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PREFACE

The European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI) has been governed by the Executive Board since its founding. The Board consists of three Danish, three German and three international members appointed for periods of three years. In 2017, the Board was recomposed:

After more than 20 years of important service to the ECMI, Rainer Hofmann was succeeded by Dr. Beate Sybille Pfeil representing the German research community and elected as vice-chair of the Executive Board. After a change of government, the long-term Schleswig-Holstein Minority Commissioner Renate Schnack was succeeded by Johannes Callsen, while Sabine Sütterlin-Waack, previously representing the German Federal Parliament, left the Board after being named new Minister of Justice of Schleswig-Holstein. Her successor is still to be appointed due to the ongoing negotiations in Germany regarding a new coalition government. I would like to express my gratitude and cordial thanks to the former members of the Executive Board for their highly important service and to welcome the recently appointed members onboard.

In May, the reappointed Advisory Council (AC) met in Copenhagen and discussed both ongoing and planned research and information projects. The members present re-elected Associate Professor, Dr. Jennifer Jackson Preece as Chairperson. The advice and input of the very committed members of the AC is important to the ECMI staff, guiding them in right directions and enabling fruitful discussions of methods, approaches and subjects.

The Danish-German border region serves as an example of best practice within the field of minority protection and effective facilitation of effective participation of minorities in society and is promoted by the ECMI project portfolio. Thus, the ECMI regularly receives delegations and visitors asking for insight and information on the minority regimes in this area. In 2017, inter alia, a delegation of the parliament of South Tyrol visited the ECMI HQ in Flensburg and raised in-depth questions on coexistence, challenges, experiences and potential lessons to be drawn from the distinct Danish-German minority model.

2017 proved, once again, that minority issues are crucial. The events in Catalonia, regionalist activities and even separatist agendas in a number of Western European states, strained majority-minority relations on the Balkans, and challenges emerging from illiberalism, multiculturalism, migrations, and globalization offer evidence. Thus, the ECMI is a highly relevant institution furthering knowledge, insight and understanding of minority issues in a wider European context. The following pages show a collection of activities taking place in 2017.



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ECMI Director

THE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI) passed a major milestone in 2017, when it wrapped up the Eastern Partnership Programme, "National Minorities and Ethno-Political Issues in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine." The results were presented during a conference in Kyiv, Ukraine in May 2017, which also provided partners and stakeholders with an opportunity to discuss lessons learned and next steps. It was the first time in the Centre's history that a regional, transnational programme was implemented over a longer timeframe. We are proud that the ECMI team 'passed the exam' and delivered a well-defined and well-implemented Programme. We would like to thank the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs for providing the funding for the Programme.

In 2017, we also continued our commitments in the Western Balkans under the Project, "Minorities in the Western Balkans" supported by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and the Schleswig-Holstein State Chancellery. The very important aim of this Project, to protect the social rights of vulnerable groups, was defined to put special focus on the Roma communities in four countries in the Western Balkans. The Project delivered an astounding number of activities over the year 2017; many of which were defined by the beneficiaries in cooperation with the project team. We would like to thank all our cooperation partners in Germany and the Western Balkans for their contribution.

Our office in Kosovo has also focused on vulnerable groups, especially disadvantaged children in education, in cooperation with UNICEF. At the same time, the team remains committed to improving official language acquisition. There is no doubt that lack of bilingualism in Kosovo is a major concern for many stakeholders and the international community. Finally, a flagship project with long-term EU funding, the ERAC (Equal Rights for All), focuses on access to justice and legal aid. We are grateful to all donors who continue to support our operations in Kosovo.

Another milestone was passed in December 2017, when we were able to announce our renewed commitment to Georgia. A reframing of our presence in Tbilisi and a new partnership with a local partner, have allowed us to begin refocusing on the many issues still not properly addressed in Georgia. We are grateful for the support given to the ECMI team and institution during the year of reframing. We look forward to continuing the good work with our new partners.

During 2017, we were also able to welcome a number of new researchers at HQ in Flensburg. They have gone to work with great fervour, and we are honoured that they have chosen the ECMI as the place to implement their knowledge and skills. We believe it is a testimonial to the continued importance of our Centre as a leading European institution in research and action on national minority issues.



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HIGHLIGHTS

- **ECMI IS BACK IN GEORGIA!**
- **ECMI EASTERN PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME CONCLUDES**
- **MINORITIES IN WESTERN BALKANS: A FOLLOW-UP PROJECT WAS IMPLEMENTED**



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PARTNERSHIPS

The ECMI has extensive cooperation with multiple partners across Europe and beyond. In 2017, the ECMI has expanded its 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) at the 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
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- Master Programme in Peace and Security Studies, University of Hamburg
- 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

PARTNERSHIPS

Last year the ECMI also established new partnerships and expanded its networks:

- As an Associate Partner of the new Master in Central & East European, Russian and Eurasian Studies Program, the ECMI expanded its networks and cooperation with educational institutions across Europe. The teaching network is led by the University of Glasgow and includes the University of Tartu (Estonia), Corvinus University Budapest (Hungary), Illia State University (Georgia), Jagiellonian University (Poland), KIMEP University (Kazakhstan), National University 'Kyvi-Mohya Academy' (Ukraine), and Lobachevsky State University of Nizhni Novgorod (Russia).
- The ECMI expanded cooperation networks in Central Asia and from 2017 our partner institutions include OSCE Academy and the American University of Central Asia (AUCA), both located in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- A seminar on Minority Rights Regime for LLM Human Rights students is a result of a newly established cooperation between the ECMI and the University of Swansea.
- The ECMI is a part of the new network on Historical Minority Research, established by the Sorbian Institute in Bautzen.





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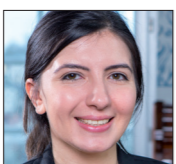
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ONGOING EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS

TEACHING IN DIVERSITY

Teaching in Diversity is the title of the ECMI's project implemented together with ten different partners from eight European states. The project is funded by the European Commission within a framework of its Erasmus+ programme and is implemented throughout 2017 and 2018.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Respect and tolerance for diversity are fundamental European values. Nevertheless, the recent economic and financial crisis and the flow of refugees has significantly reinforced the negative attitudes towards the "other". As a result, diversity has become a challenge that people face and deal with on a daily basis, and hostility towards people with different cultural backgrounds has increased.

Acknowledging that educational institutions are the first place where diversities meet and interact on a daily basis and that they are the first pillar of the societal integration and acculturation, the project will address the topic of Diversity Management at school, focusing on teachers as key actors in the process of the transfer of knowledge, values, skills and competences. In contrast to the numerous initiatives providing the teachers with skills and competences in 'how to teach diversity', the current project will focus on one significant gap, identified in the teachers' training: why teaching diversity is important, how to teach in diversity, and how to manage diversity.

Among the project partners there are research institutions, a school with a pedagogical profile, associations of educators and other organizations promoting new technologies, and media in education from eight different countries:

- European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI), Germany (lead partner)
- European Academy of Bozen/Bolzano (EURAC), Italy
- Mercator European Research Centre at the Fryske Akademy, The Netherlands
- Workers Education and Training College (WETCO), Bulgaria
- Asociația Paradigme Educationale, Romania
- Danmar Computers LLC, Poland
- Kairos Europe Limited, UK
- Liceul Pedagogic "Mircea Scarlat" Alexandria, Romania
- MEDEA: Media and Learning, Belgium
- CSP – Innovazione Nelle ICT, Italy

In Schleswig-Holstein, the project implementation will be supported by the Centre of Teacher Training at the Europa-Universität Flensburg and the Schleswig-Holstein State Chancellery, both acting as associate partners to the ECMI.

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Kick-off meeting in Flensburg, 17. January 2017
The ECMI Project Teaching in Diversity (Teach-D) is implemented together with nine partners from 7 different countries: Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany, Italy, Romania, and Netherlands. The project is funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.



2nd Transnational Partner Meeting, 13. July 2017
EURAC Research, Bolzano/Bozen, Italy

2017 IN A NUTSHELL

Throughout the last year, the project teams conducted a background research and drafted a training methodology and core contents which were later adapted into six training modules on Minority Rights in Education, Managing Diversity at School, Non-discrimination and Equality, Religious Diversity, Linguistic Diversity in Education and Preventing Hate Speech and Discrimination at School.

The project team met at three different locations in 2017: in Flensburg (Germany) for a kick-off meeting, in Bolzano/Bozen (Italy) for presenting the draft contents and background texts, and in Rzeszow (Poland) for discussing the adaptation of training materials, as well as further planning of the project.

The project envisions development of training methodology and packages for teachers as well as development of a handbook and conducting the pilot trainings. The results of the project and training packages will be disseminated through various channels, including online training platforms and an interactive mobile tool. One of the key goals of the project is to also establish an international educators' network for real time self-support in addressing diversity challenges in classrooms.



