalism which have taken place in ten French parishes during the last few weeks, the bishop of Bellay-Ars ordered that the Eucharist should be removed from all parishes and chapels of his diocese. The bishop of Bellay-Ars, Mgr Pascal Roland, ordered that the Eucharist, which is a centre of devotion for Catholics, would be kept in secure locations. The tabernacle would remain open but without the consecrated bread and wine. The only exception to these measures would be metal tabernacles, which are better secured.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 5 (previous bias crimes/incidents against the same victim/place), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 110

Title	Student Beaten in Dormitory for Christian Faith
Date, time and location of the incident	February 08, 2015, Berlin
Country	Germany
Source of information	http://www.shortnews.de/id/1141832/berlin-24-jaehriger-in-wohnheim-niedergepruegelt http://www.bz-berlin.de/tatort/maenner-attackieren-christen-in-wohnheim
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	24-year-old Christian student
Type of the crime(s)	2 (physical violence)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	According to the police, a 24-year-old student was first verbally insulted and then severely beaten by two attackers on his way to his student dormitory, solely "because of his Christian faith." During the assault, the offenders put a knife to the student's throat. Security staff intervened, but the two perpetrators escaped by car. After the incident, the student was taken to the hospital with various facial bruises and cuts on his hand.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim)
Status of the case	investigation
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 111

Title	Series of Desecration and Thefts at Churches
Date, time and location of the incident	February 08, 2015
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/ain-5-profanations-deglises-en-3-jours-dans-le-diocese-de-belley-ars?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Christianophobie+%28Observatoire+de+la+christianophobie%29#.VNnWNfmG8R5 and http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/ain-trois-autres-eglises-profanees-en-quelques-jours#.VNnXDPmG8R4
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The Church of Saint-Maurice, Notre Dame church, St. Martin Church, Saint-Etienne Church, Notre-Dame-des-Marais, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 4 (theft), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Five French churches were the victims of theft, vandalism and desecration within three days at the hands of unknown perpetrators. In the church of Saint-Maurice of the parish of Neuville-les-Dames, an act of desecration and theft took place: The unknown perpetrators vandalised and broke the tabernacle and stole the ciborium. On the same day, in the parish of Ambronay, a ciborium was stolen from Notre Dame church. In Vonna, a thief stole two chalices from St. Martin Church. In Jujurieux Pont d'Ain, parishioners discovered that a ciborium from Saint-Etienne church was stolen. Another incident took place in Montluel, where the local priest discovered that the ciborium and the hosts of Notre-Dame-des-Marais were stolen. These incidents came after a series of other thefts, desecration and degradation that had occurred in recent months in many churches in France. Vandalism occurred in the churches of Seyssel, of Saint-Jean-de-Niost, of Sainte-Julie, of Saint-Etienne-du-Bois, and of Saint-Maurice-de-Beynost, amongst others.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 5 (previous bias crimes/incidents against the same victim/place), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	

Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 112

Title	Graves Vandalised
Date, time and location of the incident	February 07, 2015, Severan
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/seine-saint-denis-tombes-vandalisees-a-sevrans?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Christianophobie+%28Observatoire+de+la+christianophobie%29#.VNnWkfmG8R4
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Visitors to cemetery; members of the Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property) 6 (vandalism), 7 (desecration of graves)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	According to the local sources, twenty graves were vandalized in the downtown cemetery of Severan. The unknown perpetrators were brutal toward Christian symbols that adorned the graves.
Bias indicators	
Status of the case	investigation
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 113

Title	Arson of Protestant Church
Date, time and location of the incident	February 05, 2015, Plauen / Saxony
Country	Germany
Source of information	http://www.kath.net/news/49342
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	St. Michael's Church, members of the Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 5 (arson), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	In Stockheim (in the diocese of Augsburg) an arson attack took place in Protestant St. Michael's church. Despite their efforts, according to the police report, the fire spread to the rest of the church.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	According to a police report, there is evidence of intentional vandalism.
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 114

Title	Parents Protesting Against Aggressive Sex Education Attacked by Counter-Demonstration
Date, time and location of the incident	January 25, 2015, Hamburg
Country	Germany
Source of information	http://www.n24.de/n24/Nachrichten/Politik/d/6043836/demo-zur-hamburger-sexualkunde-eskaliert.html and http://www.besorgte-eltern.net/index.html
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Parents in demonstration
Type of the crime(s)	2 (physical violence), 9 (threats/threatening behaviour)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Counter-demonstrators
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Protesters demonstrated against the "violation of parents' rights in education" of their children. 150 parents were attacked by about 600 radical activists who threw eggs, fireworks and bottles into the crowd of demonstrators. A 15 year-old girl had to be taken to the hospital. Police intervened.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 115

Title	Devastation of St. John's Church
Date, time and location of the incident	January 21, 2015, Plauen / Saxony
Country	Germany
Source of information	http://www.kath.net/news/49342
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Church of St. John, members of the Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The interior of the Protestant Church of St. John's in Plauen (Saxony) was vandalized with fire extinguisher powder. The total damages are estimated at 10,000 euros. The chemical substances of the fire extinguishing powder affected all metallic parts such as organs with their pipes and tubes, the heating system and the chandeliers. Also, the late Gothic altar shrine and some paintings were partially destroyed.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	The case was reported in "Sonntag", the weekly newspaper of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony. The pastor Hans-Jörg Rummel sees this as an act of intentional vandalism mentioning in addition that his church was already subject to several incidents of smaller acts of vandalism, as well as theft and defamation.

