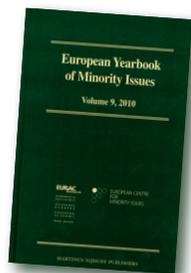


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ECMI Mandate

The European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI) deals with the concerns of minorities and majorities and the issues and opportunities which arise from these in a European perspective.

While taking into account that there is no generally applicable definition of minorities, ECMI refers to minorities as national minorities and other traditional autochthonous ethnic groups.

The ECMI conducts high-quality research and provides policy-relevant information and consultancy.

The ECMI's mandate is to:

- collect, promote and communicate research work on issues relating to minorities
- act as a databank on minority issues
- compile research on minority issues and create overall analyses and presentations
- participate in network research on minority issues
- promote and communicate practical experience regarding protection of minorities through symposia, seminars and publications
- create fora for mitigating conflicts
- advise on minority policies

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The synergy between standards, research and action is core to the methodology that the ECMI applies in all projects and programmes.

ECMI defines **standards** as the global regime of minority protection pertaining to Europe and spanning from the highest level of international standard-setting to local statutes and policies.

ECMI conducts **practice-oriented research** in minority governance, the development of legal standards, implementation mechanisms, and means of enhancing the participation of minorities in public life.

The Centre organizes its activities around five thematic clusters:

- Citizenship & Ethics
- Conflict & Security
- Culture & Diversity
- Justice & Governance
- Politics & Civil Society

ECMI also engages in **action-oriented projects** in order to stabilize interethnic relations in relevant settings and to support governments and intergovernmental organizations in generating best practices in minority-majority relations. These projects are mainly addressed by ECMI's associates in Georgia and Kosovo.



Founders, Donors and History

ECMI was founded in 1996 by the governments of Denmark, Germany, and Schleswig-Holstein. The ECMI headquarters are located in Flensburg, in the heart of the German-Danish border region, in order to draw on the positive experience of peaceful coexistence and cooperation of different ethnic groups in this area.

While its core funding is provided by its founding governments, the Centre actively pursues project based funding to support its activities.

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