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ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

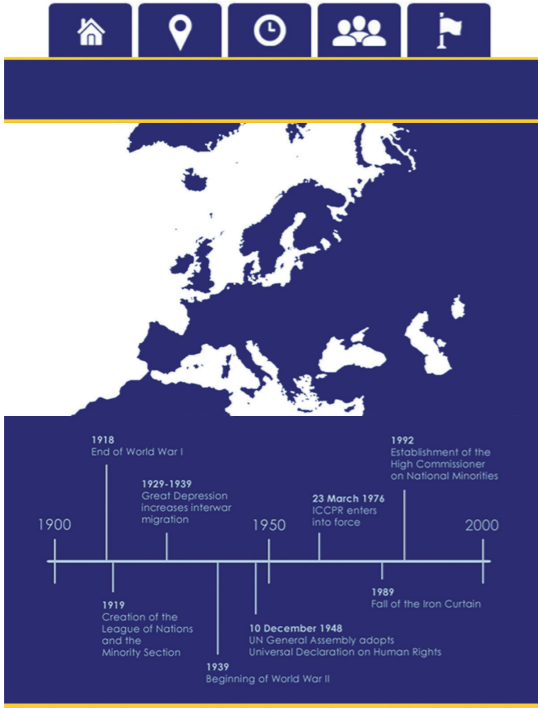
MINORITY MAP AND TIMELINE OF EUROPE (MMTE)

The MMTE project takes shape and develops further as the new members join the team.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Minority Map and Timeline of Europe (MMTE) is an online interactive and hands-on 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 user interface of the MMTE website – including complementary interactive and detailed maps, timelines, and analyses – provides new, varied, and interconnected ways to interpret minority communities. The MMTE utilises a visual and hands-on approach to present data and information, for a better comprehension of relationships and associations concerning minorities and the countries they are living in. To this end, the website is composed in a thematic format to promote consistency, uniformity, and comparison between entries.

The MMTE is an ongoing flagship project of the ECMI. First created in 2001 as the Ethnopolitical Map of Europe, the project was re-evaluated and redesigned in 2010 so to reach a wider audience. 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, non-governmental organisations and policy makers, and the informed public. The MMTE endeavours to act as a central clearinghouse website that provides information on minority communities in a timely, straightforward, and reliable manner. Additionally, the MMTE project is intended to help develop the ECMI’s own goals and projects to better understand minority issues as well as implement corresponding programmes.



MINORITY MAP AND TIMELINE OF EUROPE

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2017 IN A NUTSHELL

The MMTE Team used 2017 to continue the reworking of the methodology behind the project, which began in 2016. The criteria behind selecting groups to include in the MMTE were thoroughly reviewed and refined, and the vocabulary applied throughout the project was revised where necessary. In order to better reflect the inclusive approach of the MMTE, the team decided firstly to make a shift from focusing exclusively on minorities to including majority communities as well, and secondly, in the spirit of a more accurate reflection of the status of various groups in their countries, to refer to “communities” rather than to minorities. This work was accomplished throughout the year in several intensive workshops and consultations with the Advisory Council and our vast network of accomplished senior scholars.

Based on methodological considerations, the team managed to produce a number of guidelines for authors, editors and project staff working on the map entries of the MMTE. Additionally, work was completed on country entries for Sweden and Malta, and all current entries received an initial review to assess and streamline information about communities within the reviewed structural framework. The process of solidifying the methodology and scientific grounding of the MMTE is ongoing and will continue in 2018, alongside work to reflect these developments on the website and advancing the next sections of the MMTE.



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ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

NON-TERRITORIAL AUTONOMY

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Non-territorial autonomy (NTA) for ethno-cultural minority groups range from formal self-government arrangements to informal programmatic co-decision type arrangements. The aim is to protect against assimilation and to give ethno-cultural minorities a voice in matters related to them. NTA arrangements are special rights that pertain to ethno-cultural minorities whose identity forms on the basis of ethnicity, religion, race, mother-tongue language or kin-state identity, as opposed to universal, non-discrimination rights for social groups, such as the disabled or the poor. While the overall goal is social cohesion, the specific purpose is justice and equality.

Unfortunately, NTA policy-making is vastly under-explored in academia. While policy studies have focused mainly on territorial autonomy settlements and anti-discrimination policies, with the social sciences focusing on justifications of NTA, little has been written about how to design viable NTA policies. The design, functioning and implementation of NTA policies in public management have been neglected. There exists, therefore, a gap in academic knowledge with regard to the public management of NTA arrangements for non-territorial ethno-cultural minority groups. This series of five books seeks to remedy this gap.

2017 IN A NUTSHELL

The ECMI team has embarked on a research effort with a number of partners since 2012 to address the role of ethno-cultural minorities in the public management of diverse societies. While the overall aim of the project is to inform the diversity management policy discourse about viable strategies, the specific goal is to fill the knowledge gap in academic research on NTA arrangements. With the research process supported by a network of international and interdisciplinary researchers, the project team examines the challenges to the implementation of existing and emerging models of NTAs.

The results of the research are disseminated through the ECMI publications and a 5-volume series in co-operation with Oxford University Press (OUP). Over the past year, the team worked on contributions for the 3rd volume "Alternative Approaches to Ethno-Cultural Diversity Management: Theorizing New Paradigms of Non-Territorial Autonomy©".

The project also co-operates with the multi-partner co-operation Autonomy Arrangements of the World, run jointly with EURAC Research, Babeş-Bolyai University and Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities.



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FINALIZED EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS



EPP Final Conferences on 15-18 May 2017 in Kyiv, Ukraine

ECMI EASTERN PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME (EPP)

After the three years of extensive field work in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine, the ECMI Eastern Partnership Programme concluded in 2017. The final conferences took place in May in Kyiv and focused on international and national human rights' instruments and their role in combating discrimination and the protection of minorities in the Eastern borderland of the European Union.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The EPP addressed Belarus, Moldova, and Ukraine – three countries that face various challenges and also have numerous achievements in the accommodation and governance of their ethnic and linguistic diversity. The EPP's goal was to enhance governance and to advance state policies on the prevention of ethnic discrimination and on the mainstreaming of national minorities issues, according to European best practices in the target countries. Throughout the last three years, the EPP team has conducted 42 events in the target countries, attended by over 1700 participants. The team established strong networks and partnerships in all three countries, to achieve the project results and cooperate on a long-term basis to promote equality and non-discrimination. The project was supported by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2017 IN A NUTSHELL

After the years of exchanging practices, establishing networks and making contact throughout the region, the project finalized its activities with elaborating and presenting the project results at the Final Conferences on 15-18 May 2017 in Kyiv, Ukraine. The specific results of the project and recommendations focused on wider areas of decision making processes, distribution of resources, strengthening of trust between minorities and majorities, as well as government and civil society, development of relevant tools, and most importantly: knowledge and experience transfer.



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The two Final Conferences once again gathered international and local experts as well as representatives of public authorities to discuss anti-discrimination instruments on international and local levels. In addition to the six keynote speeches delivered by prominent experts, the events featured over 70 presentations and impulse interventions by the experts involved throughout the implementation of the EPP.

- Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy (ECMI Director): “We need to disseminate good practices so that we could learn from each other. Thanks to our engaged stakeholders, team and donors we have achieved this in our programme.”
- Ms. Aksana Filipishyna (Representative of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights for observance of the rights of the child, non-discrimination and gender equality): “This project proves that we have a stable group of human right defenders who are not indifferent to the issue of minority rights”
- Mr. Andriy Yurash (Head of the Department on Religious Affairs and Nationalities, Ministry of Culture of Ukraine): “Every end means the beginning of something new. Without endings we would not be able to draw conclusions. I hope the conclusions drawn from this project will be the basis of new beginnings”

RELEVANT PROJECT UPDATES AT WWW.INFOECMI.EU:

- “For Ukraine it was a very important fact,” Dr. Andriy Yurash (Ministry of Culture of Ukraine) shared his views on the importance of the ECMI Eastern Partnership Programme.
- What are effective international mechanisms and local realities? The second day of the EPP final conferences ends with the main message “minority rights are integral part of human rights”
- The EPP Final Conference, Day 2: The session on international judicial mechanisms and monitoring included presentations on hate speech online with regard to Transcarpathian Roma and Roma in Belarus, and the legal framework and mechanisms for preventing and combating discrimination in the Republic of Moldova.
- Why was the EPP a success? Some of the EPP Final Conference participants shared their views and gave feedback on why EPP was a success.
- Making a Difference in Eastern Neighbourhood: Final EPP Conferences Commence
- The final EPP conference: results of the three-year project to be presented in Kyiv
- Indigenous Peoples and Roma Mediation: The ECMI EPP team is back from Ukraine and their latest activities in Kyiv. The team organized two seminars focusing on indigenous peoples and Roma mediation in the beginning of April.

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Kick off meeting in Tetovo, Macedonia, 6. June 2017

MINORITIES IN WESTERN BALKANS

As a follow-up to *Minorities in the Western Balkans* project of 2016, the ECMI implemented a second round of initiatives in Macedonia and Kosovo. After the successful implementation of the previous modules implemented together with FUEN and GIZ, the project partners once again supported the local stakeholders in four target countries. The project concluded with the final conference showcasing the project results.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Minorities in Western Balkans was a project supported by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and co-financed by the State Chancellery Schleswig-Holstein in 2016 and 2017. The project was jointly implemented in 2016 and 2017 by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Regional Office North (Hamburg) and the GIZ Regional Project on Social Rights for Vulnerable Groups (SoRi) and in cooperation with the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN), and the European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI). The project aimed to introduce the Schleswig-Holstein model to the local actors in the Western Balkans and to increase access of Roma to municipal services. The direct target group of the project are members of the (pro) Roma NGOs and local governments in Serbia, Macedonia, BiH and Kosovo.

