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JØRGEN KÜHL

CHAIR, ECMI EXECUTIVE BOARD

The ECMI is characterized by a special mandate to advance our knowledge regarding national minority issues in Europe. The Centre's six clusters serve this purpose by identifying the scope of 'minority issues', whilst each Cluster's concrete activities encompass the multiple realms of academic research, policy advice, public engagement, and informational dissemination. This comprehensive approach to a continually salient dimension of diversity management in Europe has made the ECMI a central player in navigating majority-minority relations for more than 25 years.





With the COVID-19 pandemic now safely in the rearview mirror, the ECMI was able to return in 2023 to a robust agenda of external events, new initiatives and expanded activity. For a fourth year in a row, we grew our budget, especially in the area of project funding. A important hallmark for the ECMI was to rejuvenate its focus on action-oriented work in the field by launching a two-year project on national minority issues in Serbia. Likewise, we increased our strategic collaboration with institutions like the OSCE and the Council of Europe, alongside having greater presence in our own Denmark-Germany border region.

VELLO PETTAI
ECMI DIRECTOR

2023 IN NUMBERS

2

issues of the Journal
on Ethnopolitics and
Minority Issues in
Europe (JEMIE)

7

visiting researchers
and interns

7,612

video views on ECMI
YouTube channel

20

staff members

1,384

new followers on
social media platforms

4,861

unique reads of ECMI
Minorities Blog posts

4,199

downloads
of JEMIE articles

HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY

LAUNCH OF 'MINORITY PROTECTION FOR EU ACCESSION (MPA)' PROJECT

(More about ongoing projects on page 21)



APRIL

EXPANSION OF THE CLUSTER ON DK-DE BORDER REGION

(More about the ECMI in the region on page 28)

MAY

HOSTING AN HCNM EXPERT MEETING

(More about ECMI policy advising on page 34)



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

13TH ANNUAL SUMMER SCHOOL

(More about ECMI teaching on page 30)

OCTOBER

ECMI AT ELEN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(More about ECMI partnerships on page 36)



DECEMBER

SPECIAL ISSUE OF JEMIE ON THE HCNM

(More about ECMI publications on page 44)



CLUSTER ACTIVITIES

At the heart of the ECMI lies our research, structured into distinct analytical-conceptual clusters. Although numerous ECMI projects span multiple clusters, allowing for interdisciplinary collaboration, each cluster independently develops and executes its specialized research agenda. These endeavours encompass a wide range of scholarly activities, from hosting in-house workshops and leading conferences to conducting field research, fostering academic and practitioner networks, and engaging in educational initiatives.



FELIX SCHULTE
HEAD OF CLUSTER

The Conflict & Security Cluster was engaged in foundational research and practical applications in 2023, aiming to influence scholarly debate and policy development in the areas of ethnic conflict and minority rights. This year, the Cluster concentrated on the resurgence of violent conflicts in Europe, with particular attention to two themes.

Cluster highlights:

Additional DFG funding granted for the SPARK project for collaboration with Ukrainian refugee-scholars.

Visit to the Åland Islands Peace Institute and address to the Åland regional parliament.

Workshop "Understanding Cultural Conflict and Conflict Dynamics: the Role Of Collective Emotions" on 20-21 October.

TRACKING CONFLICT RESURGENCE

The Cluster's efforts in 2023 were dedicated to understanding the ensuing shifts in security and ethnopolitical dynamics across Europe and beyond. Key to this theme was the SPARK project, which transitioned from its launch in December 2022 into a vigorous initial data collection phase throughout the year. The project explores the intricate triggers of ethnic conflict, especially the role of catalytic events and collective emotions. The inclusion of Elmira Muratova, with her expertise on the Crimean situation, significantly broadened the analytical scope of the Cluster and revitalized the ECMI's engagement with Ukraine, heralding new possibilities for policy and educational collaboration.

Noteworthy publications, such as the articles by Clara Peckelhoff and Felix Schulte in '*Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*', and Schulte's chapter in '*Cittadinanza e Separatismi*', provided substantial empirical insights into the theme. Additionally, two workshops – one led by Felix Schulte on the role of collective emotions in conflicts, and another convened by Elmira Muratova addressing the war's impact on ethno-religious minorities in Ukraine – propelled this research theme forward, setting the stage for new publications in 2024.

TERRITORIAL SELF- GOVERNANCE AND CONFLICT REGULATION

The Cluster's second research theme grappled with how the global trend of autocratization affects "minority nations" and their established autonomy arrangements. In 2023, Felix Schulte gave a presentation at the International Studies Association meeting in Montreal and a subsequent address at the Åland Regional Parliament honed on this theme. His work looked into the complexities of cultural polarization and subnational autocratization, critically evaluating their potential to spark ethnic conflicts.

The Cluster's scholarship flourished with publications such as Felix Schulte's '*Ethnopolitics*' article and his reflective piece on territorial autonomy in the IACL-IADC Blog, which highlighted the commitment to deepening understanding in this complex field. Moreover, teaching at Friedrich-Schiller Universität Jena as well as the 2023 Summer School focusing on ethnic conflicts bridged theoretical concepts with real-world applications, demonstrating the Cluster's dedication to academic partnership and educational advancement.



KYRIAKI TOPIDI

HEAD OF CLUSTER

The Culture & Diversity Cluster pursued a vibrant agenda in 2023, focusing on the intricate interplay between culture, diversity, and the digital transformation of society. This year, the Cluster focused predominantly on two crucial research themes.

Cluster highlights:

Workshop “Minority Women and Intersectionality: A Renewed Research Agenda?” on 10-11 July.

Kyriaki Topidi and Christa Rautenbach’s presentation on “Intersectionality and Gender Strategies in Traditional/Minority Leadership Contexts: A Comparison between South Africa and Germany” at the 8th JURIS DIVERSITAS General Conference on 18-22 June, University of Palermo.

ECMI Conversations with Experts Episode 13: Digital Religion & Minority Communities (Kyriaki Topidi interviewing Giulia Evolvi)

MINORITY DIGITAL CULTURE: OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS

Kyriaki Topidi's contributions in this theme included presentations at the Politics and Internet Conference at the University of Oxford and the LOEWE Project Conference in Frankfurt, where she discussed the impacts of online hate speech against minorities and digital religious identity among Muslim women in the UK. Further enriching this theme, Kyriaki shared her insights on digital hate speech and chaired a panel on shaping religious minority identity online at the RCSL Annual Conference in Lund, Sweden. Jody Metcalfe's research complemented this theme by presenting on the broader impacts of online harm on minority groups in Europe at the Young Scholars Network of the European Communication Research and Education Association's (YECREA) meetings in Lisbon, focusing on the disruption and resistance of ethno-cultural minority female identity in digital spaces.

The Cluster also highlighted practical policy applications, including Kyriaki Topidi serving as an advisor to a group of MA public policy students from the Central European University. The students' research on online hate speech against Roma women in Europe contributed valuable policy insights. Furthermore, an episode of ECMI Conversations with Experts featured a discussion with Giulia Evolvi on "Digital Religion," exploring the intersections of faith, technology, and social inequalities, particularly concerning minority and minoritized communities.

NATIONAL MINORITY INTERSECTIONALITIES

In 2023, the Cluster expanded its examination of intersectionality within the context of national minorities. Kyriaki Topidi's collaborative efforts with researchers from Eurac Research materialized in a workshop on "Minority Women and Intersectionality: A Renewed Research Agenda?" held in July in Flensburg. The event addressed gender, ethnicity, and other identity aspects, aiming to redefine the research agenda around minority women and emphasize empowerment and political participation. Topidi's presentation at the 8th JURIS DIVERSITAS General Conference and her talk at the Berkley Centre's Annual Conference provided deeper analyses of intersectionality for ethno-cultural minorities online. Jody Metcalfe's lecture at EURAC on "Intersectional Digital Third Spaces of Belonging" further underscored the importance of conceptual and methodological advancements in understanding the intersectional experiences of minority groups.



MARTIN KLATT
HEAD OF CLUSTER

In 2023, the Minority Issues in the Denmark-Germany Border Region Cluster delved into the dynamic interplay of cultures, histories, and socio-political landscapes of the Danish-German border region. Addressing the evolving challenges of the 21st century, the Cluster focused on several research themes.

Cluster highlights:

Expansion of the Cluster with the addition of Ruth Kircher and Johann Hörkner.

Conducting research interviews for the study and report examining the influence of German immigration on the North Schleswig minority community.

The publications by Ruth Kircher in renowned academic journals Applied Linguistics and Language in Society.

MINORITY ISSUES IN THE DENMARK-GERMANY BORDER REGION

MINORITIES – AN ASSET IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT?

