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PREFACE

Prof. Dr. Jørgen Kühl

The year 2019 encompassed a number of milestones for the ECMI, both substantively and organizationally. By the time both of these changes were complete at the end of the year, the Centre stood on a new footing in terms of direction and perspective.

During the first half of the year, the Centre underwent its fourth external evaluation since its founding in 1996. As always, this was a demanding affair. Managed by the Danish Evaluation Institute, the review was carried out by a wide-ranging team of experts, encompassing both academics and management specialists. It involved thoroughly examining the Centre's output, interviewing its staff, scrutinizing its procedures, and assessing the impact of its activities. At its conclusion, the evaluation featured not only a nearly 50-page report, but also a series of concrete recommendations. The report was also made public in March 2020.

On behalf of the ECMI Executive Board I would like to thank the evaluation panel – Prof. Dr. Frederik Harhoff, Prof. Dr. Stefanie Schmal, Prof. Dr. John Siegel and Dr. Fabrizio Tassinari – for their thorough and very helpful report. Their findings and recommendations will serve as useful guidelines for the future focus of the ECMI. Indeed, already at the end of 2019 the Executive Board moved to implement many of the Evaluation's suggestions. A more detailed implementation plan will follow in early 2020.

A second milestone involved the end of the term in office for the ECMI's Director, Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy. After a Board decision to hold an open competition for the position, a total of 27 applications were received from all around the world. A thorough assessment process then ensued, following which the Board decided to appoint Prof. Dr. Vello Pettai from the University of Tartu as the new Director.

The Board expresses its gratitude to Prof. Malloy for her dedicated service and accomplishments during ten years as Director of the ECMI. Her two terms have shaped the ECMI as it stands today. Likewise, we cordially welcome Prof. Pettai as new Director. His strong academic record, leadership experience and networks will bring new competences and opportunities to the ECMI.

Prof. Pettai took up the position as Director on 1 March 2020. In the transition period, Senior Researchers Andreea Carstocea and Sergiusz Bober served with strong commitment as Acting Directors. The Board is very thankful to them for taking up these responsibilities for a total of six months. In full agreement with the Board and Prof. Pettai, they initiated a series of structural changes that will make the ECMI more sustainable and organizationally vibrant moving forward. This is important for the ECMI as the only co-founded and co-funded Danish-German research institute of its kind.

Whereas 2019 was a year of transition and evaluation, 2020 will bring new challenges. Although the world's focus will necessarily be on the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to stress that even in times of challenges and insecurities, minorities do matter. The vision, mission and daily work of the ECMI ensures that this focus will be maintained.

Prof. Dr. Jørgen Kühl Chairman of the ECMI Executive Board



EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR MINORITY ISSUES



PREFACE

Prof. Dr. Vello Pettai

Let me begin with a somewhat unusual, but direct disclaimer: the name that stands at the bottom of this message cannot take any of the credit for the hard work and accomplishment that is narrated on the pages of this Annual Report. The reason for this is that having assumed the office of ECMI Director only in March 2020, I was not a part of these achievements. The most I can do is stand on the mountain of my colleagues' successes.

The broader explanation for this circumstance is that on 31 August 2019 Prof. Dr. Tove Malloy completed her second term as Director of the ECMI, and the ECMI's Executive Board decided to announce the vacancy internationally. After a six-month period of transition, I took up the directorship on 1 March 2020.

This Annual Report, therefore, stands as a testament not only to the impact that the ECMI has had on minority issues in 2019, but also to the overarching contributions of Prof. Malloy to the ECMI. As the new Director of the Centre, I can only say how honoured I am to be building on the tremendous work that Prof. Malloy and the entire staff have handed down! This includes the interim period when Andreea Carstocea and Sergiusz Bober served as Acting Directors. Thank you to you all!