Over the last two years the project covered eight municipalities in four countries, with the involvement of local government representatives as well as representatives of over 15 different organizations from six different countries. Over 120 people directly participated in the events. The expressed interest from the Western Balkans, as well as the project results, have shown that despite the political and social differences between the regions, sharing good practices can become an inspiration and can lead to positive changes.



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Minorities in Western Balkan, Skopje - Belgrad - Flensburg 2016

2017 IN A NUTSHELL

During the second year, the initiatives proposed by the local stakeholders were implemented with the supervision of the ECMI and FUEN, and with the support of the GIZ. Some of the main achievements and results of the initiative included: the establishment of the Office for Minority Issues in Bijelina (Bosnia and Herzegovina), the creation of a platform for social dialogue and cooperation in Tetovo (Former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia), trainings in monitoring and implementation of an Action Plan on Integration of Roma and Ashkhali Communities in Ferizaj/ Urosevac and Prizren (Kosovo), publication of a Handbook on Minority Institutions in Schleswig-Holstein and educational info-sheets on selected topics. The results of the project were presented at a final conference in Skopje in February 2018.

In addition to the specific outputs of the project, the initiative was a successful step towards the transfer of knowledge and introducing practices from the Schleswig-Holstein region, as well as establishing a sustainable network of municipalities and Roma NGOs in four target countries in the Western Balkans.

- Ms. Linda Pieper (Representative of the Schleswig-Holstein State Chancellery): "We feel proud that we could be an inspiration and a good example of knowledge transfer"
- Mr. Ljubiša Stanišić (Head of the newly established Office for Minority Issues in Bijelina, BiH): "The City of Bijelina is a step ahead compared to other municipalities in Bosnia and Herzegovina in terms of dealing with minority issues"
- Mr. Dragan Joković (Head of the NGO Otaharin): "This project helped us to look at the issues from outside of the Balkan perspective and be part of greater Europe"
- Mr. Nezir Huseini (Director of the NGO Sonce in Tetovo): "The Platform is a good example of how these minority groups can coexist and communicate together if given a structured space for dialogue and opportunity."

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RELEVANT PROJECT UPDATES AT WWW.INFOECMI.EU:

- What do the Western Balkans and Schleswig-Holstein have in Common? The project Minorities in Western Balkans was concluded with a final conference on 01 February 2018 in Skopje, FYROM.
- "Not For Minorities, But With Them": The ECMI conducted a round of trainings in two municipalities of Kosovo. Focusing on Roma communities and social services, the trainings featured presentations on practices from Schleswig-Holstein.
- The ECMI kicks off new projects in Macedonia and Kosovo: The projects are supported by the Schleswig-Holstein State Chancellery and implemented by the ECMI in collaboration with the GIZ.

EVENTS

ECMI CONFERENCE IN VILLA VIGONI, ITALY

"What's in a Name? Extending the Existing Scope of Protection for National Minorities to Migrant Communities in Europe" is the title of a conference organized by the ECMI and EURAC Research in April in Villa Vigoni, Italy.



ECMI and EURAC Research, Villa Vigoni, Italy, 12./13. April 2017



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Conference in Villa Vigoni, Italy, 12./13. April 2017

The conference was a joint initiative of the ECMI and the Institute for Minority Rights at the European Academy, Bolzano/Bozen within a new interdisciplinary research project focusing on the nexus between traditional minority groups and migrant groups in Europe. The Conference functioned as an exploratory workshop to bring together in an interdisciplinary discussion the conceptual frameworks, methodologies, and general expertise developed over time in the two separate – but related – fields of minority studies and migration studies.

The ECMI was honoured to gather prominent scholars and experts to discuss the topic and contribute to the discourse. Guest speakers included: Prof. Will Kymlicka, Prof. Tariq Modood, Prof. Christian Joppke, Prof. Francesco Palermo, Prof. Rainer Hofmann, Prof. Joseph Marko and other distinguished scholars.

During the first session on “Reassessing the ‘Minority’ concept – towards a more inclusive or more differentiated conceptualisation of ‘old’ and ‘new’ minorities?” chaired by Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy, Prof. Will Kymlicka (Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada) delivered a keynote speech. He highlighted the shift from ‘minority problem’ to ‘minority rights’: “International communities moved to acknowledge that minorities are not problems to be solved, but are rather partners to the state”.

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Prof. Tariq Modood (University of Bristol, UK) talked about the origins and current state of British multiculturalism to elaborate on common claims and diverging rights of minorities and migrants: “In addition to the idea of minorities fitting in, the rest of the country has also some kind of responsibility, a responsibility to adapt.”

“Minority rights are rights to be different. They are not passive rights or rights to be left alone. They are active rights and require third parties to provide resources,” emphasized Prof. Christian Joppke (University of Bern, Switzerland) in his keynote on common but differentiated systems of protection. “Immigration is always a choice. This applies also to refugees who choose to leave for the sake of their lives”, noted Prof. Joppke in his speech.

During the session “Desecuritisising discourse on ‘old’ and ‘new’ minorities in Europe, special focus was put on the ‘hard cases’: separatist movements, Muslim communities in Europe, and refugees and asylum-seekers. Some arguments and discussion points of the interventions included:

- Dr. Andrea Carlà (EURAC Research): “Is there a minority right to be trusted? Is there a right to be trusted as a fundamental component of a society?”
- Prof. Kristin Hernand (Erasmus University Rotterdam): “When looking at minority specific instruments, one can find a lot about language rights. However, there is not much about religion. What does this tell us?”
- Dr. Eva Juarros Dausa (University of Groningen): “The Eurocentric insistence on monoculturalism is the exception, not the rule. Multiculturalism is not dead, monoculturalism is and may never be alive to begin with.”

Are immigrants groups or a legal category? Shall we separate immigrant rights from national minority rights? Are we in a vicious circle of conceptualisation? Who has a choice and who does not: is the protection scheme designed on a concept of choice? These are some of the questions that were raised during the discussions. The conference was funded by the Villa Vigoni German-Italian Centre for European Excellence, an initiative of the German Research Council (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, DFG).

RELEVANT UPDATES ON WWW.INFOECMI.EU:

- What do immigrants need? Not a minority protection mechanism. Prof. Will Kymlicka shared his views on ‘new’ and ‘old’ minorities, extending the scope of minority protection mechanisms, and challenges and weaknesses of integration policies for immigrants in Europe.
- British multiculturalism and what can Europe learn: Prof. Tariq Modood on “middle-aged” minorities, the model of British multiculturalism in relation with integration of migrant and minority communities, and highlighting impacts of the EU and Brexit.



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PUBLIC LECTURE ON LANGUAGE RIGHTS

The 2017 started with a Public Lecture on Language Rights at Kompagnietor. The lecture aimed to discuss minority languages and language rights together with the special guests and focused on the legal status of the Basque language, the Protocol of Donostia 2016 to ensure language rights, and minority languages in education in Europe.

In his lecture Prof. Iñigo Urrutia Libarona (Professor at the University of the Basque Country in Bilbao) analysed the legal recognition of the Basque language in the Spanish and French legal systems and dealt with the new Protocol to ensure the language rights, launched in December 2016 in Donostia. The protocol aimed to become a novel foundation for building a new Europe based on equality between language communities.

Ms. Caroline Westphal (PhD student at the University of Hamburg and the ECMI SuS16 alumna) gave a presentation on education in minority languages and examined two case studies. The first case study concerned Catalan education in Catalonia, Spain, and the second case study elaborates on Sorbian education in Saxony and Brandenburg, Germany. These are two differing examples of sociolinguistic contexts of minority education in Europe.

The event was concluded by a discussion session moderated by the ECMI director Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy.

ECMI DIRECTOR'S INAUGURAL LECTURE

To mark her appointment as an Honorary Professor, on 02 November 2017 Prof. Malloy delivered an inaugural lecture at the Europa-Universität Flensburg. The lecture, entitled "The dynamics of minority-majority relations in Europe: Emerging paradigm shift, or old wine in new bottles?" focused on ethno-cultural groups linked to the formation of the 'nation-state' system in Europe, i.e. national, linguistic and religious minorities.

"While minority-majority relations are usually linked to conflict and protection in academic research, there is emerging evidence that contemporary minority narratives speak to new discourses and thus challenge the paradigm of peaceful co-existence. Through the lens of discursive formation, new discourses may be identified around other notions of stability, such as cohesion and citizenship rather than forceful state control. In so doing, they are perhaps replacing the notions of security and justice by democratizing minority-majority relations through new norm-setting. Alternatively, they may simply be reiterating the previous aims of state control cloaked in new contexts".

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ECMI Side Event at the OSCE Ministerial Council 2017 in Vienna, 8 December 2017

SIDE EVENT AT THE OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

In December 2017, the ECMI team organized a side event at the OSCE Ministerial Council in Vienna. The event aimed to present and promote a number of initiatives discussed in the report of the 2016 project titled "Bridge Building and Integration in Diverse Societies". After a short video introducing the project and some of its results, several initiatives were presented by experts familiar and involved with them. The presentations included examples from across wider Europe: Macedonia (FYROM), Ukraine, Council of National Minorities of Georgia, and Germany. The presentations covered sectors such as political participation, media, and education.