The Cluster actively pursued research into the socio-economic engagement of minorities in the Danish-German border region, acknowledging their potential as a vital asset for cross-border development. The publication of “The Danish minority’s political history 1945-2014” by Jørgen Kühl and Martin Klatt contributed a significant historical perspective on the political evolution of the SSW (regional political party) and its impact on regional politics. Additionally, a workshop in March on the planned handbook on national minorities in Germany fostered discussions on minority contributions to regional identity and heritage. Furthermore, Martin’s keynote address at the ZOIS workshop in Berlin exemplified the Cluster’s commitment to presenting the Danish-German minority model as a template for minority accommodation in border regions.

MINORITIES IDENTITIES IN TRANSITION

The new impulse for the Cluster’s work in 2023 was the addition of Johann Hörkner, a project research associate, who was instrumental in advancing research on the evolving identities of Danish-German minority communities. Johann’s field research, involving interviews with new German residents in Region Syddanmark, aims to culminate in a report addressing the challenges and opportunities of integrating German immigrants into minority structures. This effort reflects the Cluster’s commitment to understanding and facilitating the effective incorporation of newcomers into the historic minority fabric of North Schleswig. Martin Klatt’s engagement in international conferences

further enriched the discourse on minority identity evolution in the face of generational change and digitalization.

MINORITY LANGUAGES IN THE BORDER REGION

The arrival of Ruth Kircher in 2023 revitalized the Cluster’s focus on sociolinguistic issues, emphasizing the importance of minority language use, transmission, and revitalization. Ruth’s extensive research and presentations across global forums have underscored the critical role of language in maintaining cultural heritage and promoting multilingual parenting. Notable contributions include her involvement in the XIX International Conference on Minority Languages and the publication of research articles in journals like “*Applied Linguistics*” and “*Language in Society*,” offering valuable insights into language revitalization efforts and evaluative reactions to minority languages. The Cluster’s efforts are geared towards informing policy and planning to ensure the preservation of minority languages in the border region.



ANDREEA CÂRSTOCEA

HEAD OF CLUSTER

The Cluster's work in 2023 stands as a testament to its commitment to addressing the chronic harms faced by minority communities through a constructive and inclusive approach. By focusing on socio-economic participation and engaging with key international stakeholders, the Cluster has made substantial strides in promoting equality and inclusion.

Cluster highlights:

Andreea Cârstocea's conference presentation on "Going Viral: The Moral Panic Constructing the Roma as a Threat to Public Health during the First Wave of the Covid-19 Pandemic" at the 73rd PSA Annual Conference "Political Futures" convened by the University of Liverpool, 3 – 5 April

Editorial work on two pivotal volumes aimed at dissecting the legal and conceptual frameworks of socio-economic participation for national minorities.

Launch of the OSCE HCNM's Thematic Recommendations on the Effective Participation of National Minorities in Social and Economic Life co-drafted by Andreea Cârstocea.

EQUALITY & INCLUSION

SOCIO-ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION OF NATIONAL MINORITIES

The year 2023 saw significant progress in the Cluster's research on the socio-economic participation of national minorities. Andreea Cârstocea, alongside Aziz Berdiqulov, spearheaded the editing of two pivotal volumes aimed at dissecting the legal and conceptual frameworks of socio-economic participation for national minorities. Volume I focuses on the analysis of these frameworks, while Volume II aims to provide a detailed outline of policy areas and best practices in this realm. This initiative aligns with the increasing attention this subject has garnered from international organizations, such as the Council of Europe and the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM), underscoring its growing prominence on the global agenda.

Parallel to these editorial endeavors, both researchers hosted a preparatory meeting at the ECMI for a project application to COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) on socio-economic participation of national minorities, dubbed PROMISE. This project underlines the Cluster's dedication to not only enhancing the scholarly understanding of these issues but also actively contributing to the betterment of minority inclusion in socio-economic spheres.

A hallmark of Andreea Cârstocea's contributions in 2023 was her involvement with the OSCE HCNM's expert group, leading to the drafting and presentation of the "Recommendations on the Effective Participation of National Minorities in Social and Economic Life." Unveiled in The Hague in October, these recommendations represent a tangible manifestation of the Cluster's research translated into actionable policy-making results. Andreea's presentations, both at the OSCE Warsaw Human Dimension Conference and at the 73rd PSA Annual Conference, further showcased the breadth and depth of the Cluster's engagements with the topic.



LJUBICA DJORDJEVIĆ

HEAD OF CLUSTER

The Cluster's work in 2023 contributed to the broader understanding of European minority rights, the effectiveness of legal frameworks for minority protection, and the delicate balance of kin-state policies through work in its main research areas.

Cluster highlights:

Presentation of a scoping paper for the Council of Europe on kin-state engagement and its impact on the protection of national minorities.

Launch of the 'Minority Protection for EU Accession (MPA) – Serbia' project.

Finalizing the ENTAN project and editorial work of Ljubica Djordjević on a textbook on non-territorial autonomy.

JUSTICE & GOVERNANCE

EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MINORITY PROTECTION FRAMEWORKS

In 2023, the Cluster made significant strides in evaluating the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (FCNM)'s implementation across Europe. A presentation by Ljubica Djordjević at the 16th International Conference on Serb-Croat Relations in Golubić, Croatia, and her contribution to the conference organized by the Institute of Social Sciences in Belgrade highlighted the challenges and successes of monitoring minority rights in a multicultural European context. These efforts were complemented by the initiation of the Minority Protection for EU Accession (MPA) – Serbia project, focusing on Serbia's compliance with Chapter 23 of the EU accession process, which includes the rule of law and national minority rights. The development of a monitoring toolkit to assess minority law/policy enforcement in Serbia underscored the Cluster's commitment to translating research into practical tools for enhancing minority rights protection. Furthermore, the Cluster's engagement with non-territorial autonomy, through the ENTAN network and the publication of a textbook on the subject, underscores the broad spectrum of mechanisms explored for effective minority rights protection.

KIN-STATE POLICIES AND ACTIVISM IN MINORITY AFFAIRS

The Cluster's exploration of kin-state policies in 2023 was enriched through collaborations with the Council of Europe. Ljubica Djordjević's expertise contributed to a scoping paper for the Council of Europe's "Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Türkiye" programme, shedding light on kin-state engagement and its impact on minority protection in Southeast Europe. This report was presented at a Council of Europe event in August, in conjunction with the ECMI Summer School in Belgrade, and further discussed with the ECMI staff during a research seminar. These presentations highlighted the nuanced dynamics of kin-state engagement and their implications for the protection of national minorities, particularly in Serbia.



SERGIUSZ BOBER
HEAD OF CLUSTER

Throughout 2023, the Cluster examined the intersections of media, technology, and minority languages, offering insights into the role of media in language revitalization and the evolving field of minority language journalism.

Cluster highlights:

Sergiusz Bober's panel "Minority language journalism and its practitioners" at the XIX International Conference on Minority Languages.

Approved funding for the "Digital Transition for Minority Language Media in Italy and Germany: A Knowledge Exchange with European Partners" project.

Joining the European Language Equality Network (ELEN) and participating in its General Assembly.

THE IMPACT OF MEDIA ON THE REVITALIZATION AND USE OF MINORITY LANGUAGES

This year saw significant exploration into how media consumption influences the revitalization and maintenance of minority languages. A pivotal workshop, “Minority Language Media: Galego and Minority Languages Across Europe,” was held in Santiago de Compostela, co-organized by Craig Willis. It brought to light the critical role of media in supporting linguistic diversity, addressing digital challenges, and the potential of social media for language promotion. Collaboration with the Regional Government of Galicia underscored local commitment to minority language initiatives, while discussions fostered forward-looking strategies for media sustainability. Craig Willis’s contributions further enriched this theme, from his guest lecture on minority language television to his paper presentation on the influence of non-native speakers on the strategies of S4C and BBC Alba. The ECMI’s presence at the XIX International Conference on Minority Languages in Wales, where Segiusz Bober and Craig Willis (with Miren Manias) presented their Delphi study findings, showcased the Cluster’s dedication to understanding media’s role in language revitalization.

MINORITY LANGUAGE JOURNALISM AND ITS PRACTITIONERS

Anticipating the future, the Cluster embarked on preparing a project on “Digital Transition for Minority Language Media in Italy and Germany: A Knowledge Exchange with European Partners”. This initiative, aimed and approved for 2024 and co-coordinated with EURAC, seeks to address the challenges minority-language media face due to digitalization. By bringing together experts for a workshop, the project will generate a policy paper that will guide minority language outlets in navigating the digital landscape.

In addition, a guest lecture by Sergiusz Bober at the UNESCO Chair of World Linguistic Heritage and a panel convened at the XIX International Conference on Minority Languages highlighted the importance of research on minority language media practitioners. Craig Willis’s contributions, from analyzing TikTok’s role in minority language broadcasting to comparing media institutions’ engagement with TikTok, further exemplified the Cluster’s commitment to advancing the discourse on minority language journalism. An important moment in 2023 was the Cluster’s active engagement with the European Language Equality Network (ELEN) resulting in joining the network in April and participating in its General Assembly in Cagliari later in the year.