Case 116

Title	Vandalism in Miesenbacher Chapel
Date, time and location of the incident	January 12, 2015, Ruhpolding
Country	Germany
Source of information	Traunsteiner Tagblatt, 12th of January, 2015
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Miesenbacher Kapelle, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The Daily "Traunsteiner Tagblatt" of Bavaria reported on January 12, 2015, an incident of vandalism in the Miesenbacher Kapelle in Ruhpolding. Vandals threw blessed liturgical candles around and hit a statue of the Virgin Mary with a statue of the baby Jesus, breaking the hands of the Jesus figure.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 117

Title	Desecration of Tabernacle in Chapel
Date, time and location of the incident	January 10, 2015, Barbizon
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/seine-et-marne-profane-de-la-chapelle-de-barbizon?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Christianophobie+%28Observatoire+de+la+christianophobie%29
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The Chapel of Barbizon, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	An incident of desecration took place in the chapel of Barbizon, near Fontainebleau. Vandals broke open the door of the tabernacle, which is the place where the consecrated wine and host are kept. Both religious items, which carry significant meaning for Catholics, were thrown on the ground. Nothing was stolen.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 118

Title	Profanation and Devastation of Statue of Mary
Date, time and location of the incident	January 09, 2015, Perugia
Country	Italy
Source of information	http://www.webregioni.chiesacattolica.it/cci_reg_v3/s2magazine/moduli/ultimora/index.jsp?ordina_per=DESC&id=8824&idCategorie=11 and http://tuttoggi.info/statua-madonna-presa-a-calci-rosario-riparatore-del-vescovo/252411/
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Church of St. Barnaba, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Group of unnamed North-African immigrants
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	A statue of the Virgin Mary was vandalized by a group of North-African immigrants with a Muslim background, according to locals. The parish priest of St. Barnaba, Fr. Alessandro Scarda, recounted: "They broke the statue in two pieces, and they then kicked it as if it was a ball. Afterwards they urinated onto the pieces." The people of the parish gathered the remains of the statue, cleaned and glued them. The small statue was put back at its original location. The parishioners have gathered to pray at the statue after the vandalism.
Bias indicators	
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	The police are investigating to confirm the identity and the background of the perpetrators. Muslim organisations and public figures have condemned the act.
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 119

Title	Desecration and Theft of the Church Notre-Dame-des-Marais
Date, time and location of the incident	January 08, 2015, Montluel
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/ain-eglise-profanee-a-montluel#.VNhv_fmG8R4
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The Notre-Dame-des-Marais church, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 4 (theft), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Unknown perpetrators profanated a tabernacle. A chalice and consecrated hosts were stolen. Police was notified about the devastation, but the perpetrators remain unknown. The following Sunday morning Mass in the church had to be moved to the neighboring town of Dagneux. The Notre-Dame-des-Marais church had to be closed for five days.
Bias indicators	3 (damage to property) 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 120

Title	Attack in the Church of Santa Maria Assunta
Date, time and location of the incident	January 03, 2015, Cles/Trento
Country	Italy
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/italie-un-musulman-saccage-une-eglise-en-hurlant-des-versets-coraniques
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	The Church of Santa Maria Assunta, members of the Catholic community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Moroccan-origin Muslim
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	While entering the church, a Moroccan-origin Muslim was yelling in Arabic phrases from the Koran. Then he destroyed five religious statues and other religious objects in the church causing severe damage. Within a couple of minutes, the perpetrator had vandalized the statues of Virgin Mary and the Child, one statue of the Immaculate Virgin, a statue of Our Lady of the Rosary, Our Lady of Pain and the statue of St. Joseph and the Child. The vandal also targeted marble altar, broke the baptistery, two altarpieces and a large painting of the Assumption. He was detained and arrested by the Police and is facing trial by the Trento Court of Justice. The defence is expected to argue mental problems. The Moroccan Muslim is a long-time local resident who had already disturbed service in the same parish previously.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	prosecution
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Case 121

Title	Lifesize Calvary Scene Statues Overthrown
Date, time and location of the incident	January 1, 2015, Cabourg
Country	France
Source of information	http://www.christianophobie.fr/breves/cabourg-le-calvaire-de-leglise-vandalisee
Victim(s) involved (number / name)	Cabourg Church, members of the Christian community
Type of the crime(s)	3 (damage to property), 6 (vandalism), 8 (attack against a place of worship)
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Lifesize statues of a Calvary scene behind a church in Cabourg (Calvados) were vandalized in the night between December 31, 2014 and January 1, 2015. The statues of Mary and St. John were over thrown and found lying on the ground. The statues had been recently renovated.
Bias indicators	1 (identity of victim/witness perception), 6 (location indicates bias)
Status of the case	
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	