Participants and presentations of the ECMI panel included:

- Introduction by Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy (European Centre for Minority Issues)
- Introduction to the project and moderation by Dr. Zora Popova (European Centre for Minority Issues)
- Presentation of project implementation and cross-border cooperation aspect by Dr. Jens Woelk (University of Trento, Eurac Research Bolzano/Bozen – Institute for Comparative Federalism)
- Presentation of the Council of National Minorities of Georgia under the auspices of the office of the Public Defender by Izabella Osipova (Public Defender's Office of Georgia)
- Presentation of new conception of Ethnonational Policy, Law of Ukraine on Education and Contextual Learning in Schools with Ethnic Languages by Prof. Volodymyr Yevtukh (National Pedagogical Dragomanov University)
- Presentation on managing national minority issues in Schleswig-Holstein by Linda Pieper (State Chancellery of Land Schleswig-Holstein – Division for Foreign Affairs and National Minorities).

A video of the panel was streamed LIVE and is currently available on the ECMI Facebook Page.



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EDUCATION



SUMMER SCHOOL 2017

The ECMI held the seventh annual Summer School on National Minorities and Border Regions (NMBR) between 9 and 16 September 2017. This year the course theme was "German-Georgian Partnership in Action: Building the minority rights toolbox" and was hosted by the Danish Central Library in Flensburg.

2017 was the German-Georgian Friendship Year, recognising and celebrating the close political, economic, and cultural ties that the two countries enjoy. The history of exchange and interaction between Georgia and Germany extends as far back as the history of the German minority in Georgia, when Swabian farmers settled there two centuries ago. As part of the friendship year, the ECMI brought together academics, experts and practitioners from both Germany and Georgia in the German-Danish border region for the Seventh ECMI Summer School. With the financial support of the Schleswig-Holstein State Government, the ECMI was able to offer scholarships to 10 participants from Georgia to attend the course.

The intensive week was formally opened by prof. Tove Malloy and keynote speeches by Mr. Johannes Callsen (Commissioner of the Minister President for Minority Affairs and Low German in Schleswig-Holstein) and Zurab Khamashuridze (1st Minister Counselor at the

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Embassy of Georgia to Germany). The programme was divided into five parts: an introduction, thematic lectures (education, languages, participation and cross-border cooperation), the cases of both the Danish-German border region and Georgia, and a workshop. This year's participants were from 9 different countries covering Asia, Europe and North America.

The participants had the opportunity to visit the premises of the Schleswig-Holstein Landtag and State Chancellery, as well as to meet representatives to discuss the minority issues and protection mechanisms in the region. The programme concluded with a diploma ceremony hosted by the Mayor of the City Flensburg, Ms. Simone Lange, at the Flensburg City Hall.

RELEVANT UPDATES ON WWW.INFOECMI.EU:

- CfA: The ECMI calls for applications for the seventh annual summer school. 2017 theme: "German-Georgian Partnership in Action: Building the minority rights toolbox".
- Attention Georgians: With the financial support of the Schleswig-Holstein State Government, the ECMI is offering scholarships to 10 participants from Georgia for the ECMI Summer School 2017.
- Georgian Embassy and Schleswig-Holstein Government at the ECMI Summer School 2017: The 1st Minister Counselor at the Embassy of Georgia to Germany and the Commissioner of the Minister President for Minority Affairs and Low German in Schleswig-Holstein will open the ECMI Summer School 2017.
- #ECMISu17 Participants selected: The ECMI Summer School 2017 preparations advance! Applicants for the ECMI Summer School 2017 are now selected and we are looking forward to hosting 20 international participants in Flensburg.
- Schleswig-Holstein, Germany and Georgia under one scope: updates from the ECMISu17.

MINORITY REGIME SEMINAR

Traditionally, the ECMI has taught the third semester students at the European Studies MA programme of the Europa-Universität Flensburg.

The European Minority Rights and Minority Protection Regime is the title of the ECMI seminar taught jointly by the ECMI team. The Seminar addresses aspects of minority history and politics as well as social and cultural issues and emerging new challenges to minority protection.

Last semester, the course included lectures on selected topics within wider areas of History, International Law and Relations, Concepts and Theories, and Politics and Policy. Throughout the semester, the students were introduced to various issues within the wider topic of the Minority Protection Regime in Europe. Spanning everything from the history of minority rights, to exploring basic principles of international law in relation to minority protection, as well as politics and theories, the students were familiarized with specific issues such as nationalism, conflict, empowerment, Europeanization, education, the role of media, and right-wing populism. The last lecture of the seminar focused on the impact of environmental degradation on minority rights.



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ECMI LECTURE SERIES 2017

During the past winter semester starting from September, the ECMI organized a series of Public Lectures for 2017, in addition to its annual semester course on European Minority Rights and Minority Protection Regime. The lectures were open not only to the students, but also other faculty members at the University and wider audiences in Flensburg. Throughout this semester there were four such lectures organized:

- The first Public Lecture of the semester was dedicated to the case of Kosovo. The Executive Director of the ECMI Kosovo Mr. Adrian Zeqiri spoke about Kosovo's reconciliation framework, and an overview of the constitutional, legal and institutional measures that protect and promote the rights of minority communities in Kosovo.
- The second lecture, delivered by Dr. Reetta Toivanen from the University of Helsinki, focused on intersectionality. Her lecture "Multiple Minority-ness: on the Legal Protection of Being the Several 'Others'" addressed the legitimacy and consequences of accepting the current typology when highlighting the issues pertaining to multiple discrimination.
- The third lecture was delivered by Dr. Eben Friedman (Roma Expert and ECMI Non-Resident Researcher), covering policies towards Roma in Europe. The lecture provided a broad introduction to Roma in Europe as an object of policy, examining major international initiatives targeting Roma in post-Communist Europe.
- The last Public Lecture of the semester was delivered by a guest speaker from the Arctic University in Tromsø, Dr. Jukka Nyssönen. Dr. Nyssönen spoke about policies towards the Sámi in Nordic countries. Building on the film «Firekeepers» as a starting-point, the lecture discussed perceptions of the Sámi and the practical policies that resulted from different racial categorizations with which the Sámi have been labelled.



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ECMI IN THE DANISH-GERMAN BORDER REGION

PROF. MALLOY BRIEFED THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF LAND SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN ON CURRENT MINORITY ISSUES

In February 2017, the ECMI Director Prof. Dr. Malloy spoke at the 65th meeting of the Committee on European Affairs of the Land Schleswig-Holstein in Kiel.



The Committee on Federal and European Affairs, for Cooperation in the Baltic and Northern Seas and for Minorities (known as the Committee on European Affairs) held its 65th meeting in Kiel in February 2017, where Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy was invited to speak about the current state of the minority protection regime in Europe and the work of the ECMI. Prof. Malloy briefly presented the ECMI's work over past 20 years, including activities and research undertaken at the headquarters in Flensburg as well as in a number of regions throughout Europe and its surroundings. In the second part of her presentation she spoke about the challenges that governments and national minorities face in our current political climate: "If this meeting had taken place in February 2014, I would have been far more optimistic about minority protection. I would have argued that Europe had finally transformed minority governance management from being a conflict paradigm to being a diversity paradigm... This optimistic vision unfortunately shattered in March 2014 when Russia annexed Crimea and began the purge of Crimean Tatars that is still going on..."

She highlighted two aspects of serious concern in almost all European countries today with regard to national minorities: the rise of right-wing populism in politics and in the public debate, and the lack of protection of Roma and Sinti across Europe.

In the last part of her speech Prof. Malloy spoke about current ECMI projects and the role of the ECMI in transferring good practices from Schleswig-Holstein to other regions. Ms. Sonja Wolf, Research Assistant at the ECMI, also gave a presentation on findings of the recently finalized ECMI project; Bridge Building and Integration in Diverse Societies.



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During the question and answer session after the presentations, the members of the Committee expressed their interest in specific ECMI projects and in featuring ECMI activities in the next Committee meeting. The Committee members thanked the ECMI and the FUEN for their work in promoting minority rights and the Danish-German border region model across the Europe and beyond.

SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN AS A ROLE MODEL ON MINORITY PROTECTION WITHIN EUROPE

“Schleswig-Holstein is a leader in Europe’s minority policy and a respected model,” concluded the Parliament of the Land Schleswig-Holstein after the minority report was published and presented in March 2017.

The minority report provided information on the minorities and their work in the German-Danish borderland as well as about the ethnic groups of the Frisians and the German Sinti and Roma living in the region. Commissioned by the Landtag, the Schleswig-Holstein Government has submitted the report every legislative period since 1986. The developments in minority politics in the region during the 18th legislative period (2012-2017) is presented in the current report. “For us it is normal that minorities are not considered a burden for a society, but rather that they enrich our societies” – emphasized Minister-President of Schleswig-Holstein Mr. Torsten Albig in his speech at the Landtag.

The ECMI has contributed towards introducing the Schleswig-Holstein model on minority policies to various regions of Europe. The project on Minorities in the Western Balkans was a good example of how we foster knowledge transfer from the region. As highlighted by the ECMI Director Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy, “The model applied for the protection of national minorities in the German-Danish border region is very valuable and important for the rest of Europe. Many minorities look to this region for ideas and support”.