FINALISED PROJECTS

ENTAN: EUROPEAN NON-TERRITORIAL AUTONOMY NETWORK

Project period: 2019–2023

Project funder: COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology)

Project funding: mobility costs

For nearly four years, the ECMI actively participated in the ENTAN—a COST Action dedicated to fostering a network of academics focused on the concept of non-territorial autonomy (NTA) for national minorities and religious groups. With over 100 contributing scholars, the network has significantly advanced the understanding of NTA.

ECMI's Ljubica Djordjević and Kyriaki Topidi served on the Management Committee, contributing to the network's core developments and activities. ENTAN organized twenty events, adapting to the COVID-19 situation by hosting online and hybrid events. It dispensed 69 grants and facilitated a wide array of multimedia content, enhancing the dissemination of research findings.

The project culminated in the publication of various scholarly works, including conference proceedings, policy papers, and notably, an NTA textbook. The project's culmination was marked by the ENTAN Forum "Non-Territorial Autonomy: From Concept to Policy," held on 24 May 2023 at the University of Zurich. The open-access textbook on NTA, with Ljubica Djordjević as one of the editors and chapters contributed by both her and Kyriaki Topidi, stands as a testament to the project's success. (More on the textbook on page 33). Additionally, Craig Willis attended the network's concluding training seminar in Zagreb, further solidifying ECMI's integral role in the advancement of NTA studies.

Find out more about the project on its dedicated website www.entan.org.



ENTAN

EUROPEAN NON-TERRITORIAL
AUTONOMY NETWORK



ONGOING PROJECTS

SPARKING EVENTS, EMOTIONAL CLIMATES, AND CASCADES OF CULTURAL IDENTITY CONFLICTS (SPARK)

Project coordinator: Felix Schulte

Project period: December 2022 – October 2025

Project funder: German Research Council (DFG)

Project funding: €507,800 (total) / €310,000 (ECMI)

Project partners: Christoph Trinn, Heidelberg University

The SPARK project investigates the nuanced mechanisms that ignite ethnic conflict, particularly focusing on the catalytic nature of triggering events and the collective emotions that ensue. Since its commencement, the project has integrated a post-doctoral researcher, Doğukan Cansin Karakus, and engaged student interns in collaboration with a parallel team at Heidelberg University.

A notable augmentation came in August 2023, when the DFG granted an additional €256,000 for collaboration with Ukrainian refugee

scholars. Elmira Muratova, a post-doctoral researcher specializing in the Crimean context, joined the team in October, significantly broadening the project's analytical scope.

The project's insights were integral to the ECMI's 2023 summer school curriculum on ethnic conflict, with Felix Schulte elucidating the project's core theories and methodologies. The robust network supporting SPARK played a pivotal role in attracting key speakers for the summer school, enhancing the educational experience for all participants.

MINORITY PROTECTION FOR EU ACCESSION (MPA) – SERBIA

Project Coordinators: Ljubica Djordjević, Vello Pettai, Jelena Mihajlov, Oana Buta

Project Funder: German Development Agency, GIZ

Project Period: January 2023 – June 2025

Project Partners: Ministry of Human and Minority Rights and Social Dialogue, Serbia

ECMI Funding Amount: €200,000

The Minority Protection for EU Accession (MPA) – Serbia project was initiated in February 2023, aiming to assist Serbia in its journey towards EU accession, particularly concerning Chapter 23 which encompasses the rule of law and national minority rights. The project has established four central pillars of focus:

- Enhanced monitoring and analytical assessment of minority law/policy enforcement.
- Increased awareness and knowledge of national minority rights and issues within the public administration.
- Promotion of improved inter-ethnic relations, especially in ethnically diverse municipalities.
- Augmentation of the organizational capacities of national minority entities.

In April 2023, the project successfully launched with three instructional workshops designed for the national minority councils in Serbia. These councils were undergoing a period of transition following the elections in the fall of 2022, with new members coming aboard. The workshops, held across three different cities, emphasized knowledge of national minority legislation, community funding mechanisms, and organizational development skills.

Officials from the Ministry of Human and Minority Rights and Social Dialogue were actively involved in these events. A subsequent series of workshops is planned for 2024.

In parallel, the ECMI commenced the development of a toolkit to monitor the implementation of an Action Plan for minority integration that is anticipated to be sanctioned by the Serbian Government. The ECMI's role included appointing international consultants to architect the monitoring toolkit. A crucial screening meeting took place in Belgrade in June, marking the onset of collaborative efforts. Follow-up meetings in September and October were instrumental in advancing the project.

After an online meeting featuring peer review by Linda Pieper, with her extensive experience in minority reporting in Schleswig-Holstein, the toolkit was further refined. This process culminated in a final presentation meeting at the Serbian Ministry on 5 December, where the toolkit was reviewed in detail. The final version of the toolkit was submitted in January after incorporating feedback from this meeting, setting the stage for effective monitoring and reporting practices in Serbia.

PROJECT PREPARATION

The year 2023 was an important one for the ECMI to get its external funding back on track following the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the collective efforts of the entire ECMI staff, projects applications were submitted for funding in excess of 2.5 million euros. A particular important strategic decision was to lead two applications for the establishment of European Union COST networks, aiming to expand upon research niches cultivated by the ECMI over recent years.

LANGUAGE PLURALITY IN EUROPE'S CHANGING MEDIA SPHERE (PLURIMEDIA)

Project coordinators: Craig Willis, Sergiusz Bober

Project funder: EU COST actions

Project period: 2024-2028

Total funding amount: €600,000 to €800,000 (calculated after approval)

Building on the groundwork laid by Sergiusz Bober and Craig Willis in minority language media (MLM) studies, the PLURIMEDIA project aims to solidify and expand the network of researchers in this field. Through initial blog posts, followed by workshops and an upcoming international symposium, the project has attracted 31 collaborators from 25 countries, boasting a female participation rate of 68%.

PLURIMEDIA is set to enhance European MLM studies across four thematic areas: audience and content-creator habits, legislation and standards, language vitality, and minority-language journalism, with a particular focus on digitalization's impact. This project plans to foster collaboration through annual conferences, seminars, training schools, and workshops, targeting a diverse group of stakeholders.

PROMOTING THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION OF NATIONAL MINORITIES (PROMISE)

Project coordinators: Andreea Cârstocea, Aziz Beriqulov

Project funder: EU COST actions

Project period: 2024-2028

Total funding amount: €600,000 to €800,000 (calculated after approval)

Following the ECMI's influential contribution to the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities' background paper on the socio-economic participation of national minorities, the PROMISE project seeks to further this research. Led by Andreea Cârstocea, the project builds on the momentum of the HCNM's Recommendations released in October 2023. It involves organizing expert workshops, co-editing companion volumes to the Recommendations, and expanding the dialogue through a COST network application.

The project focuses on clarifying concepts, assessing legal scopes, identifying barriers and drivers, and contextualizing the socio-economic participation of national minorities, with 22 proposers from 14 countries.



RESEARCH EVENTS

ECMI EXPERT WORKSHOPS

In 2023, the ECMI continued its tradition of bringing together experts, scholars, and practitioners to address some of the most pressing issues facing Europe's minority communities. Through a series of expert workshops, the ECMI not only facilitated critical discourse on minority rights and issues but also strengthened networks for future cooperation and research. Below, we highlight the impact and key outcomes of these workshops.

HANDBOOK ON NATIONAL MINORITIES IN GERMANY

Dates: 14-15 March

Convenors: Martin Klatt & Jørgen Kühl

Location: Flensburg, Germany

This workshop served as a forum for dialogues on the conceptual framework and the scope of minority issues in Germany, facilitating a collective brainstorming session on contributions from experts in the field.

The primary objective was to transition from preliminary discussions to actionable steps towards drafting a comprehensive handbook that encapsulates the breadth and depth of minority issues in Germany. By doing so, the workshop laid the groundwork for a publication in 2024, outlining the path for compiling expert insights and analyses into a definitive guide.

MINORITY LANGUAGE MEDIA: GALEGO AND MINORITY LANGUAGES ACROSS EUROPE

Dates: 22-24 March

Convenors: Facundo Reyna-Munian &
Craig Willis

Location: Santiago de Compostela, Spain

This workshop spotlighted the vital role of minority language media in sustaining cultural diversity and promoting minority languages in Europe. Through thematic roundtable discussions, participants delved into the challenges of digitalization, the accessibility of audiovisual minority language media (MLM) in education, and legislative shortcomings. The role of social media in enhancing media landscape plurality was a significant highlight, indicating a shift towards more inclusive and accessible media platforms for minority languages.

Highlights:

- Collaboration with the Regional Government of Galicia showcased strong local support for minority language initiatives.
- Discussions on digitalization and social media's role presented future-oriented strategies for MLM sustainability.

