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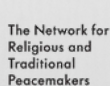


EDITORIAL NOTE

We are delighted to share with you our September 2023 Newsletter!

This issue of the Newsletter showcases events and publications relevant to the field of SOAR work.

As per our monthly tradition, the SOAR team identified 136 media-documented attacks against places of worship and related incidents during the month of September 2023.



Action Day – Countering Hate Speech Targeting Muslims

WHEN: 21 SEPTEMBER

September 21st marks the European Action Day Against Islamophobia. On this occasion, the SOAR Project would like to commemorate all Islamophobia victims and express its ongoing dedication to strengthening the security and resilience of vulnerable religious sites and communities. Recent attacks against Muslim communities underscore the need to combat anti-Muslim hatred, foster tolerance, and enhance community security.



International Day of Peace

WHEN: 21 SEPTEMBER

The 2023 International Day of Peace, observed on September 21st, emphasizes the theme "Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals." This theme highlights the crucial need for peace in our current world. On this day and every day, the United Nations calls for individual and collective efforts to foster peace as it directly contributes to realizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Read more [here](#).

ECCAR Guidebook on Local Actions against Anti-Muslim Racism

WHEN: SEPTEMBER

The European Coalition of Cities against Racism (ECCAR) has released its first Guidebook on Local Actions against anti-Muslim racism. This pioneering publication aims to strengthen local policies against anti-Muslim racism, fostering inclusive cities throughout Europe, safeguarding Muslim residents from discrimination, and preserving their right to equal opportunities.

Local Actions against Anti- Muslim Racism

Policy Recommendations
for City Administrations
and Their Partners



National Congress against Discrimination & Racism

WHEN: 28 SEPTEMBER

WHERE: THE NETHERLANDS

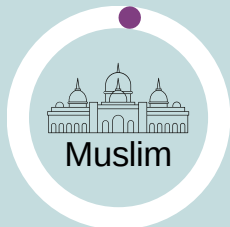
On the 28th of September 2023, the first National Congress against Discrimination and Racism took place in the Netherlands. The conference addressed diverse aspects of discrimination and racism through personal experiences, collective challenges, and opportunities. Issues such as institutional racism, Muslim discrimination, media bias, and healthcare disparities were discussed during the conference.

Media Documented Attacks Against Places of Worship and Related Incidents

SEPTEMBER 2023

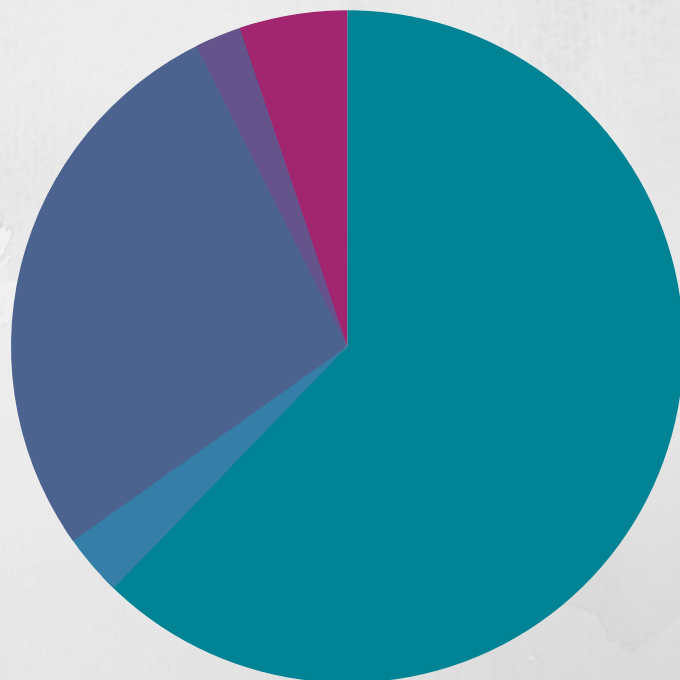
The following numbers do not represent the true extent of attacks against religious sites within the given timeframe. Rather, it is a representation of some incidents presented in and covered by the media.

