Maximum jail term for criminal defamation in the EU

- No criminal defamation law
- No jail term
- No more than 6 months
- 1 year
- 2 years
- More than 6 years

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EU member states with criminal defamation laws

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EU member states where defamation is punishable by jail

8 years
Maximum sentence in Slovakia if defamation caused “serious harm”

* Criminal defamation and EU member states. Results include defamation, libel, and slander in the press and the maximum jail term if applicable.
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