THE WAR IN UKRAINE AND ITS IMPACT ON ETHNO-RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN THE REGION

Dates: 4-5 May

Convenors: Kyriaki Topidi (with Elmira
Muratova & Nadia Zasanska)

Location: Flensburg, Germany

Focusing on the war in Ukraine, this workshop provided an important platform for sharing insights on the conflict's profound impact on ethno-religious minorities. Keynote speaker Cyril Hovorun's exploration of Ukraine's religious landscape set a comprehensive

backdrop for panels discussing the multifaceted challenges faced by these communities amidst conflict.

Highlights:

- Supporting original research from Ukrainian researchers based internationally.
- Future publication within the series Routledge Advances in Minority Studies promises to extend the workshop's impact.

MINORITY WOMEN AND INTERSECTIONALITY: A RENEWED RESEARCH AGENDA?

Dates: 10-11 July

Convenors: Kyriaki Topidi & Jody Metcalfe

Location: Flensburg, Germany

Addressing the critical nexus of minority rights and intersectionality, this workshop explored the unique challenges and opportunities at the intersection of gender, ethnicity, and other identity facets. The discussions aimed to redefine the research agenda around minority women through an intersectional lens, emphasizing strategies for empowerment, political participation, minorities in the digital sphere, and the nuanced impacts of international standards of human rights organisations.

Highlights:

- The interdisciplinary approach highlighted the multifaceted nature of intersectionality in minority rights.
- An edited volume "Minority Women, Rights and Intersectionality: Agency, Power, and Participation" as part of the series Routledge Advances in Minority Studies (RAMS) will be published in 2024.

UNDERSTANDING CULTURAL CONFLICT AND CONFLICT DYNAMICS: THE ROLE OF COLLECTIVE EMOTIONS

Dates: 20-21 October

Convenors: Felix Schulte

Location: Flensburg, Germany

This workshop brought to light the critical role of collective emotions in cultural conflicts, offering perspectives on ethnic, religious, and linguistic tensions. The discussions underscored the need for innovative methodological approaches in studying collective emotions, with contributions spanning political science, sociology, psychology, and history.

Highlights:

- The interdisciplinary exchange fostered a comprehensive understanding of collective emotions' impact on conflict dynamics.
- Selected papers are considered for publication, aiming to influence both academic research and practical conflict resolution strategies.

MINORITIES AND INTERMARRIAGE

Dates: 12 December

Convenors: Martin Klatt (with Karolina Lendák-Kabók)

Location: Flensburg, Germany

Exploring the complex dynamics of intermarriage, this workshop addressed how mixed marriages affect identity, belonging, and minority rights. The sessions covered historical perspectives, contemporary challenges, and the negotiation of minority identity in intermarriages, providing a nuanced understanding of these marriages' role in cultural integration and minority rights.

Highlights:

- The workshop's focus on intermarriage offered unique insights into the intersection of personal and collective identities within minority communities.
- The discussion of research outputs for a Routledge series promises to extend the workshop's impact beyond the immediate academic community.

RESEARCH SEMINARS

The ECMI's Research Seminar series entered its fourth year in 2023, continuing its vital role as a platform for scholarly discourse and the dissemination of research within the field of minority studies. The seminars have provided a dynamic space for both in-house staff and external scholars to share and critique research findings, thereby enriching the collective expertise of the ECMI community. Sessions in 2023 included:

12 January

Thomas Kessler (University of Jena):
Authoritarianism

26 January

Dogukan Karakus: Ceasefire agreements in
armed conflicts and minorities

2 February

Nesi Altaras (IRPP Montréal): Jews of Turkey
and Citizenship Restitution from Portugal and
Spain

16 February

Andreea Cârstocea (ECMI): Hygienic
boundaries: Roma communities and the
racialisation of public health discourse during
the Covid-19 pandemic

2 March

Melinda Benczi (CESCI Budapest): The role of
national minorities in economic cross-border
cooperation (Hungary-Romania)

16 March

Giorgia Zogu (EURAC): New Minorities' Political
Participation in Rural Areas

3 May

Sophia Schönthaler (EURAC): Political
Participation of Romani Women

1 June

Lilija Alijeva (University of London): Participation
of Minorities in Public Life: Lessons from the
case of the Russian-speaking minority in Estonia
and Latvia

8 June

Keith Harrington (Maynooth University): Anti
Secession sentiment amongst Transnistria's
Moldovan population, 1989-1990

22 June

Andreea Cârstocea & Aziz Berdiqulov (ECMI)
COST Application: Promoting the social and
economic participation of national minorities
(PROMISE)

7 September

Christa Rautenbach (North West University,
South Africa): 'Cultural vulnerability' and judicial
recognition of heterosexual life partnerships in
South Africa

21 September

Ljubica Djordjević (ECMI): Kin state
Engagement and its Impact on Minority
Protection in Europe: Relevant findings for
Southeast Europe

5 October

Luca Arrigoni (ECMI intern): A lexicon approach
(dictionary based) for hate speech
detection against Roma and Sinti people in Italy

19 October

Rashid Gabdulhakov (Groningen): "Russian
Germans" as targets of Russian propaganda on
Odnoklassniki platform

2 November

Maja Munivrana (Zagreb): Fighting
Intersectional Violence Against Roma Women:
The Case of Croatia

16 November

Noémi Nagy (University of Public Service,
Hungary): The conceptualization and
operationalization of minority and ethnicity in
the jurisprudence of international courts and
committees

ECMI IN THE REGION

The ECMI has actively bridged the European discourse on minority issues with practical, on-the-ground involvement in the Denmark-Germany border region. This dual approach has facilitated strong connections with the area's four recognized minority groups and has nurtured partnerships with regional authorities.

STRENGTHENING ECMI'S REGIONAL PRESENCE

In 2023, the ECMI enhanced its focus on Danish-German minority issues by expanding its research team. This expansion was marked by the appointments of Ruth Kircher as Principal Researcher on April 1 and Johann Hörkner as Project Associate on April 15. Johann was particularly active in field research, collaborating with the Bund Deutscher Nordschleswiger on a study of new German residents in the Region Syddanmark. Throughout 2023, he conducted approximately a dozen interviews that will culminate in a comprehensive report by March 2024. Ruth engaged in a series of outreach efforts, including meetings with the European University of Flensburg (EUF), the Nordfriisk Institut, and the Ferring Foundation as well as a lecture at the Friesische Herbsthochschule in late October. Her efforts were also mirrored and recognized by regional media outlets.

DIALOG FORUM NORDEN MEETING

The ECMI hosted a meeting of the Dialog Forum Norden on March 13. This consultative body, inclusive of national minorities and government stakeholders from the region, was briefed by Martin Klatt on the ECMI's new Cluster on Danish-German Minority Issues. Director Vello Pettai also shared insights on the ECMI's broader strategic plans.

MINORITY COMPETENCE NETWORK (MKN)

The ECMI is one of the founding members of the Minority Competence Network (Minderheiten-Kompetenz-Netzwerk) whose mandate is to expand collaboration among the minority communities and other relevant institutions in the region.

Throughout February and March, Martin Klatt and Vello Pettai engaged in a series of workshops organized by the MKN. These workshops aimed at synthesizing themes for future study-visits and were a prelude to ECMI's involvement in organizing exchanges with minority communities in Serbia, Croatia, Estonia, and Latvia later in the year. A special visit by German, Danish and Sinti/Roma minority representatives to Croatia resulted in fruitful discussions with representatives from the Serbian minority in Croatia and the Croatian minority in Serbia. The event also included expert presentations by Vello Pettai, Martin Klatt, and Ljubica Djordjević.

FORSKNINGENS DØGN LECTURES

Martin Klatt delivered three lectures to Danish schools as part of the annual Forsknings Døgn event in Denmark in late April. This initiative was part of a broader strategy to enhance ECMI's visibility and academic collaboration within Denmark.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The ECMI's commitment to regional public engagement was highlighted through its participation in various cultural and public events:

- The ECMI featured in the "Kurzfilm Streifzug" on June 9-10, where the short film "Magnus is a Sexist" was screened at the Kompagnietor's Conference Room.
- German-Danish youth orchestra performances took place at the ECMI in June, showcasing the ECMI's cultural engagement.
- The ECMI's presence was notable at the Danish public opinion festival Folkemødet, the German minority festival at Knivsberg, the Danish minority festival De danske årsmøder, the Flensburg Sommerempfang, and the Flensburg Ahoi! Festival.

REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

The ECMI organized a seminar on minority issues for 11th-grade students at the Waldorf Gümnasium on September 29. This seminar coincided with the unveiling of a monument at a historical site on the school's grounds. The event featured a presentation by Mattheus Weiss (head of the Verband Deutscher Sinti und Roma, Schleswig-Holstein) and was attended by the former mayor of Flensburg Simone Lange (serving as the honorary patron of the project). Additionally, on October 30, Felix Schulte gave a talk on minorities and conflict to the teachers at the Flensburg vocational school HLA-Wirtschaftsschule.