LANGUAGE(S) AND NATIONAL IDENTITY: THE 8TH ECMI MINORITY ROUNDTABLE

In May 2017, the ECMI organized the 8th Minority Roundtable in the Danish-German border region. On this occasion, the topic of discussion were language(s) and national identity.

What does it mean to be a ‘true’ German or a ‘true’ Dane? Does one have to be born in the country of citizenship? Does one have to speak the national language? Can one associate two languages with one national identity? Is there a hierarchy between national and minority languages? What does ‘we’ mean? Must ‘we’ share the same customs and traditions? Is mastering the national language necessary for belonging? When is one a member of a national ‘group’? These were some of the questions asked at the ECMI’s 8th Minority Roundtable on 8th May 2017. The Minority Roundtable focused on language and identity in a broad sense, with the two concepts and their connection recently becoming topics of discussion in the Danish-German border region.

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Regional Roundtable 2017: “Language(s) and National Identity”, 8. May 2017. ECMI, Kompagnietor Flensburg.

Representatives of the national minorities and members of academia in the border region, joined the ECMI for a discussion of how to understand this debate and its many aspects. The Roundtable featured two short debate introductions delivered by Prof. Dr. Nils Langer and Prof. Dr. Elin Fredsted from Europa-Universität Flensburg. The discussions were moderated by the ECMI Chairman Dr. Jørgen Kühl.

ROTARY CLUBS IN FLENSBURG: THE ECMI ENGAGES WITH LOCAL GROUPS

The local Rotary Clubs in Flensburg learnt about the work of the ECMI. As part of the local outreach, Ms. Tamari Bulia presented on the ECMI aims and current projects.

Flensburg, the northern most city in Germany and seat of the ECMI, is also home to three Rotary Clubs and several service clubs. During this week, Rotary Club Flensburg and Rotary Club Flensburger Förde invited the ECMI to their gatherings to present our work, aims and current projects.

What happens at the Kompagnietor? What are the ECMI aims and activities? What role do we play in promoting the Danish-German border region and Schleswig-Holstein? How do we encourage knowledge transfer and bridge building among different groups in Europe? These were some of the questions which were answered in the presentations for the Rotary Clubs. The club members were happy to get to know the ECMI more closely and expressed their interest in hearing from us and about us more often. “I often pass by your building. Now I know what’s going on inside. You are doing very important work nowadays with increasing nationalism and populism in Europe.” – shared Mr. Ansgar Hüning from the Rotary Club Flensburger Förde after the presentation of Ms. Bulia.



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Frank-Walter Steinmeier meeting DialogForumNorden in Flensborghus. © Staatskanzlei

PRESIDENT MR. FRANK-WALTER STEINMEIER MET MINORITY REPRESENTATIVES IN FLENSBURG

In October 2017 the German Federal President Mr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier visited Flensburg and among others, met representatives of minority groups and minority organizations.

During his visit in Schleswig-Holstein, German Federal President Mr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier conducted a meeting with the representatives of minority organizations and minority groups in Flensburg. The meeting was held in Flensborghus and was hosted by DialogForumNorden. The ECMI Director Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy took part in the meeting and presented recent activities of the ECMI. She spoke about the findings of the research project on "Bridge Building and Integration in Diverse Societies" and highlighted the importance of "minority protection as an integral part of democracy". She also mentioned work of the ECMI in Ukraine and recent developments in the region.

Importance of minority politics was the primary focus of speech of the Ministerpresident of the Land Schleswig-Holstein Mr. Daniel Günther. "The sad events in Spain clearly show the importance of good minority politics in a state", mentioned Mr. Günther, "Once again, it became clear that respect and trust are essential. Schleswig-Holstein is an example in this regard for many regions in Europe and worldwide. The majority and minorities live together in peaceful coexistence. Moreover, we are proud of our cultural diversity"

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ECMI STUDENT WAS AWARDED A ROSSEN PRIZE BY IHK SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN

How has the refugee crisis impacted the development of radical right-wing political parties in Germany and Austria? To explore this topic the ECMI student Juliane von Daak wrote her prize-winning MA thesis.

Juliane was a student of the ECMI seminar on Minority Protection Regime during her third semester, and wrote her master's thesis under the supervision of ECMI Senior Research Associate Dr. Raul Carstocea. "At the ECMI seminar I was able to learn generally about human rights and minority rights, but also took advantage of the discussions to exchange ideas and develop critical thinking", said Juliane. After her defence, Juliane's thesis work on the impact of the refugee crisis on the political rhetoric and policy in EU member states received the prestigious Dr. Hans Adolf Rossen prize for young scientists. The Dr. Hans Adolf Rossen prize is an annual prize awarded by the Schleswig-Holstein Chamber of Commerce and the Europa-Universität Flensburg to outstanding work done by young scientists in the region.



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REGIONAL EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Throughout the past year the ECMI engaged with local actors at different events and gathering. Some of them included:

- ECMI Head of Secretariat Ms. Maj-Britt Risbjerg Hansen regularly participated at the Language and Culture Steering Committee Meetings (Styregruppemøde Sprog & Kultur) in Padborg, Denmark
- ECMI Director Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy regularly took part at the DialogForumNorden gatherings
- ECMI Junior Research Associate Sonja Wolf participated at the annual event of the Border Region Association (ADS Grenzfriedensbund), organized at the Alision in Sonderborg
- ECMI Junior Research Associate Sonja Wolf took part in the North Frisian Conference, taking place in Amrum
- ECMI Senior Research Associate Dr. Anita McKinna and Communications and Outreach Tamari Bulia presented at the FUEN Workshop on Minorities in Caucasus, taking place at the Academy of Sankelmark.



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ECMI KOSOVO

The ECMI Kosovo is the principal non-government organization (NGO) engaged with the protection and promotion of the rights and interests of all minority communities in Kosovo. With the overarching goal to contribute to developing an inclusive, democratic and stable multi-ethnic society in Kosovo, the office has been active since 2004.

EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL COALITION (ERAC)

ECMI Kosovo continued during 2017 expanding its activities and providing direct support to minority communities, women, youth and LGBT community through its four (4) years project Equal Rights for All Coalition (ERAC) funded by the EU and managed by the European Union in Kosovo. Some of the activities within the project over the past year included: the continuous contribution of ECMI Kosovo (leader of the Coalition) through workshops and trainings to increase the capacities of seventeen (17) paralegals to provide legal and technical support to VMGs; support and raising issues that affected more than 3,000 people; publication of research policy papers with concrete recommendations to government institutions and assistance to human rights structures on the implementation of these recommendations; study visit in Belgrade with the CSOs that work for the promotion and protection of the rights of the target groups to exchange experience and discuss challenges CSOs face; development of promotional campaigns and materials to raise awareness of the role of civil society in democracy and human rights has brought significant advances to enhance the human rights respect in Kosovo.

SUPPORT TO EDUCATION IN THE SERBIAN LANGUAGE

In the course of the diploma verification mechanism established within ECMI Kosovo project Support to Education in the Serbian Language, funded by the EU and managed by the European Union in Kosovo, the Kosovo Government has stipulated a Commission that to date received 1167 applications, of which 690 were approved, 440 are currently being reviewed and 34 diplomas were denied due to not falling under the mandate of the Commission. Taking into account the fact that the process of diploma recognition has been unresolved for the past seventeen (17) years, these developments represent a success story in Kosovo.



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ECMI Kosovo facilitates the verification process both as part of their mandate as the mediating party between the Commission and University of Mitrovica North (UMN), and also by providing technical support to the work of the Commission for the Verification of degrees. In a next step, the ECMI has started to assess the impact of the project, and found that some 30% of the verified diplomas have enabled their tenders to find a job within Kosovo institutions following the implementation of the Brussels agreement on justice. Furthermore, a comprehensive and independent research seeking to fully understand the situation of education in Serbian language in Kosovo has been conducted to assist the MEST in developing a detailed policy on advancement of Serbian-language education in the framework of the Kosovo education system. During September 2017, ECMI Kosovo and Flensburg organized a study visit with UMN representatives to the University of Flensburg and to the wider education facilities in the German Danish border region.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE ACQUISITION FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS IN KOSOVO

Through the project Official Language Acquisition for Municipal Officials in Kosovo, ECMI Kosovo managed to reach agreements with seven (7) municipalities and organized six (6) Albanian and six (6) Serbian language courses for municipal officials. In addition, ECMI Kosovo started the implementation of the project Developing Teaching Materials to Assist Official Language Acquisition by Municipal Officials in Kosovo which foresees new textbooks, along with the associated workbooks, as well as new teachers' manuals to be developed for both Albanian and Serbian language courses. Textbook materials will be tailored for the needs of municipal administration officials working in Kosovo. This way, the teaching methodology and materials will be overhauled for both Albanian and Serbian language courses produced for municipal officials working in mixed ethnicity municipalities, thereby enabling them to provide services in both official languages. Both projects are funded by OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities.

SCALING UP THE RESULTS IN ENHANCING ACCESS TO AND RETENTION IN EDUCATION FOR VULNERABLE AND DISADVANTAGES CHILDREN

The third phase of the project Scaling up the Results in Enhancing Access to and Retention in Education for Vulnerable and Disadvantages Children funded by UNICEF, coordinated and harmonized with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST), have been very successful with regard to the early identification of children at risk of dropping out and responding in real time to situations where abandoned children were identified by supporting and empowering school and municipal officials trained to find sustainable solutions to identified cases. Furthermore, the activities of the project have provided continuous support to the thirty (30) municipalities covered for the technical and substantial use of the Early Warning System module. ECMI Kosovo have trained and supported school and municipal officials, with the support of MEST aiming to address the issue of out-of-school children.



