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What is the MMTE?

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 utilizes a visual and hands-on approach to present data and information for 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.

When and why was the MMTE established?

The MMTE is an ongoing flagship project of the **European Centre for Minority Issues**. While first created in 2001 as the Ethnopolitical Map of Europe, in 2010 the project was re-evaluated and redesigned to reach the widest audience today. Suitably, as an easy-to-use tool, the MMTE provides current and credible quantitative and qualitative information on Europe's minorities for students and researchers; nongovernmental organizations and policy makers; as well as the informed public.

MMTE Team

As the MMTE is a part of the European Centre for Minority Issues, the project is overseen by an ECMI staff team:

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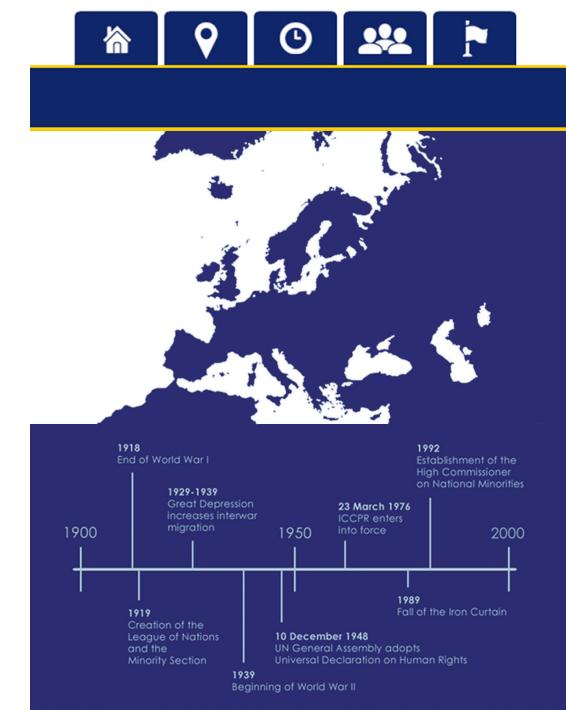
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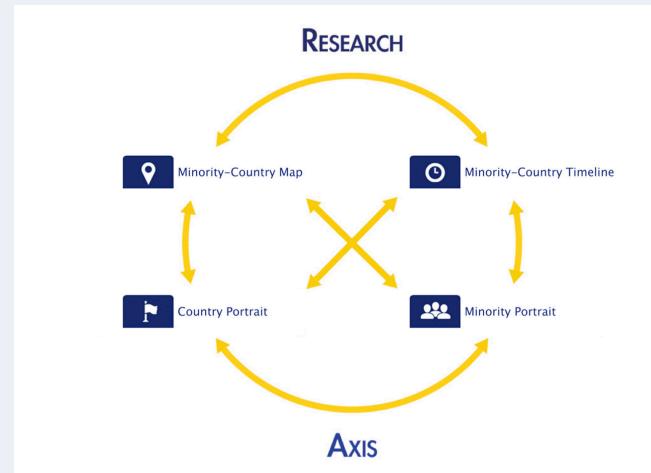
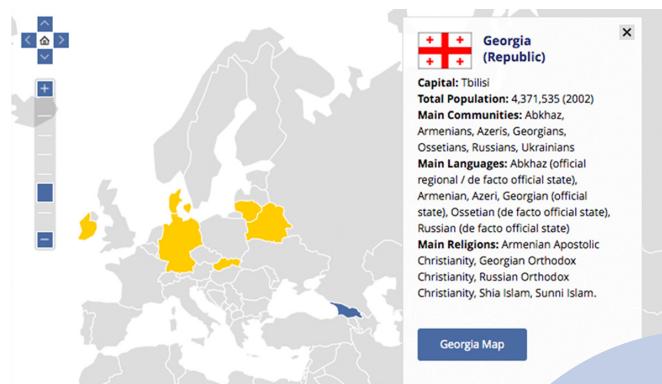
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What are the phases of the MMTE?

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

What is the language of the MMTE?

Data, information, and analyses within the MMTE are provided at this stage in English. In time, further development of the project aims at including other languages to make the MMTE available to more persons as well as to highlight the diversity of Europe.



What does the MMTE offer?

Extensive, authoritative information – concerning both conflictual and peaceful minority-majority affairs – is maintained through the four divisions of the MMTE Research Axis: Minority-Country Map, Minority-Country Timeline, Minority Portrait, and Country Portrait. Together, facts, synopses, and analyses are provided concerning both the minority communities and governments of the states of Europe. While more general information relates to the government's relationship and approaches to the country's minority communities, a more detailed examination concerns the circumstances and factors relating to select minorities. To provide a thorough and inclusive evaluation, the MMTE examines thematic divisions, with corresponding subcategories.



How are the entries for the MMTE written?

Through a team of interns, the four divisions of the MMTE Research Axis are investigated through both primary and secondary data collection. Following review by both the MMTE team as well as ECMI Senior Researchers and Associates, the entries are published on the MMTE website. Information is updated in a similar fashion to ensure the inclusion of the latest changes and developments relating to the minorities and the countries addressed by the project.

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