EDUCATION & TRAINING

The ECMI's commitment to education continued in 2023 with valuable contributions both through our flagship Annual Summer School and through targeted graduate teaching initiatives. The focus remained on providing high-calibre, practical education, addressing current minority issues, and contributing to broader academic discussions.

ANNUAL SUMMER SCHOOL

The 2023 iteration of the ECMI's Annual Summer School on National Minorities proved once again the importance and quality of this initiative. Held in Belgrade and Novi Sad, Serbia, from August 27 to September 3, this year's theme, "Ethnic Conflict & Reconciliation," proved timely and generated considerable academic and practical interest.

The Summer School was divided into two thematic parts. In the first segment, participants looked into the causes of ethnic conflict, ranging from micro-level triggers to long-term structural factors like poverty, discrimination, and exclusion. The program also featured a quantitative component, with scholars from the Ethnic Power Relations project introducing comparative datasets to systematically examine conflicts.

In the second part, the focus shifted to conflict resolution mechanisms, including institutional arrangements and grassroots initiatives. Discussions revolved around topics like power-sharing and transitional justice.

Feedback from attendees underscored the organizational excellence of the event, highlighting the relevance of the lectures and the effectiveness of the interactive sessions. The ECMI's commitment to fostering academic rigor and practical knowledge was evident in the quality of the discourse and the participants' enthusiastic engagement.

PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT AND DIVERSITY:

21 participants

14 represented countries (Egypt, Germany, Syria, Romania, Russia, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, the Netherlands, China, Norway, France, Georgia, Italy, and Latvia)

23 lecturers and speakers from 8 different countries

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

The keynote lecture by Erika Forsberg of Uppsala University set a compelling tone for the week.

Panel discussions on power-sharing models featuring case studies from Northern Ireland and Bosnia-Herzegovina offered practical insights into conflict resolution.

A data analysis exercise using the Ethnic Power Relations dataset facilitated hands-on learning and critical thinking.

A field trip to Novi Sad, including a session at the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, directly connected participants with the realities of regional ethnic policies.

ANNUAL SUMMER SCHOOL



GRADUATE TEACHING


The ECMI's graduate teaching initiatives during the Wintersemester 2023/24 demonstrated a commitment to education and practical application. Felix Schulte led a course on "Ethnic Conflict & Conflict Management" at Friedrich-Schiller Universität Jena, enriching the academic experiences of graduate students and reflecting the ongoing partnership with the university.

Kyriaki Topidi advised a group of three MA students in Public Policy from the Central European University. Under a program called the Applied Policy Project, the students' research culminated in the policy analysis paper "Mapping Policy Gaps in Tackling Online Hate Speech Against Roma Women in Europe," contributing to dialogue on combating discrimination.

Craig Willis delivered a guest lecture on minority language television at EOI de

Santiago de Compostela illuminating the linguistic landscapes of Scottish Gaelic and Welsh in contrast to Galego, and contributing to the broader discourse on minority languages and media. Language was also an important aspect of a guest lecture by Ruth Kircher on "Attitudes towards Multicultural London English" at the Université de Lausanne's course "Language and the City". Additionally, Felix Schulte talked to a group of students and practitioners at Åland Islands Peace Institute through a lecture on "Territorial Autonomy as a Solution to Ethnic Conflict?"

Moreover, ECMI's scholarly contributions to other educational programs, such as the FRONTEM Summer School (Martin Klatt) or Third Summer School on Social Engagement and Democracy (Ljubica Djordjević), further illustrate our comprehensive approach to teaching and mentorship.



ECMI staff were also involved in MA theses supervision:

Vello Pettai supervising a thesis "The European Union approach on Transitional Justice: from policy provisions to a policy framework" at Europa-Universität Flensburg.

Doğukan Cansin Karakus supervising a thesis on the challenges to Western hegemony by emerging states at the University of Göttingen.

Kyriaki Topidi supervising a thesis on "Gender in the 21st Century: Fighting Inequalities" at Europa-Universität Flensburg.

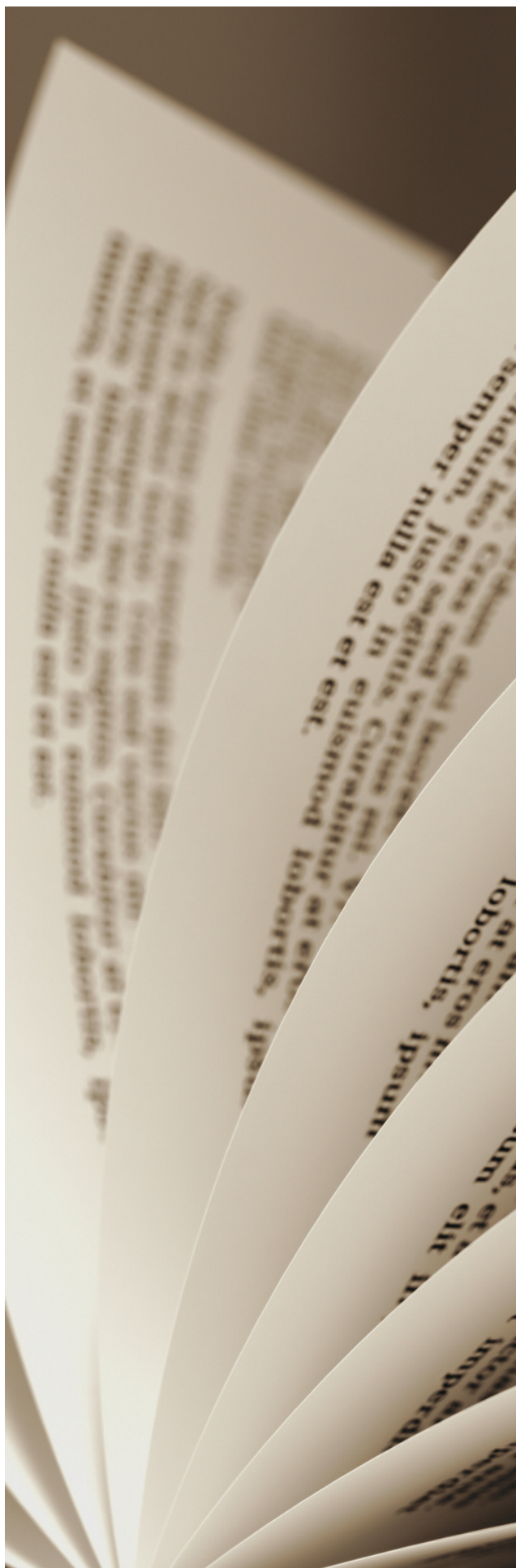
Sergiusz Bober advising on a thesis examining minority responses to political changes in Poland at the University of Copenhagen

ENTAN TEXTBOOK

Since 2019, the ECMI has been an active participant in the European Non-Territorial Autonomy Network (ENTAN). One of the key outputs from this collaboration is a textbook on non-territorial autonomy (NTA), aimed at providing a comprehensive academic resource on this important concept for managing national diversity within states. This textbook, which represents months of intensive work by experts in the field, was completed in the spring of 2023 and formally presented at ENTAN's final event in Zürich in May.

The textbook features contributions from across the academic community, including significant input from ECMI's own researchers. Senior Researcher Ljubica Djordjević served on the editorial board and authored a chapter that addresses the complexities and common misunderstandings surrounding NTA. Additionally, Kyriaki Topidi's chapter focuses on the role of language and religion within cultural autonomy arrangements, taking a pragmatic approach, moving beyond the abstract conceptualization of cultural autonomy. She evaluates the real-world design, implementation, and progression of cultural autonomy arrangements in various minority contexts.

As a deliverable, the textbook stands as a concrete example of the kind of valuable resources the ECMI aims to provide to the academic community and beyond. It is expected to serve as a foundational text for those studying or working in the field of diversity management and minority rights.





POLICY ADVISING

In 2023, the ECMI continued to consolidate its standing as an indispensable partner in policy advising, especially to the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM), providing scholarly insight and policy analysis critical for the advancement of minority issues.

HOSTING AN HCNM EXPERT MEETING

The ECMI helped launch the 30th anniversary celebrations of the HCNM by hosting a special Expert Meeting in Flensburg on May 11. The meeting featured an in-depth discussion of three ECMI-commissioned studies:

- “The OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities: Persona and Quiet Diplomacy” by Stephanie Marsal
- “The OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities: Changemaker on the Ground,” by Stefan Wolff

- “The OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities: Norm-setter for the European Minority Rights Regime” by Emma Lantschner

The studies were later published in the Journal on Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe (JEMIE). High Commissioner Kairat Abdrakhmanov’s participation in the meeting and his interaction with ECMI staff underscored the collaborative nature of this relationship.

HCNM EXPERT GROUP ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION OF MINORITIES

Andreea Cârstocea's role as a lead expert and drafter in the HCNM's expert group on this topic came to fruition with the presentation of the "Recommendations on the Effective Participation of National Minorities in Social and Economic Life" in The Hague on October 24. Andreea spoke at a panel during the presentation, just weeks after delivering a related presentation at the OSCE Warsaw Human Dimension Conference on October 11.

