

"Events of this kind are important to society because this is a workshop rather than an educational campaign, and real decisions can be made here."

**Ion Dumenuca**  
Academy of Science  
of the Republic of Moldova

"I wanted to learn about the models of participation of minorities in public life with the help of case studies of particular countries, and the ways they solved these problems; it is important that such seminars are attended by representatives of government agencies and civil society, as well as experts."

**Elena Petrova**  
Odesa  
Regional State Administration

"People working for local municipalities or NGOs, they have good practical experience in their localities, but usually are missing theoretical knowledge on issues or information about international perspectives. During such events we share our experiences and get inspired. We usually go back home with new ideas on new initiatives we could implement."

**Olga Vasilieva**  
Dnipropetrovsk  
Regional State Administration

**Belyana Salovatova**  
Ukrainian Roma organisation  
"Amaro Kher"

"My views on this project are very positive. I would say it is one of a kind because it covers not one specific ethnic group, as most of the organisations tend to do, but instead you work with all of them and this gives us a chance to meet others. Usually we Roma are separated from other ethnic groups. Yes, we all are different but we also have many similarities, many similar problems. So we need to work together."

The core objective of the Programme was to ensure that its activities were successfully implemented in the target countries and that the objectives were met. The Programme fulfilled its potential to gather together actors from different fields involved in minority issues in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine, and it created a safe space for the participants to learn and gain new expertise, as well as to discuss and exchange ideas in the area of minority protection and dialogue across the Programme's thematic lines.

The EPP activities were unique successful because of the following aspects:

**Capacity-building**

The Programme provided training in various areas of minority issues in a tailor-made fashion, focusing on the actual needs of the participants, adjusting the training according to the feedback from the participants, and addressing aspects particular to each target country or region.

**Awareness-raising**

Thanks to the Programme's deliverables, the information on and awareness of minority issues were spread among a broad section of the public, and participants in the Programme's events also acted as multipliers. More than 2,000 participants received training in minority issues and more than 120,000 people were reached by the Programme's dissemination strategy.

**Cross-national**

Activities were carried out in all the three countries simultaneously instead of targeting each country individually. For many of the participants, attending a Programme's event was the first time they had a chance to exchange practicalities of an everyday work in the field of minority issues.



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**Cross-regional**

The Programme's events were for many of the participants the first time when they could interact personally, learn about the work of their colleagues from different regions, and share good and bad practices.

**Multilevel and multidimensional**

The Programme's events were a unique space where actors from different levels of public administration (regional vs. central) as well as from different fields (public institutions, minority organizations, academia, and media) could meet for the first time and analyse minority issues from different points of view.

**Relevance**

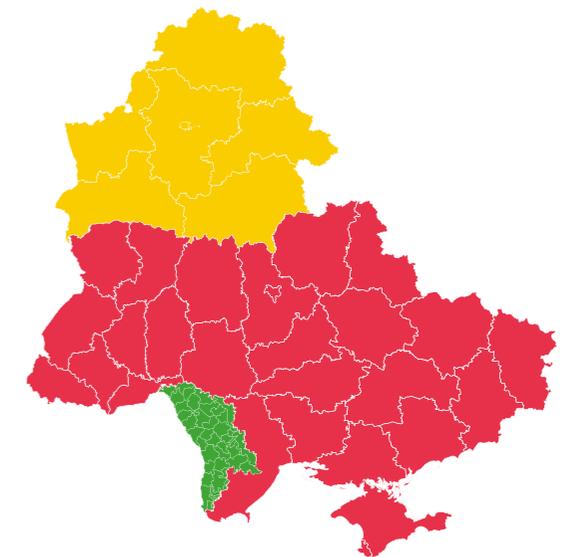
The high level of reflection and flexibility of the Programme ensured that the Programme's activities were not only educational but also tackled everyday practical issues that the participants had to face and thus made the participation in the programme highly relevant to the beneficiaries.



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## ECMI Eastern Partnership Programme

The Programme brought together three Eastern Partnership countries – Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine – with the overall aim of promoting minority issues by addressing and improving minority protection and minority participation. Specifically, the Programme provided the opportunity for constructive dialogue aimed at empowering both authorities and civil society.