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ECMI GEORGIA

The ECMI International division has been present in Georgia through its office in Tbilisi covering the South Caucasus region between 2004 and 2015. Throughout the years, the ECMI has focused its activities and programmes in the niches of Minority-Majority Relations, Dialogue and Consultation, Capacity Building and Policy Formation, Governmental and Institutional Support and Research and Documentation. In 2017 the ECMI made first steps towards launching its activities in Georgia with new representation, new initiatives, and a new format.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION IN TBILISI

To celebrate the launch and to mark the German-Georgian partnership year, the ECMI organized a public event in December 2017. With the title "Georgia on a Path towards European Integration: Challenges and Perspectives" the Roundtable Discussion took place at the EU and NATO Information Center in Tbilisi. The Roundtable discussion gathered over 45 public officials, representatives of minority organisations, embassies, NGOs and international organizations to discuss current pressing issues in Georgia and the future perspective, highlighting the role of national minorities and ethnic diversity.

The event was organized within the frameworks of the German-Georgian Friendship Year, and was formally opened by the Ambassador of Germany in Georgia Dr. Heike Peitsch. Furthermore, Mr. Lasha Darsania, Deputy Minister of Reconciliation and Civic Integration of Georgia, addressed the participants with a keynote speech and highlighted that although protection of minorities is a key element of the non-discrimination measures implemented in Georgia, there is a need to discuss with civil society the areas that need improvement and measures that need to be taken. The event kicked-off with four informative interventions on current minority relevant issues in Georgia by Nino Gogoladze, representing the Office of the OSCE HCNM in Georgia, Dorota Dlouchy-Suliga, representing the EU Delegation in Georgia, Levan Khakhishvili, representing the Georgian Institute of Politics, and Isabella Osipova, representing the Office of Public Defender of Georgia. The four presentations outlined current pressing issues within Georgia in relation with minority protection, including; political participation on national minorities, access to education and media, and ratification of a European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages by Georgia.

The participants engaged in discussions with the invited presenters and the ECMI team and expressed their interest in further cooperation with the ECMI Georgia.

ROMA IN GEORGIA: ECMI WAS ENGAGED IN THE CAHROM THEMATIC VISIT

The Council of Europe Ad hoc Committee of Experts on Roma and Travellers Issues (CAHROM) held its thematic visit in Georgia in June 2017. The ECMI team was part of the visit and shared the ECMI expertise on Roma issues during the CAHROM meetings and with the local stakeholders and media representatives in Tbilisi.

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ECMI Roundtable in Georgia

To celebrate the re-launch of the ECMI in Georgia and to mark the German-Georgian partnership year, the ECMI organized a public event on December 5th, 2017. With the title "Georgia on a Path towards European Integration: Challenges and Perspectives" the Roundtable Discussion took place at the EU and NATO Information Center in Tbilisi.

Welcome notes: Ambassador of Germany in Georgia Dr. Heike Peitsch.
Keynote: Deputy Minister of Reconciliation and Civic Equality in Georgia Mr. Lasha Darsalia.
Moderation: ECMI Director Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy.

The thematic visit covered various aspects of issues related to the Roma in the region: the general situation and challenges such as information on self-identification, census results, estimates, research results, and state policies towards members of these communities in Georgia and partner countries. The presentations also touched upon specific issues such as access to education, healthcare, youth at risk, Romani culture, and participation. Presentations and interventions were delivered by the representatives of different public or non-governmental organisations, among them the former ECMI Georgia team.

"Most strategies and plans on Roma focus on four main pillars: housing, education, health and employment", noted Dr. Zora Popova, ECMI Senior Research Associate and the representative of the ECMI at CAHROM. "However, it is important to highlight that successful integration cannot occur without awareness raising, empowerment and participation". Regarding the case of Georgia, Dr. Popova stated that the "smaller size of a community does not mean less responsibility of the state."

Following the CAHROM event in Tbilisi, Ms Tamari Bulia, the ECMI Communications and Outreach Coordinator, was invited to the talk show "Our Georgia" on the Georgian Public Broadcaster. She shared some of the ECMI's experience in working on and with Roma and also spoke about minorities in Germany and the Danish-German border region. The ECMI's experience in Georgia and the Balkans, as well as common problems that these two regions have in terms of Roma rights, were the main focus of the discussion between Ms. Bulia and the talk show hosts Mr. Koba Chopliani (Office of the Public Defender of Georgia) and Mr. Gia Gugushvili (Journalist). "In spite of differences in the numbers, exploring the case of Georgia has revealed to us many commonalities to the other cases that we've seen in the Western Balkans.



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For example, in addition to the lack of awareness within the Roma communities on their rights, there is also a considerable lack of awareness on Roma communities themselves: relevant data, research, and mapping”, shared Ms. Bulia. “Also, there is a lack of coordination among governmental institutions on this topic”.

ECMI STRENGTHENED COOPERATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA IN TBILISI

In 2017, the ECMI strengthened cooperation with the University of Georgia in Tbilisi (UG). The ECMI and the UG count over 7 years of established cooperation to date. Last year, both sides expressed a wish to strengthen the collaboration and work together on a number of research and teaching initiatives. “The ECMI has already established a good name in Georgia when it comes to minority rights and ethnic issues. We are happy to support them in upcoming initiatives,” said Mr. Topuria (Rector of the University of Georgia).

- In June 2017, the ECMI donated the complete series of the European Yearbook on Minority Issues to the newly established Library of the Centre for the Studies of Ethnicity and Multiculturalism (CSEM) in Tbilisi. The library is initiated by Prof. Giorgi Sordia (Director of CSEM). The Library of the CSEM was opened on 12th of June 2017 in cooperation of the University of Georgia (UG).
- In December 2017, the ECMI team gave a public lecture at the UG. The public lecture included three presentations by the ECMI Senior Researchers on selected topics and a discussion session:
 - “Who are minorities in Europe? Discussing legal status of minorities in Europe”, by Dr. Zora Popova
 - “Democracy in multi-ethnic societies: mechanisms for participation of national minorities in public affairs” by Dr. Ljubica Djordjevic
 - “Inter-community dialogue in post-conflict societies” by Dr. Anita McKinna
- Starting from last December, the UG has hosted the ECMI Corner: a space for students to get introduced to minority issues. The Corner has a small number of essential literature on minority issues and ethnic studies and is equipped with a desk, computer and the ECMI information material and textbooks. The ECMI Corner was opened at the library to mark the cooperation between the ECMI and the UG and the ECMI and the CSEM.

The University is particularly interested in renewing cooperation with the ECMI in terms of internship opportunities, summer school and other teaching initiatives. Further activities of the ECMI in Georgia will be supported by the UG and the CSEM starting from 2018.

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WHAT ARE MINORITY RIGHTS?

THE ECMI ANSWERS IN 24 LANGUAGES!

What are minority rights? To answer this frequently asked question, the ECMI released a cartoon for the wider public, now available in 24 different languages.

The cartoon on minority rights was released in late 2016, available in English. The ECMI is pleased to share that thanks to our volunteers who made the translation possible, the cartoon is now available in Russian and Bulgarian, as well as with subtitles in 21 additional languages!

The languages include:

Albanian (subtitles)	Lithuanian (subtitles)
Bulgarian (voiceover)	Polish (subtitles)
Czech (subtitles)	Romanian (subtitles)
Danish (subtitles)	Russian (voiceover)
Dutch (subtitles)	Serbian (subtitles)
French (subtitles)	Slovak (subtitles)
Georgian (subtitles)	Slovenian (subtitles)
German (subtitles)	Spanish (subtitles)
Greek (subtitles)	Swedish (subtitles)
Hungarian (subtitles)	Turkish (subtitles)
Italian (subtitles)	Ukrainian (subtitles)
Japanese (subtitles)	



<http://www.ecmi.de/home/what-are-minority-rights/>

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). The cartoon was produced by the ECMI in cooperation with the Coppieters Foundation.

The awareness-raising educational cartoon “What are the minority rights?” 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.



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AT KOMPAGNIETOR

Working on the European level, and primarily concerned with policy relevant research and analysis, the ECMI is renowned for its unique expertise among its target audiences in academia and other relevant stakeholders. The ECMI, the leading institution on minority rights, focuses its work on geographical Europe, while introducing the example of the Danish-German border region and the model of Schleswig-Holstein on minority-majority relations and where possible, ensuring knowledge transfer between regions.

Over the past 20 years, our international team at the Kompagnietor has managed research and put into action projects in 15 different countries (with offices in eight of them at different times). Since the ECMI's establishment, the headquarters has hosted 231 interns and 27 visiting researchers from 55 different countries all over the world. Locally, the ECMI is engaged with providing information about minority issues to interest groups and visitors. Building bridges and establishing networks being some of its key goals, over the years the ECMI has hosted high-ranked delegations from different parts of world. During each visit, delegation members visit the ECMI at Kompagnietor to hear about our work and thematic topics of interest, and also, to visit relevant stakeholders in the Danish-German border region. In 2017, the ECMI organized and hosted two such visits.