Reflecting on the activities for 2019, particular attention should be given to the successful completion of our flagship project in Ukraine, "Diversity Management for Sustainable Economic Development", funded by the German development agency GIZ and the U-LEAD aid programme. The ECMI's contribution has been to bring the issue of minorities into the policy implementation process of territorial-administrative reform in Ukraine. In simpler language, this has meant working with local communities across western Ukraine in order to understand how the administrative decentralization process will allow national minorities to continue to nurture their rights and identities. The ECMI has been instrumental in keeping the minority issue on the agenda, whilst also looking into ways in which these minorities can be a positive force amid the new socio-economic development opportunities that larger administrative units offer. A particularly instrumental role in this work has been played by our fantastic team on the ground in Kyiv, led by Nataliia Mekahal.

Another level of continuity is the agenda-setting research work carried out by our thematic cluster leaders and senior researchers. As profiled in the very first section of this report, the ECMI has maintained its tradition of research workshops, where key scholarly or policy-related questions are identified and elaborated with a set of handpicked experts. I am delighted to note that two of these workshops in 2019 were organized as "inaugural" research events by our two new Senior Researchers: Kyriaki Topidi (Culture and Diversity) and Marika Djolai (Conflict and Security). We hope these workshops will serve as cornerstones to their future research and innovation at the Centre.

For those already familiar with the ECMI's work, our sub-headings regarding the annual Summer School, the Minority Map and Timeline of Europe (MMTE) project or our wide scope of publications add a further dimension of continuity. The activities of the ECMI's Kosovo office have also remained diverse and impact-rich.

Lastly, we have had continuity in the steadfast support of our three Founders. This is no small matter given a world that has now become rocked by COVID-19 and the broad array of social, political and economic consequences that this pandemic has caused. If anything, the threat to minorities through social stereotypes, economic inequality or political pressures may exacerbate. This Report shows how the ECMI stands ready to address these challenges in the future.

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HIGHLIGHTS 2019

DIVERSITY MANAGEMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC EVELOPMENT IN CHERNIVTSI, UKRAINE



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8 Febuary

The first of six Research Workshops in 2019, "National Minorites and their influence on Regional Development", Flensburg (See page 8)

EXIBITION "ETHNIC MINORITIES IN GEORGIA" IN FLENSBURG



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28 January

Start of the first training course in the "Diversity Management for Sustainable Economic Development" project, Chernivtsi (See page 13)

NATIONAL MINORITES AND THEIR INFLUENCE ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT THE ECMI IN FLENSBURG



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15 April

Exhibition "Ethnic Minorities in Georgia", Haus der Familie, Flensburg (See page 18)

HIGHLIGHTS 2019

"DIVERSITY MANAGEMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT" PROJECT IN KYIV, UKRAINE



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23 December

Exhibition, "Empowering Future Minority Leaders" project, Flensburg (See page 12)

2 September

Start of the Annual Summer School, Berlin (See page 14)

ANNUAL SUMMER SCHOOL IN BERLIN



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17 October

Closing event of the "Diversity Management for Sustainable Economic Development" project, Kyiv (See page 13)

EXHIBITION, "EMPOWERING FUTURE" MINORITY LEADERS" PROJECT IN FLENSBURG



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RESEARCH WORKSHOPS

The ECMI represents an international research hub and knowledge centre for minority issues. Its mission is to drive discussion and informational exchange at all levels of societal interaction: scholarly research, public policy making, interethnic community relations, international legal frameworks. Each year, the ECMI deploys its five thematic clusters to scan the horizons of existing knowledge and practice and to identify emerging research areas that need to be explored for their theoretical and/or policy relevance. In 2019, the Centre focused on five such areas.

"National Minorites and their influence on Regional Development"

7 – 8 February Convenors: Sergiusz Bober, Sonja Wolf

Throughout its more than two decades of work, the ECMI has had a chance to observe and analyse the peaceful and prosperous development of minority-majority relations in many regions across Europe. These positive relations are often intimately linked to the quality of life in the region in question and the socio-economic well-being of its inhabitants. While there is a tendency both in research and in politics to understand minorities as passive beneficiaries of development policies, there are many examples, in which minorities take on an active role and make significant contributions to regional development. However, these contributions are seldom appreciated and promoted as minority-specific and tend to be under-researched. The specific capacities and knowledge possessed by persons belonging to minorities can be of benefit to the development of the regions inhabited by them. However, due to a lack of appreciation and attention they often remain a potential untapped.

This workshop explored the role of minorities in regional development – particularly in border regions – through a discussion of concepts, methods, and empirical cases. Three fields of research were particularly relevant to this

endeavour: regional development, border region studies, and minority studies. Through a team of experts coming from seven countries, a number of key domains were identified: data collection on minority and border regions, access to entrepreneurial financing for minorities, the role of minority social capital in development, centreperiphery dynamics, and social attitudes toward development vs. encroachment.

"Human and Minority Rights in Non-recognized Entities"

15 February Convenor: Tove H. Malloy

Around the world, ethnic and minority conflict has often led to territories breaking away from or being separated from nation-states in a way that they become "non-recognized entities", that is, neither acknowledged as new sovereign countries nor as having joined some adjacent nation-state. While to a large degree these conflicts involve regional geopolitics and international relations, they also concern human and minority rights, since the populations of these territories are often ethnically diverse, and if the territories are in a grey zone of political status, the ability to monitor and enforce rights standards in these areas is greatly undermined

What are the needs and challenges of this precarious trend? In February, the ECMI organized an expert workshop examining the feasibility of monitoring human and minority rights in non-recognized entities. Geographically, the workshop encompassed a range of territories, including Northern Cyprus, Transnistria, Crimea, Abkhazia, South Ossetia and Nagorno-Karabakh. Across these entities, a number of singularities were identified: level of involvement by guardian states (Russia, Turkey, Armenia), strength of civil society groups and potential partners on the ground, degree of post-conflict instability. All of these issues influence the ability of external organizations to foster or contribute to rights monitoring in these societies.



Engagement strategies have to be crafted in a careful and nuanced manner in order to maintain the credibility, impartiality and effectiveness of the process.

"Personal Data, Ethnic Data and Security"

28 - 29 May

Convenor: Ljubica Djordjević

Individuals in the world today are much more than single human beings: they are also very intricate constellations of information and data (generally electronic) that are woven through all kinds of governmental, commercial and social interactions. "Data" has therefore become an overarching security issue, especially at it pertains to the protection individual rights and privacy vis-à-vis the ever-growing number of entities, which can gain access to what we as individuals do and who we as human beings are.

Since 2018, the ECMI has participated in an EU-funded Jean Monnet project on "Boosting European Security Law and Policy: Flows of Migrants, Data Security and Movement of Capital (BeSEC)" (lead institution University of Siena). The Centre's role was to spearhead the study of data security as it pertains to ethnic minorities, and specifically the collection of ethnic data. The two-day workshop in May was part of the project's wider series of meetings.

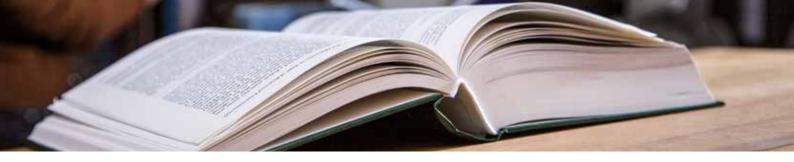
It goes without saying that the collection of data on 'ethnicity' implies that there are some set of criteria for determining people's ethnicity. This, however, is obviously problematic, since individuals can have multiple ethnic identities, and these may also change over time as well as depending on the context. At the same time, being able to measuring ethnicity, i.e. have ethnic data, has important relevance for fighting against discrimination, monitoring the position of persons belonging to national minorities and for developing and assessing diversity management policies. As a result, the workshop looked specifically at European standards for the processing of ethnic and other sensitive data. This examination included case-studies of Croatia, Hungary and the United Kingdom.

"Insecurity from Below: Minorities, Security and Securitisation of Group Relations"

6 – 7 November Convenor: Marika Diolai

Government policies often create different challenges in the everyday life of minorities, especially when minorities are perceived as security concerns and this engenders specific behaviours amongst the majority community because of these perceived threats. Violence is the most extreme form of insecurity, while political exclusion and/ or different forms of discrimination constitute only milder aspects of the insecurity spectrum. Additionally, long-settled minorities and indigenous people often feel pressure from more recent migrants, particularly when they get numerically outnumbered and where the states create unequal policies for assimilation, integration, participation and protection of the newly arrived population. At the same time, new immigrants may feel more at a disadvantage because indigenous groups and historic minorities are already well established in the societies, with strong political representation, participation and mechanisms for cultural preservation.

This workshop was carried out against the backdrop of the minorities-security nexus in the wider Europe, particularly in the Balkans and Eurasia. The participants (from ten different countries) were invited to propose new approaches to conceptualising the future research agenda in this area. Following a keynote address by Dr. Stavroula Pipyrou (University of St. Andrews, Scotland), the workshop looked at the securitization process of minorities, patterns of victimization, the influence of kin-state policies, and bottom-up community dvnamics.



RESEARCH WORKSHOPS

"Minority Identity in the Digital Age"

12 – 13 December Convenor: Kyriaki Topidi

Digitalization has become one of the prevailing transformative processes of our time. While its effects on economic, political and social exchange have been widely studied, a separate question remains as to how this phenomenon has specifically affected minority communities and minority identities. This expert workshop was aimed at creating a new multi-disciplinary network of scholars concerned with the impact of digitalization on minority groups. Encompassing experts from a dozen different institutions (universities, minority media outlets, research organizations), the workshop identified a number of aspects, where minority communities are affected by digitalization.

One of the most prevalent concerns involves the rise in hate speech via new digital platforms (especially social media). This issue, however, turned out to be a highly complex domain, drawing in questions relating to the freedom of expression, private media ownership, national legal frameworks, and the patterns of digital technology use within minority communities. Another area of research emerged pertaining to the collection and management of data on minorities using so-called FAIR and CARE principles. Overarching challenges such as what is "digital citizenship" for minorities were also addressed.

ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

Minority Map and Timeline of Europe

The Minority Map and Timeline of Europe (MMTE) is an online interactive 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 better comprehension of the relationships and associations concerning minorities and the countries they live in. To this end, the website is composed in a thematic format to promote consistency, uniformity, and comparison between entries. The MMTE endeavours to act as a central clearinghouse website that provides information on minority and majority 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.

In 2019, the MMTE team redesigned the platform's website to ensure that its usability is in line with the latest website design functionalities and opportunities. Additionally, the database's existing entries on minority issues were revised and updated to comply with the improved format, and new content was produced. Website development will continue through 2020, along with scientific development of the project's historical components.

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MINORITY MAP AND TIMELINE OF EUROPE

ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

Non-Territorial Autonomy Arrangements

In 2019, the ECMI continued to work on exploring non-territorial arrangements, mainly through two projects: "Autonomy Arrangements in the World" and "ENTAN: European Non-Territorial Autonomy Network".

Autonomy Arrangements in the World

The project is a joint endeavour of four European research institutions: Eurac Research (Italy), Babes-Bolaiy University (Romania), ECMI (Germany) and Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities (Romania). The core of the project is the online compendium of territorial and non-territorial autonomy arrangements in the world. The website offers several case-studies of autonomy arrangements in the world, and tracks a growing trend in this field. In the next stages of the project, a comparative/horizontal comparison of the cases will be carried out. In the project, ECMI is responsible for case-studies of non-territorial autonomy (NTA) arrangements. In 2019, a casestudy on Finland ("The Sami Assembly in Finland") was published. In addition to this, articles on NTA in Germany, Montenegro and South Africa were completed and submitted for publication review. http://www.world-autonomies.info/Pages/default.aspx

ENTAN: European Non-Territorial Autonomy Network

ENTAN is an EU-funded COST Action aimed at establishing a network of researchers exploring non-territorial autonomy (NTA). In 2019, the network held a kick-off meeting in Brussels. ECMI Director Tove H. Malloy participated in the meeting and was appointed chairperson of the Working Group on regional and socio-economic development. At a second meeting of the network in Skopje in June, key strategic documents for the Action were adopted and the different Working Groups of ENTAN held individual sessions. A plenary session, in which they discussed their modus of work and further activities. Tove H. Malloy was appointed the chair of the first ENTAN conference (held in Belgrade in November 2019). ECMI Senior Researcher Ljubica Djordjević participated in the meeting of the Working Group dealing with the development of a university course in NTA and specifically an ENTAN training school in Flensburg and Sønderborg, with possible involvement of ECMI as co-organising institution (together with the University of South Denmark and the Europa Universität Flensburg). The first ENTAN training school will take place in September 2020. Among others, Ljubica Djordjević has been appointed to the Organising Committee.

In 2019, the first ENTAN Conference entitled "Non-Territorial Autonomy as а Form Plurinational Democracy: Participation, Recognition, Reconciliation" was held in Belgrade 22-23 November. ECMI Senior Research Associate Kyriaki Topidi participated in the conference and presented a paper, "Managing Religious Diversity in Education: Addressing Competing (In)equalities in Plural Societies".

Contact: Ljubica Djordjevć

PROJECTS FINALISED IN 2019

Career Guidance and Counselling for Vulnerable Groups (Serbia)

As part of a project supported by the German development agency GIZ, ECMI staff put together a special brochure on "Discovering and Supporting Talents" aimed at supporting career guidance among vulnerable pupils in Serbia. Senior Researchers Andreea Carstocea and Ljubica Djordjević as well as Project Assistant Polina Sulima contributed to producing the brochure, which was in turn published under the auspices of the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Schleswig-Holstein regional government.

As Schleswig-Holstein is known for its successful integration policy regarding minorities and the implementation of projects to support job orientation and counselling of young people within disadvantaged groups, the brochure aimed to support the ongoing educational reform in Serbia by inspiring stakeholders with best practices from the educational sector in Schleswig-Holstein. The ECMI author team prepared a detailed analysis of difficulties young people from disadvantaged groups face in their educational and professional paths. Special attention was drawn to Roma and Sinti and recommendations made as to how vulnerable groups could be better supported in the educational system.

The project started with a fact-finding trip to Belgrade at the beginning of 2019, during which ECMI experts identified the main challenges confronting pupils of Roma background in accessing and participating in the dual education system, as well as their transitioning to employment once they graduate. The team also outlined tentative solutions to each of the challenges they identified. The brochure can be downloaded in Serbian and German at:

https://www.infoecmi.eu/index.php/ecmisupports-giz-project-in-serbia-with-itsexpertise-in-the-field-of-roma-education/

Empowering Future Minority Leaders (Moldova)

Minority youth in Moldova often live in regions with high unemployment and few prospects for their future in terms of economic and social progress. In 2019, the ECMI responded to this need by initiating and implemented a project on "Empowering Future Minority Leaders". Through funding from the German Federal Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt) and in cooperation with our Moldovan partner "Youth Platform for Interethnic Solidarity", the project focused on improving prospects for minority youth in Moldova by promoting their own civic engagement as part of their community's success.

Policy-making in Moldova often does not cover all the needs of minority youth: more than 70% of respondents in a national survey agreed with the statement that politicians in Moldova do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people. Consequently, minority youth in Moldova are among the groups most likely to leave their home country and emigrate. Instead of being active citizens and future leaders in their regions and/ or country, they leave for countries in the EU or Russia. The ECMI's project therefore sought to increase the involvement of minorities in public and political life and to support the building of civic and national identity as an important part of achieving peaceful and prosperous development in Moldova.

The project consisted of different milestones, starting with a kick-off workshop in July where the participants learned about minority rights, met German minority experts and developed initial ideas about organizing their own civic campaign. The 20 participants – aged between 16 and 25 – originated from different minority backgrounds in Moldova and were selected based on their motivation and leadership potential to become the young drivers of change. A second workshop followed, where the participants gained indepth knowledge about active civic engagement,



including how to organize funding, budgeting, social media and campaigning.