### The Programme had two key objectives:

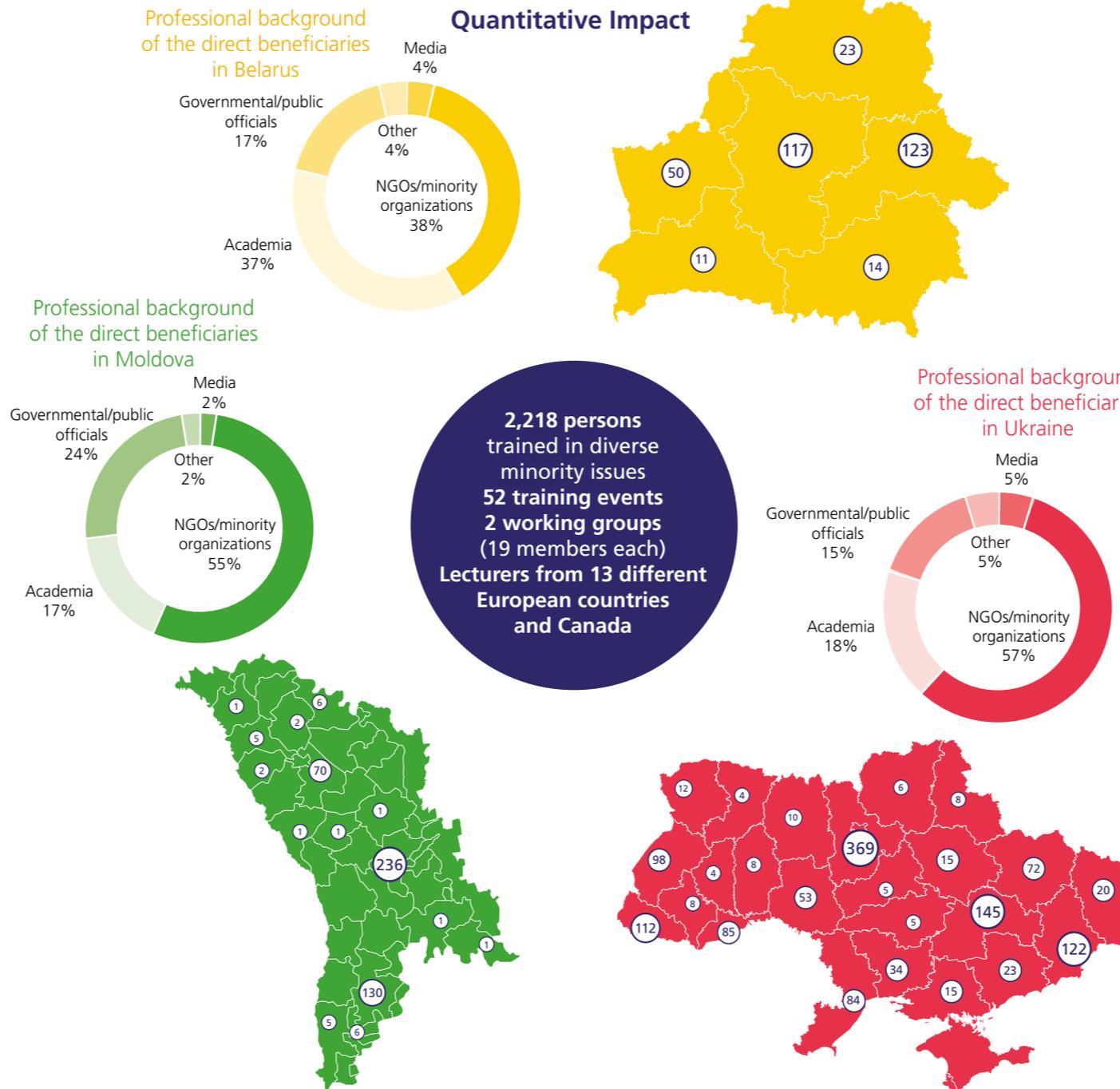
- ● ● Effective capacity building of public institutions in charge of equality and diversity policies with a focus on anti-discrimination bodies (**Objective 1**)
- ● ● Development, institutionalization and enhancement of dialogue between public authorities and minorities (**Objective 2**)

The Programme's implementation was organised along two thematic strands: (1) equality including non-discrimination on ethnic grounds (**equality**), and (2) minority participation in public life (**participation**).

### The Programme successfully transferred knowledge on European minority standards, and created synergies within and across national borders among various target groups:

- ● ● **Direct beneficiaries** (national equality bodies, national and regional executive bodies in charge of ethno-cultural policies, activists and leaders of the major minority groups, human rights NGOs, and scholars and academic experts)
- ● ● **Indirect beneficiaries** (media, university students, and the general public interested in aspects of ethno-national issues and minority rights)

## Quantitative Impact



## Results

NGOs and governmental officials trained on the issues of equality and non-discrimination, and participation of national minorities in public life.

Knowledge-transfer of international and European legal standards and exchange of good practices in the area of minority governance.

Raised awareness and increased capacities of public bodies in charge of diversity and equality issues and of consultative bodies on ethno-cultural issues in the areas of non-discrimination and participation of minorities in public life.

Initiated new legislative and administrative changes aimed at the improvement of the anti-discrimination and minority-related legislation.

Built confidence between official authorities and civil societies and stimulated cooperation between different organizations across ethnic and professional lines.

Facilitation of dialogue between public authorities, civil society and academia.

Successful networking of public officials in charge of minority issues, minority representatives and academia within the target countries and with international experts.

### The results were achieved through the various activities of the Programme:

