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Building Bridges in Diversity



## PREFACE:



In 2016, the European Centre for Minority Issues celebrated its 20th anniversary with a number of projects, publications and an event which are mentioned in this annual report.

ECMI is a child conceived at the very end of the Cold War and under the impression of upheavals in Europe, when the first Schleswig-Holstein commissioner on minorities, Kurt Hamer, submitted a memorandum in November 1990 suggesting the creation of a cross-border research center focusing in issues related to national minorities. It was drafted in a time when ethno-national issues, tension and conflict were in the headlines of the media almost daily. Time and again, ethno-national issues were addressed at international governmental conferences, stressing the importance of sustainable solutions and the implementation of minority protection measures. Governments and international institutions were looking for positive examples and role-models for sustainable minority regimes. In many cases, delegations from Central and Eastern Europe visited the Danish-German border region to learn from the lessons history might offer here.

Hence, the ECMI, founded jointly by the governments of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany and Schleswig-Holstein, was a timely answer to the demand for knowledge, insight and expert advice on how to cope with the ethno-national challenges reemerging in Europe.

Over two decades, ECMI has grown to become the most significant research institution devoted entirely to minority-majority relations and, *nomen est omen*, minority issues in the wider Europe. And it is still the only binational research institution of its kind.

ECMI conducts practice and policy-oriented research, provides information and documentation, and offers advisory services concerning minority-majority relations in Europe. It offers advice to European governments and regional intergovernmental organizations as well as non-dominant groups throughout. The Centre co-operates with the academic community, the media and the general public through the timely provision of information and analysis, with scholars, academic institutions, universities, the Council of Europe, the OSCE High Commissioner on national minorities, NGOs and practitioners mostly, but not exclusively in Europe. The advice and work of ECMI is highly regarded. The insight drawn from both basic and applied research, mitigation and support is utilized in many ways.

This stresses the significance and importance of the work and objectives of the European Centre for Minority Issues. The ECMI synergy wheel combining standards, research and action is still highly relevant. The variety of ongoing projects described on the following pages underline the importance of the work of the Centre.

*Dr. Jörgen Kühl*  
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## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE:



Taking a lead from the Danish-German border region, the European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI), under the auspices of Germany's 2016 Chairmanship of the Organisation of Co-operation and Security in Europe (OSCE), took the notion of national minorities as bridge builders to the international arena. The idea of national minorities networking with authorities and civil society to build bridges across borders and within societies between minorities and majorities has not previously been scientifically investigated across the European Continent. In a year that saw xenophobia on the rise not only against newcomers but also against national and ethnic minorities, and in particular against Roma, the notion of building bridges was clearly topical. The subsequent report of the first phase of this scientific endeavour, *Dynamics of Integration in the OSCE Area: National Minorities and Bridge Building* (page 12) revealed that it is not only in the Danish-German border region that national minorities engage in building bridges across divides – it happens in many regions of Europe.

A couple of milestones were passed in 2016. The European Parliament's LIBE Committee decided for the first time to include a chapter on national minority governance in its Annual Report 2015; this was supported by the ECMI's research and guidance. Our new institutional partnership with the Council of Europe's CAHROM (Ad hoc Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues) was initiated. And while our ECMI Kosovo office has been certified by the Government of Kosovo to assist a newly established Verification Commission tasked with verifying diplomas from the Serb University of North Mitrovica, the Eastern Partnership Programme team in Flensburg has intensified its co-operation with the Ukrainian authorities with a view to improving minority governance and legislation. Visitors from afar have also sought out our expertise; in May, the ECMI hosted and organised a visit to the region of a delegation from the Israeli parliament, the Knesset. And close to home, we have been providing expert advice to the Schleswig-Holstein Landtag in connection with the decision to incorporate minority languages into public administration legislation.

After 20 years in operation, we feel that we have good results to show that the Centre is relevant both at the international and national levels. In this, the support of our governing body, the Executive Board and our founders is invaluable. We are also grateful for the support of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the German Federal Foreign Office as well as the German GIZ (Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) in 2016.

*Prof. Dr. Tove H. Malloy*  
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## HIGHLIGHTS

### ECMI Headquarters

- ECMI is 20!
- What are minority Rights?
- Bridge Building and Integration in Diverse Societies
- Teaching in Diversity – a new Erasmus+ project led by the ECMI

### ECMI Kosovo

- Equal Rights for All Coalition (ERAC)
- Support to Education in Serbian Language in Kosovo
- Increasing of self-employment among Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities through a recycling collective

### ECMI Caucasus

- Towards Roma Inclusion in Georgia
- Eastern Partnership Minority Network Review Visit to the EU

## PARTNERSHIPS

The ECMI has extensive cooperation with multiple partners across Europe and beyond. In 2016 the ECMI has expanded the circle of partners, as well as extensively cooperating with established networks within various projects and activities.

At the local level we worked extensively with the following stakeholders in the region as well as with the universities in the Danish-German border region:

- Dialog Forum Norden
- Europa-Universität Flensburg
- FUEN
- University of Southern Denmark
- Den Slesvigske Samling (DSS), Dansk Centralbibliotek Flensburg

At the international and regional level we continued to work with the following international organizations, NGOs, universities, framework programmes and networks operative in the protection of minorities:

- Anna Lindh Foundation German Network
- Centre for the Research of Ethnicity and Culture (CVEK)
- Council of Europe
- EINIRAS, the European Information Network on International Relations and Area Studies
- Ethnocultural Diversity Resource Center (EDRC) in Cluj
- Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Latvia
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- MIME – Mobility and Inclusion in a Multilingual Europe
- OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
- The Åland Islands Peace Institute (ÅIPI)
- The Canadian Institute for Research on Linguistic Minorities
- The Department of Law at Åbo Akademi University
- The European Academy (EURAC)
- The European University Institute (EUI)
- TIME – Translation Research Training
- University of Groningen

In addition to the above, the ECMI has deepened its partnership with the Danish Central Library in Flensburg. As a first step to intensifying their research cooperation, the Danish Central Library and the European Centre for Minority Issues are opening the doors to improved access to the ECMI specialized library collection on majority-minority relations. In October 2016 the ECMI collection was moved to the Danish Central Library (Dansk Centralbibliotek for Sydslesvig) in Norderstrasse 59, Flensburg. The library offers open access from 9–19 on weekdays and 9-14 Saturdays, including places for studying, research, copying facilities, and coffee.

“This initiative is based on the aim of the ECMI to promote and disseminate knowledge on national minorities. It strengthens the ties between the two research institutions and offers a unique chance to the visitors of the library to study minority issues in the Danish-German border region and beyond,” ECMI Director Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy emphasised the importance of this cooperation for the ECMI and the whole border region



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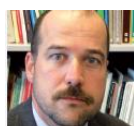
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## ECMI Eastern Partnership Programme

### About

ECMI Eastern Partnership Programme:  
National Minorities and Ethno-Political Issues  
Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine

The ECMI Eastern Partnership Programme (EPP) encompasses Belarus, Moldova, and Ukraine – countries that face various challenges and also have numerous achievements in the accommodation and governance of their ethnic and linguistic diversity. The programme is to be implemented throughout 2014-2017 and is funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark.

The EPP objectives are:

- Awareness-raising and capacity-building of public bodies in charge of diversity and equality management, consultative and advisory bodies on minority issues
- Dissemination and transfer of information and know-how both on European standards and good practices through training, networking and dissemination.

The programme objectives are achieved by the means of trans-regional thematically-focused training seminars, by facilitating networking of public and civil society institutions and by joint activities aimed at monitoring and drafting thematic reports on the EPP focal issues.

### 2016 in a nutshell

The development of the EPP throughout 2016 was marked by a number of successful seminars organized in all three target countries. The topics of the seminars were within two primary themes: ensuring equality and minority participation. Prominent experts from the ECMI networks joined the events and shared their ideas, moreover, new partnerships were established and new faces were introduced.

### EPP calendar of 2016

Dates	Venues	Topic of the Seminars
February 2016	Kyiv, Dnipro, Odesa	“Civil societies’ contribution to the fight against xenophobia.”
March 2016	Minsk, Mahiliou (Belarus)	‘Cooperation between Official Structures and Civil Society in the Ethno-cultural Sphere’
April 2016	Chisinau, Comrat, Balti (Moldova)	‘Local self government and minority inclusion in local communities’.
May 2016	Kyiv, Chernivtsi, Lviv	“National minorities, including vulnerable groups: positive actions, support and protection”.
September 2016	Kyiv, Mykolaiv and Vinnytsia	“The combination of different approaches to equality provisions and anti-discrimination ”
October 2016- November 2016	Kyiv, Uzhhorod, Odesa (Ukraine)	“Nation-wide dialogue, integration and national reconciliation – models and cumulative international experience”
December 2015	Dnipro (Ukraine)	“Nation-wide dialogue, integration and national reconciliation – models and cumulative international experience”

A synthesis of the views expressed during the discussions will form the basis for the production of thematic review reports and recommendations to the authorities and civil society on the best ways to ensure anti-discrimination and equality in its various aspects.

### Additional Events

Dates	Venues	Topic of the Seminars
April 2016	Vadul lui Voda, Moldova	Expert seminar “Strategies and techniques for overcoming tensions in relations between central governments and autonomous units”
June 2016	Kyiv , Ukraine	Conference “Non-Territorial National-Cultural Self-Government: The Ukrainian Perspective”
December 2015	Kyiv, Ukraine	“Functions and competences of bodies of executive power responsible for the minority policy”

### *EPP Partnerships:*

Since coming into effect in 2014, the Eastern Partnership Programme signed Memoranda of Understanding with a number of partners in the three target countries in an effort to secure cooperation and ensure the sustainability of the EPP. Established partnerships within the Programme currently include the following institutions:

- Council for Preventing and Eliminating Discrimination and Ensuring Equality (Moldova)
- Faculty of International Relations at the Belarusian State University (Belarus)
- Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights (Ukraine)
- International Union, a Kyiv-based umbrella organization of minorities (Ukraine)
- Department of Culture and Tourism, Nationalities and Religions of the Odesa Regional State Administration (Ukraine)
- Bureau for Interethnic Relations of the Republic of Moldova (Moldova)
- Mahiliou State University of Food Technology (Belarus)
- Comrat Region Administration (Gagauzia, Moldova)
- The Government Commissioner (Plenipotentiary) for Ethnonational Policy (Ukraine) (position was abolished in 2015)
- The Ukrainian Catholic University (Ukraine)
- The Department of Nationalities and Religions of the Ukrainian Ministry of Culture (Ukraine)

## MMTE

### *About*

## MINORITY MAP AND TIMELINE OF EUROPE

The Minority Map and Timeline of Europe (MMTE) is an open access interdisciplinary and interactive research tool that provides an impartial perspective and evaluation of minorities, minority issues, and minority-majority relations within all states and regions of Europe.

The MMTE is an ongoing flagship project of the European Centre for Minority Issues. First created in 2001 as the Ethnopolitical Map of Europe, in 2010 the project was re-evaluated and re-designed to reach the widest audience today. Suitably, as an easy-to-use tool the MMTE provides current and credible quantitative and qualitative information on Europe's minorities for students and researchers; nongovernmental organizations and policy makers; as well as the informed public. The Minority Map and Timeline of Europe endeavours to act as a central clearinghouse website that provides information on minority communities in a timely, straightforward, and reliable manner. Research and entry writing for the MMTE is divided into three stages, of which the project is currently in the first.

In the first phase, the Minority-Country Maps provide a sweeping examination of the countries and minority communities residing there. The second phase adds further details through the Minority-Country Timelines by highlighting key events and periods concerning minority-majority relations. The third phase comprises both the Minority Portraits and Country Portraits, which act together as a comprehensive evaluation of the state of affairs concerning the country's governments and minorities.

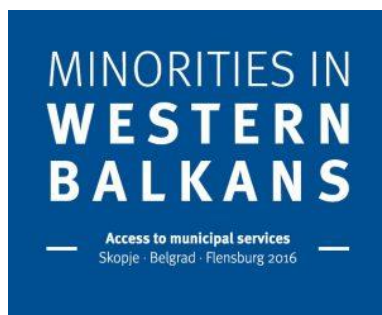
### *2016 in a nutshell*

The MMTE Team embarked on a thorough honing and reworking of the methodology behind the selection and coverage of diverse groups. By reappraising the scientific approach and grounding of the project, the team was able to identify and correct inconsistencies and to develop clearer guidelines, both for data collection and for the scope of research. These new developments are also in line with emerging research in the intersecting fields of new minorities, migration and post-colonialism, and reflect the MMTE's commitment to documenting the ethno-national, religious and linguistic diversity of Europe within a rigorous and versatile framework.

This work is ongoing and will involve consultation with experts including the ECMI Advisory Council in order to ensure the scientific resilience of the project. As part of this revision, the detailed profiles of sub-state regions will be removed, in order to ensure consistency and accessibility of information.

The entries for Austria and Poland were also completed in 2016, with further work done on the Italy entry and new entries begun for Greece and Sweden. These are subject to review under the new methodology, as are existing entries, in order to ensure the completeness of the country profile and the number of groups covered.

## Roma Empowerment



The ECMI Roma Empowerment programme aims to inform, document and review the Roma situation in Europe, whether recognition as a national minority furthers Roma empowerment and what impact the European and national Roma strategies have on the improvement of Roma status. In the frameworks of the Roma Empowerment Programme, the relevant initiatives of the ECMI in 2016 included:

### *Minorities in Western Balkans*

In 2016 ECMI launched a new project in cooperation with GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit), FUEN (Federal Union of European Nationalities) and the State Chancellery of Schleswig Holstein. Vulnerable groups, including Roma, are the focus of the recent initiative. The project implementation partners are the ECMI and FUEN, both of them actively involved in sharing Schleswig-Holstein's experience to the target groups.

### Project objectives

Internationally acknowledged as a “Good Practice Model”, the state of Schleswig-Holstein (SH) aimed to share its experience and, together with FUEN and the ECMI, to actively contribute to the participation of minorities in other parts of Europe as well as to introduce the Schleswig-Holstein model to the local actors in the Western Balkans and, lastly, to increase access of Roma to municipal services. The overall objective of this initiative was to learn from the experience of the German-Danish border region. The direct target groups of the project are members of (pro-) Roma NGOs and local governments in Serbia, Macedonia, BiH and Kosovo.

### Activities

Module 1: Between 10-16 July 2016 two regional trainings were organized in Skopje (Macedonia) and Belgrade (Serbia). The content of the trainings were comprehensively designed according to the needs of the target groups, as identified with questionnaires. The programme included a variety of lectures, presentations, discussion sessions as well as interactive workshops.

Module 2: The delegation from the project countries paid a visit to Schleswig-Holstein between 29 October and 4 November 2016. The delegation conducted meetings with the representatives of Schleswig-Holstein State Chancellery, local municipalities and minority organizations. The aim was to introduce the Schleswig-Holstein model in practice.

Module 3: As a final activity of the project, a two-day workshop was organized in Skopje. The workshop participants were all involved stakeholders from the target countries and aimed to draft project ideas and proposals inspired by the previous activities. The group drafted six project proposals which will be supported by the project partners in a follow-up of this project in 2017.

### ECMI at CAHROM



ECMI is a member of the CAHROM expert group. CAHROM, or the Council of Europe’s Ad hoc Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues, is a committee mandated to study, analyse and evaluate the implementation of policies, and identify good practices concerning Roma, with a view to promoting implementation of relevant Council of Europe standards. ECMI was invited to join CAHROM in 2015, and since then our senior team has actively contributed to the work of the committee throughout 2016.

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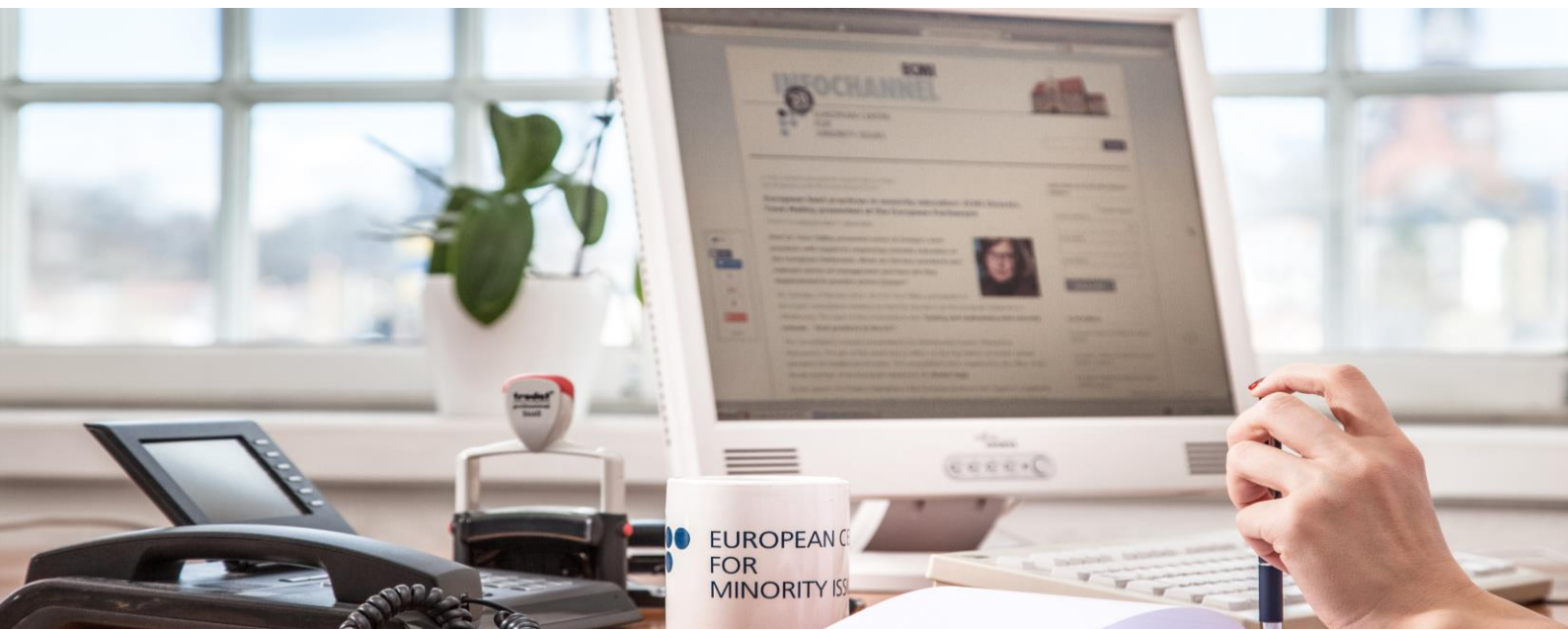
“Director Tove Malloy presents the European Centre for Minority Issues @ECMIFlensburg to @coe #CAHROM in Sofia” - @ulrichbunjes

### Relevant publications



**ECMI Study #8:** “Not even in the margins: where are Roma with disabilities?”. The study is authored by Michael Szporluk and offers a detailed overview of the Roma Decade and the EU Framework. Specifically focusing on Roma with disabilities, the study highlights the gaps and describes the efforts of some stakeholders to raise awareness about conditions for Roma with disabilities and the discrimination they experience. In the last part of the study, the author provides an intersectional analysis of the rights of ethnic minorities in international law.

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## FINALIZED PROJECTS

### Bridge Building and Integration in diverse societies



The project “Bridge Building and Integration in diverse societies” on the role of national minorities as bridge-builders was successfully implemented in 2016 in cooperation with the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities and the European Academy of Bozen/Bolzano (EURAC).

As part of Germany’s chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in 2016, the High Commissioner on National Minorities tasked the European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI) with a study highlighting the abilities of diverse ethnic groups and minorities (including national, linguistic, religious, cultural and similar) as bridge-builders and agents of reconciliation between states. Preliminary findings of the study conducted throughout the year were presented at the OSCE’S Supplementary Human Dimensions Meeting in November 2016. Additionally, the results of the project were presented at the German OSCE Chairmanship event in December 2016.

#### Collected data and findings:

- Two questionnaires translated into 19 languages
- 415 direct emails; the ECMI extended networks, OSCE/HCNM offices
- 77 questionnaires (42 with usable information)
- Identified 200 projects across the OSCE member states
- Five regions defined for research purposes

Out of the more than one hundred positive cases from the 41 OSCE participating states (+ China), 24 initiatives from 29 OSCE participating states are presented in the Final Report, produced together with EURAC Research and available online at <http://www.ecmi.de/projects/bridge-building-and-integration-in-diverse-societies/>

“National minorities are active citizens in many areas of local society. They are working peacefully for constructive cooperation across divides and borders and can contribute to the development of friendly and good-neighboring relations and international peace. Public authorities and national minorities work together to bridge divides,” Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy on findings of the project report.

### What are minority rights?



What are minority rights? To answer this frequently asked question, the ECMI and the Center Maurits Coppieters launched a cartoon on minority rights in Brussels in October 2015. The cartoon answers the question by introducing the basic principles of minority rights and referring to the key provisions of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (FCNM). Produced by the ECMI in cooperation with the Centre Maurits Coppieters, the awareness-raising educational cartoon has three key ambitions: to educate, to promote respect for diversity and its normative framework, and in the longer term, to have an impact on the wider policy level throughout Europe.

You can watch the cartoon in English and Russian as well with subtitles in 23 other languages on the ECMI Youtube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ECMIflensburg>

#### Impressions from the Launching Event



“The cartoon makes it very easy to understand why minority rights are important” - Frank de Boer, Legal/Policy Advisor of the Federal Union of the European Nationalities (FUEN).



“The minority rights cartoon is a positive and effective introduction to minority rights, which has the potential to renew interest in the topic” – Johanna Green, Program Manager of the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organisation (UNPO).



“Minority rights are an integral part of democracy. The ideas of all three videos that were presented today are linked to one another and all three of them play an important role in measuring and building a democratic society” – Gunther Dauwen, Director of European Free Alliance (EFA) and Secretary General of the Center Maurits Coppieters.



“Today one of the problems in our society is that too many people talk while they lack basic understanding of what they are talking about. Hopefully the minority rights cartoon will help people understand what is meant by ‘minority rights’.” – Iva Ulmanova, law student of KU Leuven and a former project manager at the ECMI Kosovo.

EVENTS IN 2016

Panel discussion on Language rights



“What is the Protocol to Ensure Language Rights and how can we contribute to it?” was the leading question of the panel discussion on Language Rights on 18 April 2016, which was organized in the framework of the project initiated by the Council of Social Entities for the Basque Language, Kontseilua, and the Donostia/San Sebastián 2016 European Cultural Capital Foundation. The event took place at Flensborghus and featured guests from the Basque Countries as well as experts and minority representatives from the Danish-German border region. Together with the Organizing Committee consisting of six international organizations including the ECMI, the project promoters aimed to establish the Protocol to Ensure Linguistic

Rights and to present the conclusions to an international summit meeting in December 2016 under the auspices of Donostia’s year as European Capital of Culture 2016.

International conference on kin-states in Central and Eastern Europe in Berlin



The conference, entitled “The promotion of national minorities by their ‘mother countries’ in Central and Eastern Europe in the 20th and 21st century”, was organised on the 9th-11th November 2016 by the Federal Institute for Culture and History of Germans in Eastern Europe, the Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations, and the European Network Remembrance and Solidarity. The ECMI being one of the official partners of the event, the ECMI Director Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy gave a speech about European Minority Rights Law, particularly regarding unilateral legislation in favour of kin-minorities. Different panels during the conference touched upon the most crucial elements of multilateralism and bilateral approaches, minority rights policy, German minorities and media, and other relevant issues.

ECMI Side Event at the OSCE Ministerial Council in Hamburg



At the OSCE Ministerial Council side event on 9th December 2016 in Hamburg, ECMI presented the executive summary of the findings from the “Bridge building and integration in diverse societies” project. The side event featured Mr. Gernot Erler (Special Representative of the Federal Government of Germany for the OSCE Chairmanship) and Mr. Henrik Villadsen (Director of the OSCE Office of the High Commissioner on National Minorities). The ECMI Director Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy and the ECMI Senior Research Associate Dr. Zora Popova gave an overview of the concept and methodology of the project and presented the collected data.

On the photo: Dr. Zora Popova (ECMI Senior Research Associate), Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy (ECMI Director), Mr. Gernot Erler (Special Representative of the Federal Government of Germany for the OSCE Chairmanship) and Mr. Henrik Villadsen (Director of the OSCE Office of the High Commissioner on National Minorities)

#DonostiaForum: Language Diversity in Action



In December 2016 Donostia, San Sebastian was a hub of experts on language policies. UNESCO Etxea, in collaboration with the Donostia-San Sebastián Foundation 2016 organised the European Language Diversity Forum to reflect on and debate the different aspects of the development of minority languages in Europe. ECMI Director Prof. Tove Malloy was among the participants of the event discussing EU language policies at the panel. The event featured prominent experts on linguistic diversity who discussed topics such as multilingual education with a minority language, the European Charter of Regional or Minority Languages and European Language Policy, good practices, achievement, and challenges. The event was concluded with a formal launch of the Protocol to Ensure Language Rights (PELR).



The Protocol to Ensure Language Rights (PELR) was the result of an initiative of the Council of Social Entities for the Basque Language, Kontseilua, and the Donostia/San Sebastián 2016 European Cultural Capital Foundation. After a series of discussions over 2015 and 2016 by numerous work groups and experts on linguistic rights, the Protocol was drafted by an organizing committee. The protocol is an instrument bringing together scientific perspectives, academic opinions and social viewpoints and a novel foundation for building a new Europe based on equality between language communities. The ECMI was a proud contributor and a member of the organizing Committee.

## TRAININGS



### ECMI Summer School 2016

The Sixth Annual ECMI Summer School took place between 28<sup>th</sup> August and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 in Lviv, Ukraine. Participants from 19 different countries across the world took part in an intensive training course and met the ECMI team as well as the prominent guest speakers. This year the course hosted two keynote speakers: Prof. Karl Cordell (University of Plymouth) and Prof. Stefan Wolff (University of Birmingham). The programme also included 16 academic lectures and a number of interactive activities, such as roundtable discussions, city tours (Lviv and Zhovkva) and a movie night. Legal frameworks, ethnic conflict, nationalism, border regions, politics and minority rights were among the topics in the academic programme of the

course.

This year's summer school was organized after five years of successful "National Minorities and Border Regions" Summer Schools in the Danish-German border region and five years of conducting the MA-level Minority Regime Seminar hosted by the Europa Universität Flensburg. Following the positive feedback and comments received during the previous courses, the ECMI decided to launch this intensive training programme in minority issues in partnership with the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, Ukraine.

Scholarships for the participants were made possible due to the support of the German OSCE Chairmanship 2016 and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

#### *Impressions of the participants:*



Yury from Belarus: "Usually minority summer schools focus solely on legal aspects and minority protection in general, and pay less attention to other issues around it. Many times the theoretical background is omitted from similar trainings. But it is very valuable; it gives an overview of how it came to this point, gives ideas on how to approach it. You can't develop proper policies without having a good overview on the theoretical background."



Maisalon from Israel: "We have a very unique conflict in my country, but now I see similarities with other cases. For me it was the first time I learnt so intensively and in depth about minority protection and relevant issues. How will I use this? As soon as I come back I will work on a paper on higher education in Israel."



Mariam from Georgia: "The lectures here not only give us information and present data, they also offer a conceptual analysis. They immediately brought other notions to mind that I was not aware of before: multidiversity, for example, which I had never heard of before. The movie night was also interesting. We watched *Tangerines* (2015), a movie about the war in Abkhazia, which showcases the absurdity of the concept of the enemy during the war. It showed how the image and stereotype of an enemy was constructed and artificially created by other powers, such as political elites."

Visit [www.ecmi.de/trainings/summer-school](http://www.ecmi.de/trainings/summer-school) for the information on our next summer school in 2017.

## Minority Regime Seminar



Europa-Universität  
Flensburg

| M.A. European Studies

In the 2016 winter semester the ECMI team delivered a seminar on the European Minority Rights and the Minority Protection Regime as part of the joint MA/MSc European Studies Programme of the Europa-Universität Flensburg and the University of the Southern Denmark. Particularly, the seminar addressed aspects of minority history and politics as well as social and cultural issues and emerging new challenges to minority protection. Specific topics of the lectures included:

- History of European Minority Rights
- European International Law
- Democracy and Participation
- Theories of Nationalism
- Diversity Management
- Ethnic minorities, otherness and the olfactory. An anthropological approach to minority issues
- Telling your Own Story: Media, Migrants and New Minorities
- Empowerment
- Late Modernity
- Minority Education
- Conflict and Unity
- Right Wing Populism as a New Challenge for Minorities
- Elite Mobilisation and Minority Groups as a Political Resource
- Environmental Degradation and Minority Rights

The seminar runs annually every winter semester and is part of the cooperation between the ECMI and the Europa-Universität Flensburg.

### Lecture Series on “Diversity in a changing Europe: challenge or opportunity?”



The ECMI team organized a Lecture Series in cooperation with the European Studies Master Programme (EUS) of the Europa-Universität Flensburg (EUF) on the topic “Diversity in a changing Europe” and hosted prominent scholars and experts from different European institutions. The lecture series offered a unique chance to the students of the Europa-Universität Flensburg to discuss the issue of diversity, and its challenges and opportunities in the EU, together with the invited guests. The overall aim of the lecture series was to integrate the EUF and its students in a European discourse on the topic, contributing to the overall Europeanization and internationalization of the study programmes. The lectures took place during the winter and summer Semesters of 2015-2016 and were a weekly 2-hour-long event, including a lecture and an interactive discussion with the audience and the invited guests. Invited guest speakers: Prof. Michal Vašečka (Masaryk University in Brno/ Czech Republic), Dr. Tilman Lanz (University of Groningen) and Mr. Benjamin Zeeb (Project for Democratic Union).

### Youth workshop in Latvia



In the frame of the Minorities Summer Festival taking place on 1-3 July 2016 in Daugavpils, the ECMI organised a youth workshop and a seminar on “Minority participation and empowerment: intercultural cooperation for stability and conflict prevention” in cooperation with the European Movement in Latvia. The workshop, which took place at the Culture Centre Daugavpils (Dobeles iela 30, Daugavpils, Latvia) on 2 July 2016, aimed to engage the 60 young participants coming from all over Latvia in a discussion of stereotypes and to sensitize them for the effects that their individual actions can have. It applied the theatre of the oppressed method, an experience and activity based technique, and was wrapped up by an intensive debriefing phase.

## ECMI Summer School 2017 Lviv, Ukraine



## ECMI is 20!



In 2016 the ECMI turned 20! To celebrate our two decades, we gathered our team and friends for a press conference and a reception at Kompagnietor in Flensburg on 7th of December.

“For 20 years ECMI has had a presence in 15 countries, with 250 projects, hosting 27 visiting researchers and 231 interns, with total 283 staff members in headquarters and regional offices.” ECMI Director Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy welcomed the guests and gave a brief overview of the ECMI’s achievements in numbers.

Presenting the ECMI Kosovo office, the regional director Mr. Adrian Zeqiri talked about the role of the ECMI in Kosovo: institution building, capacity building and close work with the offices of the President and Prime Minister. What about the ECMI in Ukraine and Eastern Europe? Dr. Alexander Osipov, ECMI Senior Research Associate spoke about EPP activities in Ukraine and how the ECMI team is promoting minority rights, equality and non-discrimination in the region. With the latest information from the Western Balkans, Dr. Zora Popova, Senior Research Associate at the ECMI, presented the last Module of the joint project of the ECMI, FUEN, GIZ and the Schleswig Holstein State Government: how we can transfer the model of Schleswig Holstein to the Western Balkans regarding vulnerable groups and access to social services.

The event featured a number of special guests, including German Federal Government Commissioner for Matters Related to Repatriates and National Minorities Mr. Hartmut Koschyk and Commissioner of Schleswig-Holstein in Matters of National Minorities and Ethnic Groups Ms. Renate Schnack.



Mr. Hartmut Koschyk: “The core tasks of the institute include practice-oriented research and constructive conflict management since its establishment. In doing so, the flexible employee structure and their work in the conflict areas on the ground make a significant part of the success. In working groups, workshops and seminars, the employees use their knowledge and experience on the ground and can thus work effectively. But ECMI has also gained a good reputation in the field of advisory services on minority issues. ECMI’s work in Ukraine is an immensely important contribution to the further development of Ukraine and Ukrainian-Russian relations. I am also very excited about the final results and recommendations on the National

Minorities and Bridge Building project to be presented in January. Today, the Institute is proud to look back on 20 years of successful work in the field of minority issues. The importance of the institute in the near future certainly will not be less. I think, Prof. Malloy, you and your employees will continue to do much in the future.”



Ms. Renate Schnack: “To be able to speak at the Kompagnietor in Flensburg today and to celebrate the 20th birthday of the European Centre for Minority Issues together with you is something very special for me. I must be one of the very few people in this room who witnessed Prince Joachim ceremoniously launching the ECMI in 1996. From the early beginnings of the ECMI and together with my predecessors Kurt Hamer and Kurt Schulz, I have been of the opinion that the German-Danish border region is the perfect location for such an institute... During the past 20 years, the Institute has developed to become a constant factor in the international science sector. It has grown into a recognised cooperation partner for the Council of Europe and

the High Commissioner of the OSCE for National Minorities... And I am just as convinced that this successful work will also be continued in the next few years.”



Dr. Jørgen Kühl: “We are celebrating a success story. ECMI is a child conceived at the very end of the Cold War under the impression of upheavals in Europe. Hence, the ECMI was a timely answer to the demand for knowledge, insight and expert advice on how to cope with the ethno-national challenges reemerging in Europe. Minority policy is no doubt a cornerstone in democratic, open societies. Minority rights are a core value. The inclusion of national minorities furthers full participation and strengthens dialogue and institutions safeguarding democracies. Especially in times like ours where illiberal movements seem to be gathering support in many European states and, unfortunately, quite often are antagonizing minority communities within

their own borders while utilizing kin-minorities abroad, it is crucial to insist on the rule of law, the international standards on human rights and democracy, which form the foundations of our civilization and the very idea of Europe.

This stresses the significance and importance of the work and objectives of the European Centre for Minority Issues. The variety of ongoing projects not least in Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova, enabled by the generous support of Denmark, and the successful activities in Kosovo, enabled by several international donors, underline the importance of the work of the Centre. Hence, today we can celebrate the coming of age of a research institution which still is extremely important and relevant.”





## ECMI Kosovo



ECMI Kosovo has seen its activities expanding in 2016, especially in the areas of human rights protection, minority communities and for the first time in the field of Vulnerable and Marginalised Groups (VMG). The latter is a reflection of the establishment of the **Equal Rights for All Coalition (ERAC)** as of January 2016 for a period of four years. ERAC brings together seven medium sized and grass root NGOs that work in the domain of rule of law and fundamental rights for selected VMGs. These VMGs are minority communities, women, youth and LGBT community.

As a member of the coalition, the overarching goals of ECMI Kosovo can excel through fertile exchange of skills and knowledge between the participating organisations. This coalition has been established by funding from the European Union.



**Support to Education in Serbian Language in Kosovo** is another European Union-funded project launched in 2016. The project aims to help improve the quality of Serbian-language education and increase representation of minority communities in Kosovo institutions in order to complement the existing Dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia. In 2016 this project successfully supported the Government of Kosovo in establishing a temporary verification mechanism to allow degrees from the University of Mitrovica North to be validated, to allow the applicants of the mechanism to apply for jobs and take part in professional exams and ultimately increase representation of minority communities in Kosovo institutions. Since its establishment in May 2016, and with ECMI acting in a mediating role and offering technical support, the mechanism has to date verified more than 200 diplomas.

ECMI Kosovo has also entrenched itself in providing much needed support to public institutions with education in Albanian and Serbian languages through a comprehensive language acquisition program. This project, funded by the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities and the Office of the Language Commissioner/Office of the Prime Minister, started its sixth year on 2 May 2016 and ended on 31 December 2016. In this phase, ECMI Kosovo, as implementing partner, managed to cover 12 ethnically mixed and Serb majority municipalities in which it organised 18 language courses in total – 9 Albanian and 9 Serbian.

Furthermore, ECMI Kosovo finalized a range of projects by the end of 2016 and the first months of 2017. A major success of 2016 was the **increasing of self-employment among Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities through a recycling collective**, a project which supported these communities through the provision of transportation equipment, recycling machinery, and protective gear enabling them to generate incomes in a safe and sanitary manner. One of the many activities in this project was to organize a series of trainings for beneficiaries designed to improve their skills and increase their capacities in effectively and safely collecting and selling recyclable waste. These trainings, together with other networking opportunities conducted within the project, allowed project beneficiaries to discuss potential collaboration and new partnership opportunities towards increasing incomes and better job opportunities. Other projects are subject to a prolongation, and are thus taken into a new phase. One of those projects is the **'Enhance Access to and Retention in Education for Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Children'** which, among other objectives, is preventing and reducing the drop-out rates among vulnerable children. Within this project ECMI Kosovo continues with advocacy activities for improved legislation and institutionalization of sustainable solutions. The education program address children from Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities, children with disabilities, returned/repatriated children and children from families with disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds.

In 2016, ECMI Kosovo implemented a project with the aim of improving the watchdog capacities of grassroots civil society, **'Strengthening the Watchdog Role of Minority Civil Society Organizations in Kosovo'**. Currently, governance on minority

issues in Kosovo suffers from a lack of accountability and transparency, with minority civil society playing a weak role in this process due to their low capacity, experience and resources. Although the legislation on the protection of minority communities in Kosovo is very comprehensive, the legal framework is frequently left unimplemented. To improve the watchdog capacity of the civil society, a total of eight trainings were held in 2016 on monitoring and evaluation on five different topics which all had the overall aim of increasing minority CSOs' awareness and strengthening their ability to effectively monitor, evaluate and advocate for community rights implementation by public authorities.

Throughout 2016, ECMI Kosovo has continued to publish policy analyses through **Communities Issues Monitor**, which monitors, analyses, and provides recommendations on developments and incidents related to the position of minority communities in Kosovo. The Monitor particularly seeks to report on incidents of a controversial nature, within the framework of international and domestic minority rights legislation. Further, ECMI Kosovo has deepened its focus to provide a series of in-depth analyses aimed at informing the wider public and policy makers on the on-going developments related to the Association/Community of Serb-majority Municipalities, and this resulted in a comprehensive research analysis entitled **'the Association/Community of Serb-majority Municipalities – Breaking the Impasse'** published in June with the support of PAX for Peace. The study assessed the value-added of an association of Serb-majority municipalities, based on sound principles of inter-municipal cooperation: specifically, what it concretely could do to address the needs and concerns of the Serb community in Kosovo. Based on this assessment, the report made a realistic clarification of the possible impact the Association might have on the functionality of the Kosovan state and how to minimize negative consequences. Our Monitor and public policy briefs have been received positively and contributed to shaping the debate on these issues and issues related to the Brussels Dialogue Process between Kosovo and Serbia.

The projects engaging ECMI Kosovo in 2016 and 2017 give a good impression of the various domains in which we are active. We are convinced that these projects have major impact at the institutional level – where they raise the awareness and capacities of institutions to promote and protect minority rights – and in the daily lives of members of minority communities in Kosovo.

As we look forward to continuing and expanding our work in 2017, we would like to thank our long-standing trusted partners who have supported our work throughout so many years, as well as other associates and partners who have made our success possible.



See more at: [www.ecmikosovo.org](http://www.ecmikosovo.org)

## ECMI CAUCASUS

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TBILISI REGIONAL OFFICE

**The project “Towards Roma Inclusion”** was implemented with the assistance and support of the Embassy of Czech Republic in Georgia and aimed at practical application of the concept of inclusion of Roma, leading either to accessing jobs on the labour market in the places of their residence or preparing them for self-employment. The Roma population in Georgia experience various forms of discrimination, including education, social services, and employment. Several Georgian governments were encouraged to and declared that they would change

that approach, yet no such strategies or actions have been developed so far. This has been criticized in subsequent human right reports by the Georgian ombudsman as well as by international organizations.

### Eastern Partnership Minority Network Review Visit to the EU

Following the finalization of the EU-cofunded “Eastern Partnership Minority Network” programme, the representatives of the six partner organizations took the opportunity to present the views and findings of the programme to the European Commission’s unit responsible for collecting experiences of the civil society. The EaPMN delegation shared their views and suggestions on how to improve the impact of Eastern Partnership, in particular its accessibility to all civil society stakeholders.

### Advisory work

#### Minority participation in Parliamentary elections

As 2016 was the year of parliamentary elections, ECMI Caucasus provided advice to the Central Election Commission on better inclusion of minorities into electoral process as voters, observers and candidates through political parties. Despite financial incentives offered to political parties for including minority and female candidates on party lists in positions electable and gender supportive measures, none of the minority candidates passed, not even those coming from minority regions. As a result the number of ethnic minority MPs declined further, being the lowest ever.

#### EU-Council of Europe Programmatic Co-operation Framework for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus and CoE Action Plan for Georgia 2016-2019

In the second year of the implementation of the European Union/Council of Europe programme “Civic Integration of National Minorities in Georgia and the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages” ECMI Caucasus staff contributed to a number activities directed towards minorities and authorities to encourage understanding and appreciation of the use of minority languages. In particular the presence of minority languages in regional schools and public space were discussed using examples of countries who have ratified the ECRML. This topic is one of the six main domains of the Action Plan for Georgia agreed with the Georgian government.

#### Ministry of Education Draft Programme for Small Minority Languages

The Georgian Ministry of Education and Science in collaboration with UNICEF Georgia commenced in 2015 drafting a special strategy for development of small minority languages as a means of better integration of ethnic minorities into the Georgian society through education. During the drafting process the integrative role of bilingual education was discussed in relation to particular needs of small minority languages such as Avar, Chechen, Udi and others. “The Georgian Language Programme” is intended to facilitate teaching Georgian as a state language to ethnic minority students, teaching minority languages and to equip ethnic minority teachers with skills in bi-lingual pedagogy.

ECMI Caucasus provided best practice examples of support to small languages both in context of formal and informal education in Scandinavia and South Eastern Europe.



## DISSEMINATION AND OUTREACH

### AT KOMPAGNIETOR



The ECMI annually hosts various events, interest groups, individuals, political groups, representatives from partner organizations and students at the historical building of Kompagnietor in the heart of Flensburg. During such events, ECMI staff members present the history and aims of the organization, and highlight projects and relevant activities. On some occasions, in addition to institutional presentations, the ECMI team also briefly presents who minorities are and the main issues related to minority rights.

#### *The Israeli Knesset members*

In cooperation with the Hanns Seidel Foundation and Citizen's Accord Forum of Israel, the ECMI has organized a Knesset delegation visit in the Danish-German border region. The delegation, headed by the Minister David Azoulay (MK and Minister for "Shas"), included representatives of both Jewish and Arab political parties in Knesset. During a three day visit the guests held meeting at the ECMI, in Flensburg City Hall, in Kiel and with the local minority representatives. "We as a minority group look for hopeful examples, and this region gives us hope," noted Mr. Yousef Jabareen, Member of Knesset for "United Arab List".

#### *Sydslesvig Committee from the Ministry for Children, Education and Gender Equality*

As part of their tour around the region, the Committee members visited the ECMI and learned general information about the ECMI's work and current projects. "ECMI work is very important and it is also very important to bring our committee members and parliamentarians here in the region from time to time, to see the region, meet organizations and minorities and get inspiration for future work. This region shows that in reconciliation regions, minority protection and minority rights help to avoid conflicts," commented Mr. Christian Juhl (Member of the Danish Parliament, Member of the Sydslesvig Committee).

#### *The ECMI team also welcomed the following groups at the Kompagnietor:*

- A Culture Circle ("Kulturkreis") in Schleswig-Holstein
- A group of DAAD international students from the University of Kiel
- A group of former Marines
- A group of students from the Technical Gymnasium of Sønderborg
- A group of students of from the University of Southern Denmark in Odense
- A group of students from the Goethe Institut in Berlin
- A school group from the Rødding Højskole in Denmark
- A total number of 25 weddings.



Among the interns and visiting researchers who stayed at the ECMI in 2016, we were pleased to host Najah, an intern and a refugee from Syria. With the help of a local coaching organization, TERTIA, she received a placement at the Kompagnietor to learn about the border region and contribute with her work. During the 3-week internship Najah learnt about the region and the work of the ECMI, and also shared her story with our team. Remembering "the longest 16 days in her life," she shared the story of her trip from her hometown Homs to Flensburg and gave some impressions about the local surroundings: "People here are very friendly, they don't differentiate between nationality and color and treat us like normal human beings, with respect... It was exciting to learn how minority issues are treated here and the history of the region. We feel like this is our new home, we want to settle here and learn about it."

Read more about Najah's story at:  
[www.infoecmi.eu](http://www.infoecmi.eu)

### ECMI ON TOUR

Sharing expertise, presenting work, networking and partnership building – these are some of the reasons behind the busy travel schedules of the ECMI team. By attending, participating and presenting at various events (conferences, trainings, seminars) the ECMI is spreading the word about minority issues in Europe and building networks for future cooperation:

Who?	What?	Where?
<b>ECMI Senior Research Associate Dr. Raul Cârstocea</b>	9th Europe – Ukraine Forum	Łódź, Poland
<b>ECMI Director Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy</b>	Presentation on European best practices in minority education at the European Parliament (LIBE Hearing)	Strasbourg, France
<b>Senior Research Associate Dr. Alexander Osipov</b>	Conference "Human Rights after 1945 in the Socialist and Post-Socialist World" at German Historic Institute	Warsaw, Poland
<b>Project Assistant Sonja Wolf</b>	Event „Digital Humanities im deutschsprachigen Raum“	Leipzig, Germany
<b>Senior Research Associate Dr. Alexander Osipov</b>	Presentation of the Eastern Partnership Programme and ethno-cultural policies in the former Soviet Union at the Harriman Institute, Columbia University	New York, USA
<b>Director Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy, Senior Research Associate Dr. Alexander Osipov and Project Research Associate Dr. Hanna Vasilevich</b>	Seminar on territorial autonomy of Gagauzia	Chisinau, Moldova
<b>Director Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy and Senior Research Associate Dr. Zora Popova</b>	HCNM conference on the Hague recommendations	Hague, the Netherlands
<b>Director Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy and Senior Research Associate Dr. Zora Popova</b>	CAHROM meeting	Sofia, Bulgaria
<b>Project Assistant Sonja Wolf</b>	Participation in the FUEN Congress	Wroclaw, Poland
<b>Senior Research Associate Dr. Raul Cârstocea</b>	OSCE Counter-Terrorism Conference: "Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalization that Lead to Terrorism (VERLT)"	Berlin, Germany
<b>Director Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy</b>	European Parliament hearing and makes a speech on the topic: "The situation of fundamental rights in the European Union (2015)"	Brussels, Belgium
<b>Project Assistant Sonja Wolf</b>	Discussion about the topic: "The Schleswig-Holstein Minorities as a Role-Model?"	Kiel, Germany

<b>Project Assistants Sonja Wolf, Victoria Martovskaya and Caitlin Boulter</b>	Minority Festival	Daugavpils, Latvia
<b>Director Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy</b>	Keynote lecture and opening of a semester. Topic: "The dynamics of Europe's minority-majority discourses: From 'minority' to 'co-nation'?"	Leeuwarden, Netherlands
<b>Communications and Outreach Tamari Bulia and Project Assistant Victoria Martovskaya</b>	OSCE Chairmanship of Germany briefing with the civil society	Berlin, Germany
<b>Communications and Outreach Tamari Bulia</b>	Workshop and an official opening of the Scholars at Risk German Network	Bonn, Germany
<b>Senior Research Associate Dr. Zora Popova</b>	Conference "Open education: Promoting diversity for European languages"	Brussels
<b>Director Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy</b>	Robert Bosch Academy workshop "Shared Societies – Approaches to Minority Related Issues in Europe and Israel"	Berlin, Germany
<b>Senior Research Associate Dr. Raul Cârstocea</b>	Presentation about the ECMI at the IFSH (the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy), University of Hamburg.	Hamburg, Germany
<b>Senior Research Associate Dr. Zora Popova</b>	Cooperation meeting with the school of public policy at the Central European University.	Budapest, Hungary
<b>Project Assistants Victoria Martovskaya and Mariana Jimsheladze</b>	Conference on Tolerance and Diversity at the Federal Foreign Office	Berlin, Germany
<b>Director Prof. Dr. Tove H. Malloy</b>	Conference on the Law on Minorities	Tirana, Albania
<b>Project Research Associate Dr. Hanna Vasilevich</b>	Conference "Rights of National Minorities"	Vilnius, Lithuania
<b>Director Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy</b>	EUSBSR Annual Forum	Stockholm, Sweden
<b>Project Research Associate Dr. Hanna Vasilevich</b>	EaP Civil Society Forum	Brussels

### THE ECMI IN THE DANISH-GERMAN BORDER REGION

The ECMI team was actively engaged in the Danish-German Border region. One of the methods of engagement was participation at various events, where our team represented the ECMI, its mission and activities, as well as an academic overview of minority-majority relationships in the border region and in other parts of Europe:

- ECMI interns visited the Danish minority and the Sydslesvigsk Forening (SSF) General Secretary Jens Christiansen in Flensburghus
- ECMI Project Assistant Sonja Wolf took part in a panel discussion on the topic: "The Schleswig-Holstein Minorities as a Role-Model?". This event took place as part of the "Kiel Week" (18-26 June) in Kiel. It was organized by the Association of German Sinti and Roma.
- ECMI Senior Research Associate Dr. Mindaugas Kuklys attended the German-Danish library forum at the Dansk Centralbibliotek for Sydslesvig
- ECMI Senior Research Associate Dr. Zora Popova lectured the students of the Syddansk University.

### ECMI IN MEDIA:

During 2016, nearly 50 media pieces were published in various media outlets mentioning ECMI or talking about specific projects and events of the ECMI. Following media outlets have published about the work of the ECMI in their print and online issues:



Flensburg Avis



Der Nordschleswiger



Flensburger Tageblatt



Jydske Vestkysten

Some of the news which attracted most media attention include:

- ECMI Lecture series at the Europa-Universität Flensburg
- Visit of Knesset members in the Danish-German border region, organized by the Hanns-Seidel Foundation, Citizens Accord Forum and the ECMI
- ECMI celebrated 20 years anniversary: a number of media articles congratulated and highlighted importance of our work

### ECMI ONLINE:

#### The ECMI is available online!

For our news, updates and announcements, we regularly use various online media tools to disseminate information with our audiences. Blog posts on InfoChannel, informational pages on the ECMI website and social media engagement on various platforms have been successful throughout the past year. During 2015:

- 74 news updates have been published on ECMI InfoChannel ([www.infoecmi.eu](http://www.infoecmi.eu));
- 28 705 unique users have visited the ECMI web-site for a total number of 185 968 web-sessions ([www.ecmi.de](http://www.ecmi.de));
- We have sent out 4 newsletters to our networks, partners and voluntary subscribers
  - To subscribe to the ECMI Newsletter, go to [www.infoecmi.eu](http://www.infoecmi.eu) or [www.ecmi.eu](http://www.ecmi.eu)
- Social media engagement numbers have risen with a current status of:
  - 759 Twitter followers (@ECMIFlensburg)
  - 5770 Facebook Followers (/ECMIFlensburg)
- We have regularly updated photo galleries on the ECMI Flickr account and videos on the ECMI YouTube Account
- ECMI former colleagues, interns and affiliates are proud members of the ECMI LinkedIn Network
- Our mobile users can download the ECMI mobile app and browse through news and project information from their iOS and Android devices easily
- ECMI public events are now streamed LIVE via Facebook

#### Most engaging in 2016

##### Our most popular tweet:

From Schleswig Holstein to #WesternBalkans: a new project launch! @giz\_gmbh #FUEN #SchleswigHolstein State #Roma



##### Our most Popular Facebook post:

What are "Minority Rights"? ECMI Answers with a cartoon!



Our most popular blog post: CfA: Funded ECMI Summer School 2016 in Lviv, Ukraine



## PUBLICATIONS



### EUROPEAN YEARBOOK OF MINORITY ISSUES:



**European Yearbook of Minority Issues 2014/Volume 13 was published.** The volume features a General Articles section and a Special Focus section on “Regional Citizenship: A Tool for Inclusion of New Minorities in Subnational Entities?”. The European Yearbook of Minority Issues is edited by ECMI and EURAC (European Academy of Bozen/Bolzano Institute for Minority Rights in Italy) and is published by Brill.

#### *About*

The European Yearbook of Minority Issues provides a critical and timely review of contemporary developments in minority-majority relations in Europe. It combines analysis, commentary and documentation in relation to conflict management, international legal developments and domestic legislation affecting minorities in Europe. The Yearbook is edited by ECMI in cooperation with the European Academy of Bozen-Bolzano (Eurac Research), Åbo Akademi University, Babes-Bolyai University, Hungarian Academy of Science, and University of Glasgow.



### JOURNAL ON ETHNO POLITICS AND MINORITY ISSUES IN EUROPE (JEMIE) ISSUES:



**Volume 15, Issue 1/2016:** General issue

**Volume 15, Issue 2/2016:** Special Issue on “The 1990 CSCE Copenhagen Document, East-West encounters and evolutions of the minority regime in Europe”

**Volume 15, Issue 3/2016:** General issue

#### *About*

Journal on Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe (JEMIE) is a peer-reviewed electronic journal edited under the auspices of the European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI). JEMIE is a multi-disciplinary journal which addresses minority issues across a broad range of studies, such as ethnopolitics, democratization, conflict management, good governance, participation, minority issues and minority rights. It is devoted to comparative analyses of current developments in minority-majority relations in the wider Europe.



#### ECMI ISSUE BRIEFS:

##### Issue Brief #37:

Prof. Dr. Tove H. Malloy: "Minority rights governance: Avoiding the pitfalls of equal treatment when budgeting for education"



#### ECMI WORKING PAPERS:

##### Working Paper #91:

Vadim Poleshchuk: "Estonian ethnic minorities: The right to health and the dangers of social exclusion"

##### Working Paper #92:

Madoka Hammine: "Sami languages in education in Sweden and Finland"

##### Working Paper #93:

Raphaëll Mathieu-Bédard: "The notion of 'Institutional Completeness' in Canada: The contribution of the judiciary towards new avenues of non-territorial autonomy"

##### Working Paper #94:

Zora Popova, Inga Marken and Lavinia Bădulescu: "Intercultural coexistence and cooperation: Is the model of Schleswig-Holstein transferrable?"

##### Working Paper #95:

David J. Smith and Mariana Semenushyn: "Territorial-administrative decentralisation and ethno-cultural diversity in Ukraine: Addressing Hungarian autonomy claims in Zakarpattya"

#### ECMI REPORTS

##### ECMI report #68:

Raul Carstocea and Viktoria Martovskaya: Report on the recent ECMI engagement in Erasmus+ project on fighting right-wing populism.

##### ECMI report #67:

Tamari Bulia and Sonja Wolf: "Empowering Facilitators for Active Citizenship through the Erasmus+ Programme"

#### ECMI STUDY

##### ECMI Study #8:

Michael Szporluk: "Not even in the margins: where are Roma with disabilities?"  
*See the detailed information on page 11*

#### ECMI HANDBOOKS

##### ECMI Handbook on qualitative minority indicators

Francesco Biagini, Tove Malloy and Katarzyna Zbrowska: "Qualitative Minority Indicators: The Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities"

##### ECMI Handbook on participatory mechanisms

Andreea Carstocea, Mindaugas Kuklys and Tove Malloy: "ECMI Handbook on Participatory Mechanisms for National Minorities"

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

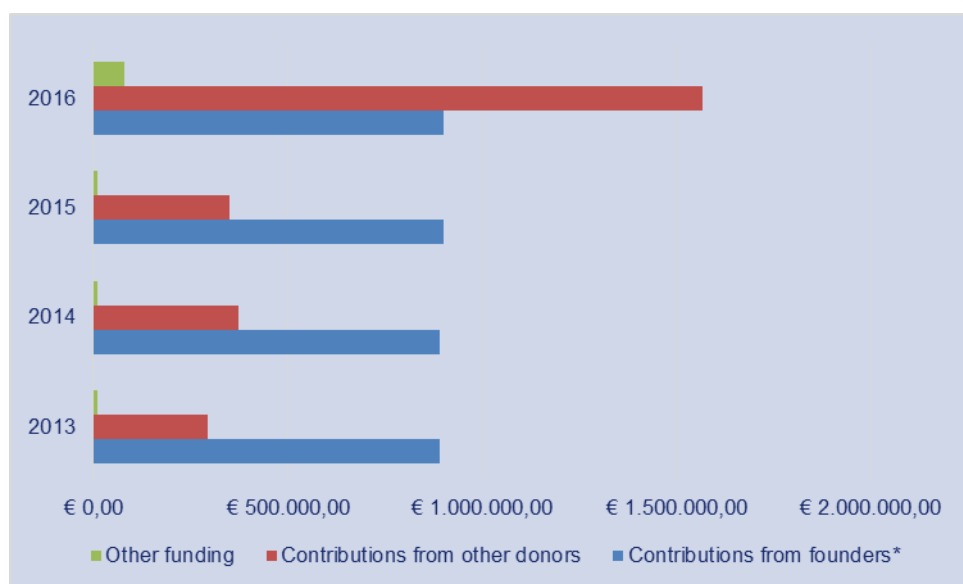


**"Engaging to Include"**: final publication of the Erasmus+ project Exchanging-Empowering-Engaging to Increase-Innovate-Include (3E to 3I). The project was led by SPIN Lisbon, in cooperation with eight partner organizations, among them the ECMI.

The Toolkit is a collection of all the innovative and non-formal educational activities and methods that were developed, shared and tested during the project. The Toolkit is a valuable resource pack for everyone working in the areas of training and youth work, the promotion of active citizenship and European values.

## FINANCES

### ECMI TOTAL FUNDING



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### EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS IN 2016

Responsible	Donor Institution	Title	Grant size (EUR)	Project period
ECMI HQ	Erasmus+ Programme of the European Commission	Teaching in Diversity	194.000,00 €	2016-2018
ECMI HQ	OSCE German Chairmanship	Bridge Building and Integration in Diverse Societies	28.100,00 €	2016
ECMI HQ	OSCE German Chairmanship	ECMI Summer School 2016	28.200,00 €	2016
ECMI HQ	DAAD	ECMI Summer School 2016	24.270,00 €	2016
ECMI HQ	German Italian Centre of European Excellence	Conference on new and old minorities	30.000,00 €	2016-2017
ECMI HQ GIZ FUEN	German Ministry for Cooperation	Access to social services for vulnerable groups in the Balkans/Roma	250.000,00 €	2016
ECMI HQ	German Embassy in Latvia	Workshop/Training "Fighting stereotypes"	4.000,00 €	2016
ECMI HQ	Europa-Universität Flensburg	External lecturer's travel grant for Lecture series by ECMI	1.200,00 €	2016
ECMI HQ	Centre Maurits Coppetiers	ECMI Educational cartoon on minority rights	6.000,00 €	2016
ECMI HQ	MFA Denmark	Eastern Partnership Programme	600.000,00 €	2014-2016
ECMI HQ ECMI Kosovo	MFA Finland	Support to minority communities III	400.000,00 €	2014-2016
<b>SUM</b>			<b>1.565.770,00 €</b>	





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