COLLABORATION WITH THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND EUROPEAN UNION

Ljubica Djordjević was one of three co-authors of a special report on "Kin-state engagement and Its Impact on Minority Protection in Europe: Relevant Findings for Southeast Europe" that was commissioned by the Council of Europe and its programme "Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Türkiye." Together with her collaborators Andreea Udrea and Sergiu Constantin, the Report was presented during a public event on August 30 in collaboration with the ECMI Summer School in Belgrade.

ENGAGEMENT WITH THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S CDADI

Following the renewal of the ECMI's observer status at the Council of Europe's Steering Committee on Anti-discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDAD) in December 2022, Ljubica Djordjević participated in an informational exchange meeting in March 2023. ECMI Consultant Meyeti Payet maintained the ECMI's involvement in the committee's work through participation in its plenary sessions in June and December and worked on having the ECMI admitted as a member of two working groups: on national minorities and on intersectional discrimination.

DIALOGUE WITH THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE SECRETARY GENERAL

Reflecting the ECMI's engagement with civil society, ECMI consultant Meyeti Payet represented the Centre in an exchange of views with the Council of Europe Secretary General, Marija Pejčinović Burić, on the International Day of Democracy. This dialogue was part of the implementation of the Reykjavík Declaration and Helsinki ministerial session decisions to enhance the Council of Europe's engagement with civil society.

ADDRESS TO THE ÅLAND REGIONAL PARLIAMENT

During a visit to the Åland Islands Peace Institute on November 9, Felix Schulte delivered a talk to the Åland regional parliament, examining the resilience of territorial autonomy in managing ethnic conflicts amid current global challenges. He detailed how the stability of such autonomies is influenced by their political and legal frameworks and underscored the importance of institutional reforms in ensuring their adaptability. Felix's insights provided a valuable perspective for policymakers, scholars, and practitioners working towards ethnic conflict resolution.

UN SPECIAL RAPPOREUR BRIEFING

In a significant exchange with international bodies, Aziz Berdiqulov provided an expert briefing to the UN Special Rapporteur on National Minorities, Fernand de Varennes, in September. This session was conducted in preparation for the Special Rapporteur's official visit to Tajikistan. Aziz shared crucial insights into the situation of national minorities within the country, drawing from ECMI's extensive research and analysis.

NETWORKING

Networking is a crucial component of the ECMI, where sharing expertise, presenting work, and fostering partnerships form the core of our intellectual community. In 2023, by engaging in a variety of events—conferences, workshops, and seminars—the ECMI staff continued to disseminate knowledge on minority issues and cultivate networks for future collaborations.

CONFERENCES

Throughout the year, ECMI staff engaged in multiple conferences across Europe, presenting research findings, participating in discussions, and reinforcing the centres' presence as a leading voice on minority issues.

JANUARY

Martin Klatt gave a presentation on „Minderheiten im deutsch-dänischen Grenzland im 21. Jahrhundert – ein Lifestyle?“ at the Neujahrstagung of the Bund deutscher Nordschleswiger, 12-15 January.

Kyriaki Topidi delivered a paper on “Digital Religious Identity and Muslim Women: An Intersectional Analysis of Online Hate Speech in the UK” at the Politics and Internet Conference, University of Oxford, 21 January.

Vello Pettai delivered a paper on “How does e-governance affect ethnic minorities? Comparative evidence from four countries” at the Politics and Internet Conference, University of Oxford, 21 January.

Aziz Berdiqulov gave a presentation “Russian ‘Relocants’ and Afghan Refugees in Tajikistan – not Everyone Equally Welcome” during the Eleventh Annual Doctoral Research Workshop organized by London Central Asia Research Network, 21 January.

FEBRUARY

Martin Klatt attended the Association of Borderlands Studies 3rd World Conference and delivered a presentation on “The impact of Covid on identity in cross-border regions: BIG and B-SHAPES research at ECMI-SDU”, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Eilat Campus 12-16 February.

MARCH

Felix Schulte gave a paper on “Territorial Self-Governance in Troubled Times Autonomy in the Face of Cultural Polarization and Subnational Autocratization” at the meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, 16 March.

Craig Willis delivered a paper on “The Role of Non-Welsh / Non-Scottish Gaelic Speakers in the Strategies of S4C and BBC Alba” at the Celtic Students Conference, 30-31 March.

APRIL

Andreea Cârstocea gave a conference presentation on “Going Viral: The Moral Panic Constructing the Roma as a Threat to Public Health during the First Wave of the Covid-19 Pandemic” at the 73rd PSA Annual Conference “Political Futures” convened by the University of Liverpool, 3 – 5 April

Oana Buta contributed with her paper “Beyond Election Campaigns: Political Parties and the Use of Digitalization in Daily Politics” to the ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, 25-28 Apr, Sciences Po Toulouse, France

MAY

Ruth Kircher delivered two papers at the Canadian Centre for Studies and Research on Bilingualism and Language Planning (CCERBAL) Conference, 4-6 May, Ottawa, Canada:

- “The beliefs that motivate multilingual parenting in Quebec”
- “Parental concerns regarding multilingual child-rearing”

Ruth Kircher presented the research on the determinants of parents’ language use with their toddlers in a multilingual context [original title in French] at Congrès de l’Acfas co-organised by University of Ottawa, 11 May, Montreal, Canada

Martin Klatt lectured on “Non-territorial autonomy (NTA) and economic inclusion: how to coordinate minority governance with regional policymaking?” during the “IGCOORD training school and conference” organised by ELTE Budapest, 15-20 May

Ruth Kircher was invited to give a talk on “The attitudes and ideologies that motivate multilingual parenting in Quebec” for the Montreal Bilingualism Initiative at McGill University, 28 May, Montreal, Canada

JUNE

Kyriaki Topidi delivered a talk on “When Words Destroy Worlds: Online Hate Speech Against Religious Minorities as Harm” at the LOEWE Project Conference on Language, Society and Identity in Diverse Ethnolinguistic Contexts, 8-10 June, Frankfurt.

Felix Schulte gave a paper on “Approaches to Researching Territorial Autonomy: Reflections on Methodology and Data” at the seminar “The Many Faces of Territorial Autonomy” organized by the Åland Islands Peace Institute in Berlin on 12 June.

Vello Pettai delivered a paper on “How does e-governance affect ethnic minorities? Comparative evidence from four countries” at the 27th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, May 18-20, New York and at the 7th Annual Tartu Conference on East European and Eurasian Studies, June 11-13, Tartu.

Sergiusz Bober and **Craig Willis** lectured on “Minority Language Media Research” at UNESCO Chair of World Linguistic Heritage, University of the Basque Country, 14 June, Bilbao.

Several ECMI staff delivered papers at the XIX International Conference on Minority Languages, 21-23 June, Carmarthen, Wales.

- **Sergiusz Bober** and **Craig Willis**, “The impact of media on the revitalization and use of minority languages: insights from an international Delphi study (with Miren Manias).
- **Sergiusz Bober** and **Craig Willis**, “Minority languages and football clubs: a study of linguistic landscapes and language practices of clubs and their fans (with Will Hughes).
- **Ruth Kircher**, “Promoting minority language use to foster revitalisation: Insights from new speakers of West Frisian” (with Ethan Kutlu & Mirjam Vellinga)

Kyriaki Topidi and Christa Rautenbach delivered a paper on “Intersectionality and Gender Strategies in Traditional/Minority Leadership Contexts: A Comparison between South Africa and Germany” at the 8th JURIS DIVERSITAS General Conference, 18-22 June, University of Palermo.

Ruth Kircher delivered two papers at the International Symposium on Bilingualism, 26-30 June, Sydney, Australia (online)

- “New speakers and the safeguarding of linguistic diversity”
- “What concerns parents about raising a multilingual child in a multilingual society: A large-scale study in Quebec, Canada”

Kyriaki Topidi gave a presentation on “Mapping Intersectionality for Ethno-Cultural Minorities Online: Concepts, Policies and Implications” at the 10th Annual Conference of the Berkley Centre on Comparative Equality and Anti-Discrimination Law, 28-30 June, University of Utrecht.

