The Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD) has established safeguards concerning incitement to violence or hatred directed against a group of persons or a member of a group based on any of the grounds referred to in Article 21 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights (sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age or sexual orientation) that apply to audiovisual media service providers and video-sharing platforms.

In Spain, the General Law on Audiovisual Communication (Ley General de Comunicacion Audiovisual) sets out the provisions framing the activities of audiovisual media and radio services.

It is under the competence of national authorities, including its judicial authorities to investigate alleged instances of hate speech, in accordance with their legal obligations.