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Ukrainian Delegation (TAEIEX) in Flensburg, September 2017

BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN EAST AND WEST: THE ECMI HOSTS A DELEGATION FROM UKRAINE

In September 2017, the ECMI organized a study visit on Best Practices in Supporting Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Needs of Ethnic Groups in cooperation with the TAEIEX Programme of the European Commission. With the aim of transferring knowledge and sharing experiences between Germany and Ukraine, a delegation of six officials from the Ministries of Culture, Education and Science and Foreign Affairs, along with an official from the President's Office of Ukraine, visited Berlin, Kiel, and Flensburg.

In Berlin, the delegation met the representatives of the Minority Secretariat and Mr. Hartmut Koschyk, Federal Commissioner for German Expellees and National Minorities. In Kiel, the meetings and discussions were organized with representatives of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture of Schleswig Holstein, as well as Mr. Johannes Callsen, Commissioner for National Minorities.

As one of the primary objectives of the visit was to learn from stakeholders about their experience and the impact of the implemented provisions in Schleswig-Holstein, the delegation met with representatives of local minority groups in the Danish-German border region and exchanged ideas on possible approaches and measures to integrate minority communities in decision-making processes on local and regional levels.

The ECMI Director Prof. Tove Malloy welcomed the guests at the Kompagnietor and talked about the legal instruments guiding the German and Danish approaches to minority protection, focusing on the Bonn Copenhagen Declaration.



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BUILDING BRIDGES IN HIGHER EDUCATION: HOSTING A STUDY VISIT OF THE UNIVERSITY IN MITROVICA-NORTH

In September 2017, a delegation from the University in Mitrovica-North, headed by the Vice-Rector of the University, visited Flensburg and conducted a study visit at local universities with the support of the ECMI and the ECMI Kosovo.

The study visit was organized in the framework of a larger scale project on support to education in the Serbian language in Kosovo. 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. The project is funded by the EU and is co-financed by the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Pristina.

The study visit aimed to present participants with best examples and new methods for the organization of training programmes for teaching staff and digital administration of teaching assignments. The visit focused on the administrative organization of the courses, continuous learning, and quality management systems in German public universities. Therefore, the delegation members met with the Centre of Teacher Training (ZfL), the Centre for Education, Teaching, School and Socialization Research (ZeBUSS), the Centre for Continuous Studies (ZWW) and the Department of Quality Management at the Europa-Universität Flensburg.

The delegation also visited the University of Southern Denmark at Alsion and learned about the dual degree programmes between the two Universities in the Danish-German Border region. They discussed how the dual degree programmes function, as well as how the cross-border cooperation was envisioned and how it has subsequently been managed. In addition, the delegation also learned about the current management of ethnic diversity and the history of the region and visited the ECMI Headquarters at the Kompagnietor.

VISITING GROUPS

In 2017, the ECMI team also welcomed the following groups at the Kompagnietor:

- A group of researchers from the Department "German as a second language" at the European University of Flensburg
- Travel and Culture Club of the VHS
- Cross Culture Studies' students and teachers from the SDU Odense
- Students from the Hochschule Flensburg
- A parliamentary group from South Tyrol.

INTERNAL GUEST LECTURES

In 2017, the following lecturers visited the ECMI and gave presentations to our team:

- Prof. Alan Anderson from the University of Saskatchewan, Canada gave a lecture about defining ethnic minorities and minority rights in Europe and spoke about implications of the 'New Migration'
- Prof. Robert Wintemute from King's College, London gave a lecture about the rights of the sexual minorities

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THE 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?
ECMI Director Prof. Dr. Tove H. Malloy	Technical Assistance and Information Exchange instrument of the European Commission (TAIEX) Workshop	Belgrade, Serbia
ECMI Senior Research Associate Dr. Zora Popova	Technical Assistance and Information Exchange instrument of the European Commission (TAIEX) Workshop	Pristina, Kosovo
ECMI Director Prof. Dr. Tove H. Malloy	Cornwall Language Festival (Keynote speech)	Penzance, UK
ECMI Senior Research Associate Dr. Zora Popova	Conference on "Access to Justice for Roma People"	Bucharest, Romania
ECMI Senior Research Associate Dr. Zora Popova	Roundtable discussion on non-discrimination at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria	Sofia, Bulgaria
ECMI Director Prof. Dr. Tove H. Malloy	Opening conference of the Centre for East European and International Studies (ZOIS)	Berlin, Germany
ECMI Communications and Outreach Coordinator Tamari Bulia	Anna-Lindh Foundation Seminar on Hate Speech Online	Gothenburg, Sweden
ECMI Senior Research Associate Dr. Zora Popova	The Council of Europe Ad hoc Committee of Experts on Roma and Travellers Issues (CAHROM) meetings	Kyiv, Ukraine
ECMI Director Prof. Dr. Tove H. Malloy	Keynote Lecture at Raoul Wallenberg Institute	Lund, Sweden
ECMI Research Assistant Viktoria Martovskaya and Project Assistant Mariana Jimsheladze	Conference on "Populism and threat to democracy" at Loccum Academy	Loccum, Germany
ECMI Project Assistant Polina Sulima	Anna Lindh Seminar on Combating Hate Speech	Chemnitz, Germany
ECMI Research Assistant Viktoria Martovskaya	Anna Lindh Foundation Forum	Helsinki, Finland
ECMI Senior Research Associate Dr. Zora Popova	Lecturing at the Coppieters Academy	Brussels, Belgium
ECMI Communications and Outreach Tamari Bulia and Senior Research Associate Dr. Sergiusz Bober	Annual networking meeting and presentations at the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg	Hamburg, Germany
ECMI Director Prof. Dr. Tove H. Malloy	HCNM workshop on new guidelines on media in the digital age at the University of Amsterdam	Amsterdam, Netherlands
ECMI Project Assistant Mariana Jimsheladze	Networking meeting on "Which Possibilities of Action do we have in the Times of Populism?"	Hofgeismar, Germany
ECMI Director Prof. Dr. Tove H. Malloy	HCNM Recommendations on Access to Justice and National Minorities	Graz, Austria
ECMI Project Assistant Sonja Wolf	Conference "Engaging the Contemporary"	Malta



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ECMI IN THE MEDIA

During 2017, nearly 40 media pieces were published in various media outlets mentioning the ECMI or talking about specific projects and events of the ECMI. The following media outlets have published about the work of the ECMI in their print and online issues:

Flensburger Tageblatt
 Flensburg Avis
 Der Nordschleswiger

ECMI 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 2017:

- Over 60 updates have been published on the ECMI InfoChannel (www.infoecmi.eu), featuring news on ECMI publications, upcoming or past events, project developments and initiatives.
- 23,928 unique users have visited the ECMI web-site for a total number of 175,235 web-sessions (www.ecmi.de)
- We have sent out 3 newsletters to our networks, partners and voluntary subscribers
 - To subscribe to the ECMI Newsletter, go to www.infoecmi.eu or www.ecmi.eu
- Social media engagement numbers have risen with a current status of:
 - 895 Twitter followers (@ECMIFlensburg)
 - 6,117 Facebook Followers (/ECMIFlensburg)
- We have regularly updated photo galleries on the ECMI Flickr account and videos on the ECMI YouTube Account. Our photo galleries capture most interesting parts of the ECMI events and activities.
- ECMI former colleagues, interns and affiliates are proud members of the ECMI LinkedIn Network, where we regularly share updates about different opportunities to join the ECMI team to 715 direct followers
- 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 and saved on Facebook. These events can be found under ECMI Videos on Facebook:
 - Keynote Lectures by at the Eastern Partnership Programme Final Conferences in Kyiv
 - ECMI Side Event at the OSCE Ministerial Council in Vienna

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WHAT WERE THE MOST ENGAGING SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS IN 2017?

- Facebook: Our post about a new teaching cooperation network reached 4,560 users
- Twitter: 6,077 users saw our tweet about the ECMI Panel at the OSCE Ministerial Council

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As an Associate Partner of the new Master in Central & East European, Russian and Eurasian Studies Program, the ECMI is expanding its networks and cooperation with educational institutions across Europe. Other partners onboard include: University of Glasgow, University of Tartu, Corvinus University of Budapest, Iliia State University, Jagiellonian University, КИМЕР, Національний університет "Києво-Могилянська академія", N. I. Lobachevsky State University of Nizhny Novgorod.

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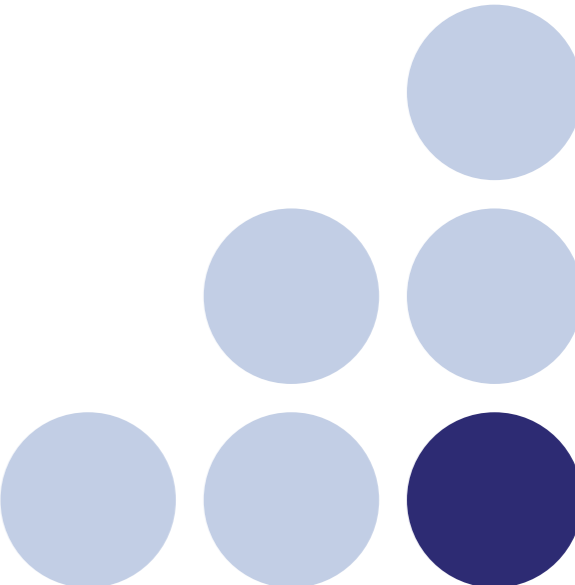
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ECMI panel at @AUT_OSCE Ministerial Council in Vienna: @EuracMinorities, @Land_SH #Ukraine, #Georgia represented.

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Side Event

“DYNAMICS OF INTEGRATION IN THE OSCE AREA: NATIONAL MINORITIES AND BRIDGE BUILDING”

Do national minorities contribute to bridge building in international relations? If so, how, and what are some good examples of such cases across the OSCE area? These are the key questions of the report published in January 2017. The report was published in support of the 2016 German OSCE Chairmanship’s focus on “the situation of national minorities in times of crisis, their positive contribution to social integration and their potential to build bridges in international relations”.



Journal on Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe

JOURNAL ON ETHNOPOLITICS AND MINORITY ISSUES IN EUROPE (JEMIE)

- Volume 16 / Issue 1, General Issue
 - Power-sharing Options in Complex Societies – Possible Lessons from South Tyrol for Young Democracies on Ways to Protect Ethnic Minorities at a Regional Level (Bertus de Villiers)
 - Chasing “Statistical Roma”: Ethnic Data Collection in Czech Primary Schools (Ondřej Klípa)
 - Metropolitan and Post-national Urbanity Beyond (Pluri)nation(al)-states in the EU: Benchmarking Scotland, Catalonia and the Basque Country (Igor Calzada)
 - European Minorities Win a Battle in Luxembourg – The Judgment of the General Court in the Case Minority SafePack European Citizens’ Initiative (Balázs Tárnok)
 - Book Review: Romaphobia. The Last Acceptable Form of Racism, by Aydan McGarry (Silvia Cittadini)

PUBLICATIONS

- Volume 16 / Issue 2, Special Issue on Minority Rights and the New Migration
 - Introduction (Alan B. Anderson)
 - ‘Ethnic Democracy’ and Authoritarian Legacies in Italy’s and Australia’s Contemporary Policies towards ‘Boat People’ (Riccardo Armillei and Fethi Mansouri)
 - Navigating Two Languages - Immigrant Integration Policies in Bilingual Finland (Nina Carlsson)
 - Can Migration Jeopardize Basic Human Rights?: The Situation of the Roma Minority in Macedonia (Marina Andeva)
 - Media Discourse and the Question of (New) Minority Definitions: Three Methodological Approaches (Caitlin Boulter)
 - Commentary: The ‘Migrant Crisis’ and Ethnic Minority Integration in Europe (Alan B. Anderson)
 - Conclusion (Tamara Hoch)
- Volume 16 / Issue 3, General Issue
 - Language Policy in Education in Contemporary Ukraine: A Continuous Discussion of Contested National Identity (Ksenia Maksimovtsova)
 - Power-sharing or Ethnic Domination? Ethnic Representation in the Republics of Russia in the Late 2000s - Early 2010s (Konstantin Zamyatin)
 - Commentary: The Roots of Catalan Identity and Ethno-Nationalism (Alan B. Anderson)





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ECMI STUDIES

The ECMI Study #9 on “Policy and Legislative Challenges to Non-Discrimination, Minority Protection and Diversity Issues in Ukraine”, authored by Iryna Solonenko. The study was commissioned by the ECMI and conducted by Ms. Solonenko within the frameworks of the ECMI Eastern Partnership Programme, supported by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

ECMI ISSUE BRIEFS

The ECMI Issue Brief #38 on “Ukraine: Four Pathways to Sustainable Ethno-Cultural Governance”, authored by Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy

ECMI WORKING PAPERS

- ECMI Working Paper #96 on “The phenomenon of Transnistria as a model of post-Soviet diversity policy” by Alexander Osipov and Hanna Vasilevich
- ECMI Working Paper #97 on “Non-Territorial Indigenous Self-Governance in Canada and the United States” by Raphaëlle Mathieu-Bédard
- ECMI Working Paper #98 on “Bilingual Education for Romani children: Theory and Practice” by Timothy Jacob-Owens
- ECMI Working Paper #99 on “Ethnic Minorities and Minority Rights in Europe : Theoretical Typologies” by Alan B. Anderson
- ECMI Working Paper #100 on “Women, Ethno-Cultural Communities and the State in Ethiopia” by Sisay Kinfe Gebrewold
- ECMI Working Paper #101 on “Radicalization Among Muslim Minorities and State Response to Terrorism: Comparative Analysis of Britain and Russia” by Utkur Yakhshiboev
- ECMI Working Paper #102 on “Italian Right Wing Populism” by Marco Torresin
- ECMI Working Paper #103 on “Nomen Est Omen? Naming and Renaming of Places in Minority Inhabited Areas in Georgia” by María Diego Gordón
- ECMI Working Paper #104 on “Drafting Domestic Legislation Provisioning National Minority Rights : The Dos and Don’ts According to the Council of Europe” by Ljubica Djordjević and Tove H. Malloy with Stanislav Cernega

ECMI REPORTS

The ECMI Report #69 on Roma Communities in Moldova, authored by Dr. Raul Carstocea and Dr. Andreea Carstocea

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ECMI KOSOVO PUBLICATIONS

- ECMI Kosovo also in 2017 was focused on providing analyses and issued Monitoring and Public Policy Briefs on different issues. The ECMI Kosovo ‘Political Update and Analysis’ briefs included reactions on number of events that took place in Kosovo, condemning hate speech and discrimination against minority communities.
- Kosovo Communities Issues Monitor published in January, provided a detailed overview of some of the main developments during 2016 and offered concrete recommendations on how to renew and re-energize the community agenda during 2017.
- In 2017, Kosovo was undergoing national and local elections. Therefore, an overview of underlying issues underpinning the elections, party re-alignments of the days before elections and the future difficult task of the next government were presented by ECMI Kosovo in its publications.
See the ECMI Kosovo publications at: www.ecmikosovo.org

OTHER:

“The Decade of Roma Inclusion: Origins, Actors, and Legacies” was the title of the article in the special issue of the European Education, published with the ECMI support. The Article was authored by Christian Brüggemann (Humboldt University of Berlin) and Eben Friedman (European Centre for Minority Issues)



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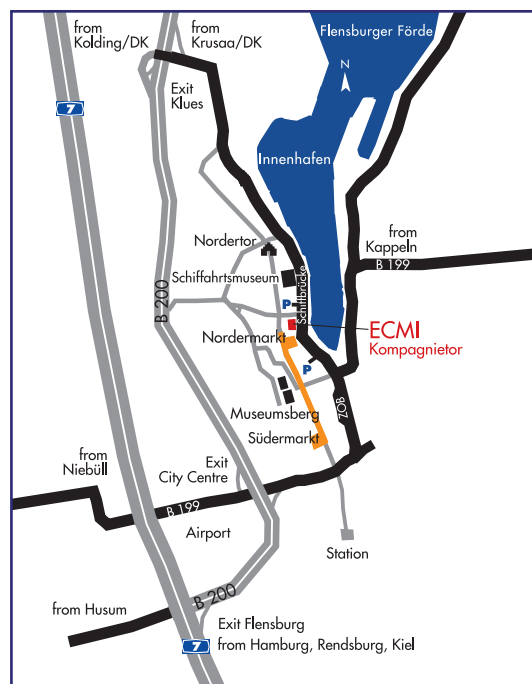

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In addition, ECMI received external funding for projects as follows:

ECMI Externally Funded Projects 2017				
Responsible	Donor Institution	Title	Grant size	Project period
ECMI HQ	Erasmus + Programme of the European Commission	Teaching in Diversity	194.000,00 €	2016-2018
ECMI HQ	German-Italian Centre of European Excellence	Conference on New and Old Minorities	30.000,00 €	2017
ECMI HQ	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark	Eastern Partnership Programme	600.000,00 €	2014-2017
ECMI HQ	Schleswig-Holstein State Chancellory	Summer School 2017	2.500,00 €	2017
ECMI HQ	GIZ	Access to social services for vulnerable groups (Stage II)	40.000,00 €	2017
ECMI HQ	University of Swansea	Master Course Seminar at the University of Swansea	16.000,00 €	2018
ECMI HQ	German Federal Foreign office	Bridgebuilding and Integration in Diverse Societies (Stage II)	12.150,00 €	2017
ECMI HQ	Council of Europe	20 Years of Framework Convention	15.000,00 €	2017
ECMI Kosovo	USAID/CDF	Strengthening the Watchdog Role of Minority Civil Society Organizations in Kosovo	44.744,64 €	2015-2017
ECMI Kosovo	EU office in Kosovo (IPA)	Equal Rights for All Coalition	1.110.928,00 €	2015-2019
ECMI Kosovo	EU office in Kosovo (IPA)	Empowering Non-Serb CSOs in Northern Kosovo	29.990,94 €	2015-2017
ECMI Kosovo	EU office in Kosovo (IPA)	Support to Education in Serbian Language in Kosovo	678.957,80 €	2016-2019
ECMI Kosovo	The Royal Norwegian Embassy in Kosovo	Improving Minority Communities Access to Higher education	25.290,77 €	2016-2017
ECMI Kosovo	UNICEF	Enhancing Access to and Retention in Education for Phase II	99.071,00 €	2016-2018
Total			2.898.633,15 €	



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