JULY

The ECMI attended the European meeting of the Association for the Study of Nationalities in Cluj-Napoca on July 3-5 with a multi-member delegation. Papers included:

- **Aziz Berdiqulov**, “Russian ‘Relocants’ and Afghan Refugees in Tajikistan – not Everyone Equally Welcome?”
- **Vello Pettai**, “Minority-language educational reforms in Estonia and Latvia”
- **Martin Klatt**, “Minorities, self-determination, and border delineation – a Pandora’s Box?”
- **Ljubica Djordjević**, “Sensitivity of Population Census in Ethnically Diverse Societies: A View from the Western Balkans”

AUGUST

Aziz Berdiqulov was invited to give a lecture on “National Minorities, Main Definitions, Legal Instruments, Principles, and Cases” at the Copernicus Stipendium Summer Seminar, 19 Aug, Büsum, Germany

Ljubica Djordjević gave a conference presentation on “European Dimension: the Role of International Instruments” at the 16th International Conference on Serb-Croat Relations, 24-28 Aug, Golubić, Croatia

Kyriaki Topidi gave a conference presentation on “Attacking Muslim Minority Women Online: An Intersectional and Multi-actor Framework on Digital Hate Speech in the UK” and chaired a panel on “Shaping Religious Minority Identity Online: Authority, Experience and Engagement” during the RCSL Annual Conference organised by University of Lund, 29 Aug – 1 Sep, Lund, Sweden

SEPTEMBER

Jody Metcalfe presented a paper on “The Impact of Online Harm on Minority Groups in Europe” at the YECREA: Young Scholars Network of the European Communication Research and Education Association, Contested Visibilities: Everyday Politics and Online Imaginaries of the Body, 4 September, Lisbon.

Jody Metcalfe gave a presentation on “Ethno-cultural Minority Female Identity as Disruption in Digital Spaces: From Harm to Resistance,” at the ECREA: European Communication Research and Education Association meeting “Contested Visibilities: Everyday Politics and Online Imaginaries of the Body”. 6- 8 September, Lisbon.

Craig Willis presented on “Media Institutions and TikTok – an overview of Catalan outlets in comparison to Basque and Galician” at the conference “Catalan Media, Past and Present” organised by Queen Mary University of London, 13 Sep, London.

Martin Klatt gave a conference presentation on “Media analysis of border narratives in minority language newspapers in the Danish-German border region, focus migration (2015-16) and COVID (2020)” at the Borderlands Resilience conference, 11-13 Sept, Wroclaw University, University of Opole.

Kyriaki Topidi was invited to give a talk on “Cultural Autonomy Arrangements and Minority Agency” as a part of “FBK Dialogues on Religious Minorities - Minorities and Autonomies” at the Bruno Kessler Foundation Center for Religious Studies, 17-19 Sep, Trento, Italy.

Martin Klatt gave the keynote address on “Danish-German minority model as example for minority accommodation in border regions” at the workshop on “Ethnic Minorities in Border Regions” at the Zentrum für Osteuropa- und Internationale Studien (ZOIS), 27-29 September, Berlin.

Kyriaki Topidi was invited to give a talk on “Social Cohesion Social Cohesion Approaches to the Management of Muslim minorities in Germany: Between Conditional Recognition and Emancipation” at the “Expert Workshop on Muslim Minorities and Peaceful Co-existence in Europe and the United States” organised by Center for Religion and Conflict/Arizona State University, 27-29 Sep.

Craig Willis was invited as a guest lecturer on the topic “Minority Language Broadcasting and the Non-speaker Audience: A Comparison of Scottish Gaelic and Welsh Public Service Television.” for the in-house seminar at the Center for Autonomy Experience at Eurac, 28 Sep, Bozen/Bolzano, Italy.

OCTOBER

Ruth Kircher gave a presentation on “From Canada to Nordfriesland: A cross-Atlantic perspective on intergenerational minority language transmission” at the workshop on “Visibilizing Normative Regional Historical Multilingualism: Ideology, Policy, and Practice”, 4 October, Flensburg.

Andreea Cârstocea presented on “The participation of national minorities in social and economic life” during the OSCE Warsaw Human Dimension Conference, 11 Oct, Warsaw, Poland.

Andreea Cârstocea participated as a panelist at the “Launch of the Recommendations on the Effective Participation of National Minorities in Social and Economic Life” organised by the HCNM Office, 24 Oct, The Hague, Netherlands.

Jody Metcalfe delivered a guest lecture on “Intersectional Digital Third Spaces of Belonging” at EURAC, 22-26 October, Bolzano.

NOVEMBER

Felix Schulte presented his recent publication “What’s Law Got to Do with It? How the Degree of Legalization Affects the Durability of Post-Conflict Autonomy Agreements” at the Åland Islands Peace Institute, 10 Nov, Mariehamn, Åland.

DECEMBER

The ECMI contributed to the conference “Challenges of Monitoring in the European Multicultural Environment” hosted by the Institute of Social Sciences, Belgrade”, 6-8 Dec:

- **Vello Pettai** on the “Nationalism, Populism, and Ethnicity: Challenges of Contemporary Europe” panel
- **Ljubica Djordjević** on the panel on “Discussion on the Thematic Monograph: Effects of Implementation of Framework Convention in the Countries of the Post-Yugoslav Area”

PARTNERSHIPS

Partnership and collaboration lie at the foundation of our efforts to impact minority rights positively. In 2023, the ECMI fortified its network through significant partnerships:

ELEN

In April, the ECMI joined the European Language Equality Network (ELEN), a pivotal step in augmenting our work on minority language media and socio-linguistics. At ELEN's General Assembly in Cagliari, ECMI's Politics & Civil Society Cluster, represented by Sergiusz Bober and Craig Willis, sought synergies to enhance research and advocacy efforts. A meeting with representatives from Carbonia highlighted our shared commitment to the Sardinian language's revitalization. Our active participation at this Assembly underlined our dedication to linguistic diversity and the rights of minority language speakers across Europe.

EURAC

Our enduring research cooperation with EURAC was further strengthened in 2023. The Working Group Session on Intersectionality in May, attended by Kyriaki Topidi and Jody Metcalfe, honed in on conceptual and methodological frameworks for our joint research agenda. This collaborative groundwork laid the foundation for a comprehensive 2-day workshop in July, focusing on the complexities of intersectionality in minority contexts.

MINORITY RIGHTS GROUP EUROPE (MRGE)

Adding a new partner to the ECMI's roster, Aziz Berdiqulov contributed to the Minority Rights Group Europe's RISE project in Tajikistan. His expertise in minority rights was showcased through a training developed and delivered to NGO representatives, with further

training requested in Uzbekistan. Aziz also produced a report on minority rights in Tajikistan aiming to strengthen the dialogue between NGOs, Minority Rights Group Europe, and local authorities.

Other partners and stakeholders in the Danish-German border region with whom the ECMI worked closely in 2023 included:

Europa-Universität Flensburg, Flensburg, Germany

Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN), Flensburg, Germany

University of Southern Denmark (SDU), Sønderborg, Denmark

Dansk Centralbibliotek for Sydslesvig, Flensburg, Germany

Akademie Sankelmark/ Europäische Akademie Schleswig-Holstein/ Academia Baltica

At the national and international level, the ECMI continued its partnership with the following organizations:

Åbo Akademi University, Turku, Finland
American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

EDRC (Ethnocultural Diversity Resource Center), Cluj, Romania

Eurac Research, Bolzano/Bozen, Italy
ifa (Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen), Stuttgart, Germany

OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

University of Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands

Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany
University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia
University of Trieste, Trieste, Italy

COMMUNICATIONS & DISSEMINATION

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ECMI IN THE MEDIA

Throughout the year, the ECMI impacted media discourse on minority rights and governance, with its experts featuring in a wide array of media outlets. From addressing German policy towards Ukraine on ERR – Estonian Broadcasting to exploring models of minority autonomy on Albanianpost.com, and from engaging in debates on the Frisian language in regional media to discussing the historical implications of the 1920 plebiscites, the ECMI's presence in the media underscores its commitment to informing public dialogue and shaping discussions on critical issues surrounding minority communities across Europe.

24 Jan: Vello Pettai

Interview on German policy toward Ukraine
ERR – Estonian Broadcasting

17 March: Martin Klatt

Commenting on different models of minority
autonomy, applicable to Kosovo, esp. the
planned Association of Serbian Municipalities
Albanianpost.com

27 March: Craig Willis, Sergiusz Bober and
Facundo Reyna-Muniain
Coverage of ECMI workshop in Santiago de
Compostela

4 July: Ruth Kircher

Ruth Kircher and her research regarding the
Frisian language
Flensburg Avis

10 July: Ruth Kircher

Ruth Kircher and her research regarding the
Frisian language
Husumer Nachrichten / SHZ

4 July: Ruth Kircher

Ruth Kircher and her research regarding the
Frisian language
Flensburg Avis

12 July: Martin Klatt

Plebiscites of 1920 and their consequences for
the Danish-German border region
TAZ

24 July: Ruth Kircher

Ruth Kircher and her research regarding the
Frisian language
Nordschleswiger

12 September: Ruth Kircher

Ruth Kircher and her research regarding the
Frisian language
Westküste FM - Friisk Funk

12 September: Martin Klatt

German families moving to Syddanmark
DR -- Danish Radio

ECMI ONLINE TALKS

The ECMI Online Talks bring experts or practitioners together and engage the audience through lively online discussion and Q&A sessions. In 2023, the ECMI held an academic panel at the ASN 2023 European Conference, which was also streamlined and served as a hybrid online talk.