Place of Worship



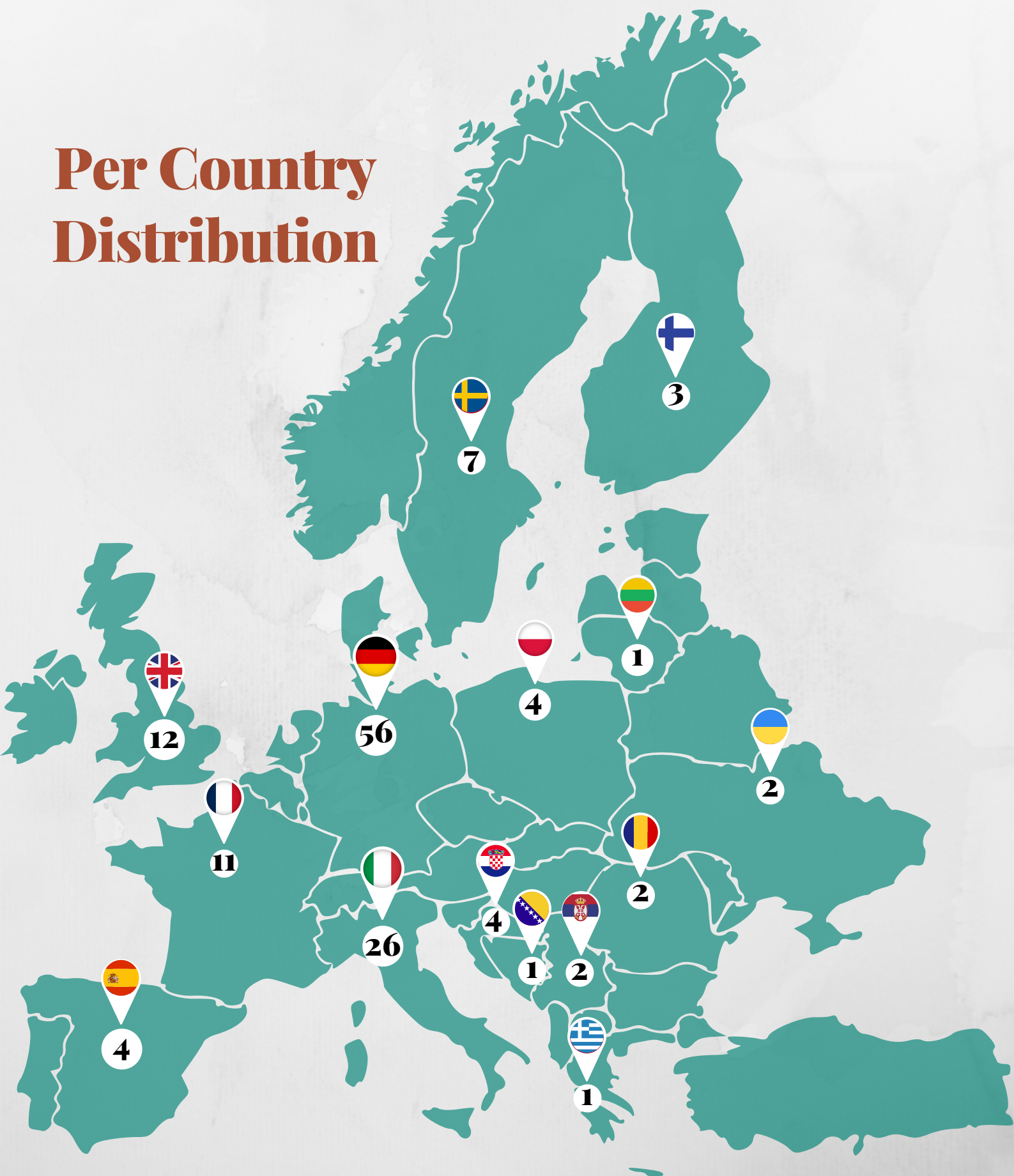
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Attacks & Related
Incidents



- (Attempted) Theft/Break-in
- Arson/Fire
- Damage/vandalism/smearing
- Threat Letters
- Other (Sexual harassment, Nazi salute, suspicious behaviour, antisocial behaviour, armed clashes, threats)

Per Country Distribution



*We would like to commend the German authorities for excellent reporting of crimes against places of worship on the [PressePortal](#).

Women & Youth Safety & Security Training

The SOAR Project is committed to help keep communities safe. As part of our project we deliver women and youth safety and security training.

If you would like to request a SOAR training please do so [Here](#).

Registration for upcoming events: [Here](#).



WOMEN & YOUTH SAFETY & SECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING

Register Now



SOAR RESOURCES

SOAR Resources

SOAR is delighted to present to you the most important publications in the field of security of places of worship.

Our Resources page contains SOAR and other publications that are designed to aid you in keeping your place of worship safe.

The Resources page is available [Here](#).

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