EUROPEAN YEARBOOK OF MINORITY ISSUES: TWO DECADES OF MAPPING EUROPE'S MINORITY LANDSCAPE

Hosted by: Ljubica Djordjević

Date: 7 July 2023

Panellists: Sergiu Constantin (Eurac Research), Zsuzsa Csergő (Queen's University), Tove Malloy (Europa-Universität Flensburg), David Smith (University of Glasgow)

To mark the significant milestone of 20 years since the inception of the European Yearbook of Minority Issues (EYMI), this insightful academic panel was convened.

This event offered a comprehensive retrospective on the changes and continuities in minority issues across Europe, as extensively

covered across the two decades of the Yearbook's publications. Held as a prominent feature of the ASN 2023 European Conference, organized by the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) and Babeş-Bolyai University from 6-8 July in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, this panel fostered rich academic discourse among leading scholars in the field. Enhancing accessibility and engagement, the discussion was live-streamed across ECMI's social media platforms, welcoming participation from a global online audience in addition to attendees of the ECMI's online talks series.

ECMI CONVERSATIONS WITH EXPERTS

The series ECMI Conversations with Experts was designed to provide in-depth video interviews with prominent experts in the area of minority issues. The following episodes were recorded in 2023:

The interviews are available on the ECMI YouTube channel as well as on the ECMI website.

Episode 12: Strategic Litigation & Minority Rights
Expert: Konstantinos Tsitselikis (University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece)
Interviewer: Kyriaki Topidi

Episode 13: Digital Religion & Minority Communities
Expert: Giulia Evolvi (University of Bologna)
Interviewer: Kyriaki Topidi

Episode 14: Minority Identity in Border Regions
Expert: Ruairidh Tarvet (University of Edinburgh)
Interviewer: Martin Klatt

Episode 15: Minority Language Promotion
Expert: Mirjam Vellinga (language promotion division at Afûk)
Interviewer: Ruth Kircher

ECMI ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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The ECMI has continuously contributed to the enrichment of the academic discourse through its extensive publication portfolio. In 2023, our publication outlets expanded with multiple issues and a series of articles, most of which are accessible on our website.

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Katy C Humberstone, Adam Kubik, "‘Celtic Meets Slavic’: The Social Sustainability of Cornish and Silesian Heritage in Europe and Overseas"

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Book review: Wes M. Lindinger, Language Revitalisation and Social Transformation

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Guest Editor: Vello Pettai
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Book Review: Meyeti Payet, Effective Participation of National Minorities and Conflict Prevention

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The ECMI Minorities Blog has become a pivotal platform for discussing current national and international issues pertinent to ethnic, national, and linguistic minorities. Blog posts throughout 2023 covered topics as varied as South Tyrolean autonomy, responses to geopolitical crises, cultural appropriation, and the role of media and sports in minority identity representation:

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Craig Willis

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Craig Willis, Will Hughes & Sergiusz Bober

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Nesi Altaras

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Seira Duncan

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Francophone, Francophile, and Gallo-Romance peripheries in Piedmont and the Aosta Valley
Mattia Bottino

ECMI Minorities Blog. Ethnic Identity and Football in Mostar – A Clear Divide along the Old Front Line
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EUROPEAN YEARBOOK ON MINORITY ISSUES (EYMI)

The European Yearbook on Minority Issues, an annual publication, celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2023. The Yearbook has remained a key source for historical and contemporary analyses of minority issues in Europe. To honour this milestone, the ECMI held a hybrid ECMI Online Talk and curated an exhibition entitled “European Yearbook of Minority Issues: Two Decades of Mapping Europe’s Minority Landscape,” (more on page 42). This event highlighted the Yearbook’s contribution to documenting and exploring minority rights over the past twenty volumes.

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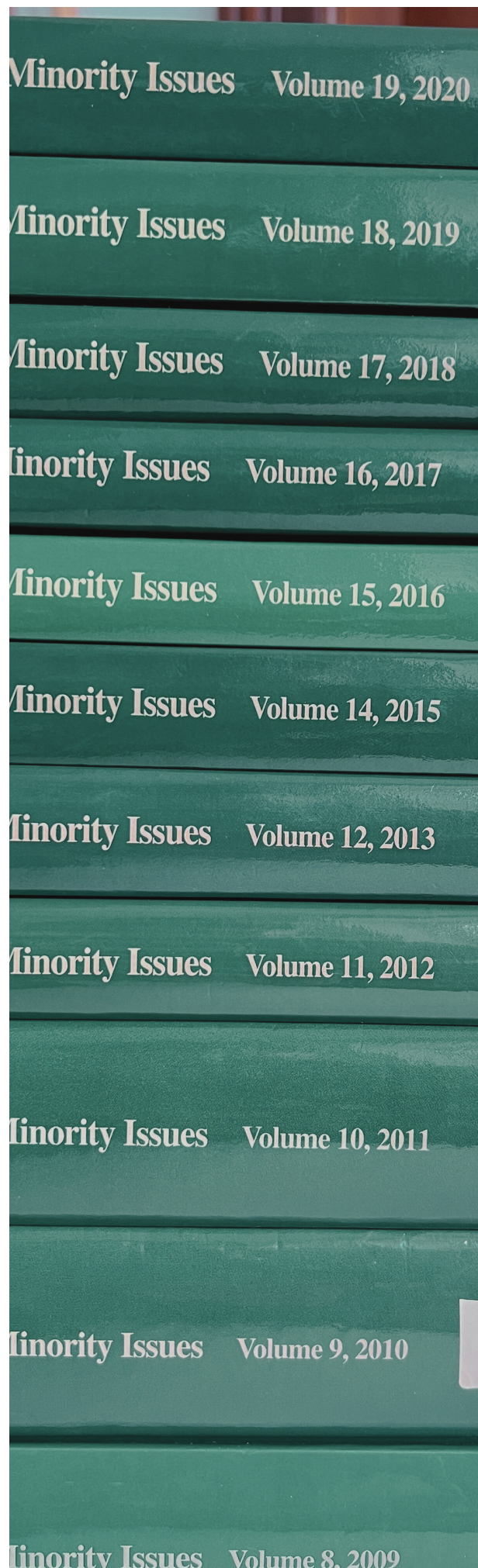
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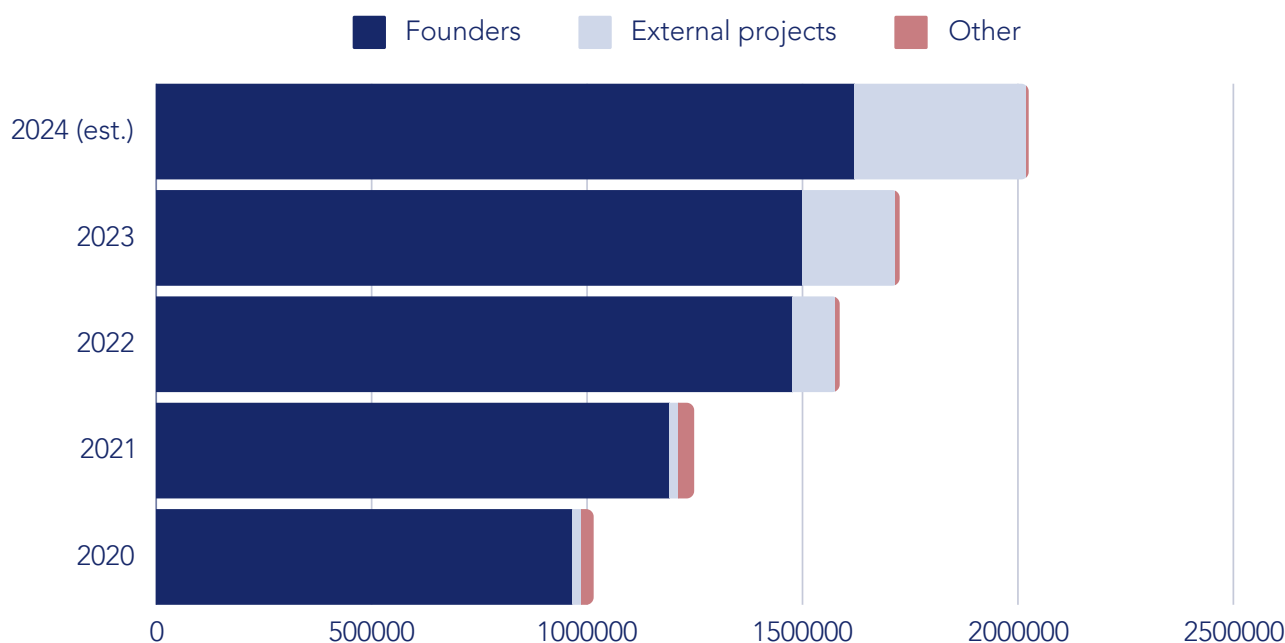
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