At the conclusion of the project, the civic engagement campaigns that the participants had developed were put on exhibition both in Moldova (Chisinau in October) and Germany (Flensburg in December). The Flensburg exhibition was organized at the Danish Central Library, which constituted a particularly meaningful venue against the backdrop of German-Danish minority cooperation. Eleven illustrations of different minority stories in Moldova were presented, and during the opening ten of the project's participants were present to embody their experiences.

Diversity Management for Sustainable Economic Development (Ukraine)

The ECMI's involvement in Ukraine continued in 2019 within the framework of the project "Diversity Management for Sustainable Economic Development" (DMD). As a partner within the EU-spearheaded U-LEAD support programme, the ECMI (under the coordination of the German GIZ) contributed its expertise to an analysis of how different minority regions of Ukraine were undergoing the process of territorial-administrative reform, and how this reform could boost sustainable economic development for minorities.



Dr. Sergiusz Bober, Diversity Management for Sustainable Economic, Ukraine

The ECMI concentrated on three particularly diverse regions of Ukraine: Chernivtsi, Zakarpattya, and Odesa. Public officials serving on local and regional levels, representatives of civil society, and local entrepreneurs and media representatives of these regions were invited to participate in a series of seminars and interviews about the links between minority communities, economic development and territorial-administrative reform.

Over a period of 12 months, several workshops, training courses and two study-visits to Schleswig-Holstein were organized. Against the backdrop of the decentralisation reform in Ukraine, the overall goal of the events was to identify potential challenges for successful diversity management in the chosen regions and to find possible solutions for these challenges.

It is one of the ECMI's fundamental premises that national minorities constitute not only human capital for their localities and states, but also cultural, linguistic and transnational social capital. In addition to this overall standpoint, the ECMI also examined the connection between minorities and regional development. Moreover, the project drew in a synergetic manner on the ECMI's 9th Minority Roundtable for the German-Danish region that was organized earlier in 2019. This latter event produced comparative conceptual thinking as well as real-life examples concerning the role of local minorities in regional development that were then used in the Ukrainian workshops and analyses.

During a final workshop in October, the major findings of the project were presented, including a longer report on the social capital of minorities in border regions. A range of local authorities also shared their recent experiences with crossborder cooperation and diversity management and spoke about positive Ukrainian models and practices enabling local communities to foster social cohesion and derive economic benefit from cultural diversity.



EDUCATION & DISSEMINATION

Annual Summer School

In collaboration with the Coppieters Foundation, the ECMI organised in September 2019 its 9th Annual Summer School on National Minorities in Border Regions. Held this year in Berlin, the Summer School focused on the collapse of communism with the topic "The Legacy of '89: 30 years of redrawing borders and rethinking minorities".

A total of 25 participants from 22 countries participated in the intensive week, which took place at the Humboldt Universität zu Berlin. The opening lecture was delivered by Prof. Vello Pettai, the incoming Director of the ECMI. His presentation on ethnicity, nationalism and ethnopolitics was followed by a keynote lecture from Jan Rovny (Sciences Po-Paris) on ethnicity and political competition. Other expert speakers included Martin Klatt (University of Southern Denmark), Andrea Carlà (Eurac Research), and Juliane Wetzel (Zentrum für Antisemitismusforschung, TU Berlin).

In addition to the lectures, the Summer School participants had many cultural activities on the agenda, including a visit to the Marienfelde Refugee Centre, a day trip to the Sorbian community in Bautzen, and a seminar at the Bildungsforum gegen Antiziganismus with Tobias von Borcke and Markus End.

Download the full programme under: https://www.infoecmi.eu/index.php/ the-annual-summer-school-on-nationalminorities-in-border-regions-2019-the-timehas-come/



Networking

Sharing expertise, presenting work, networking and partnership building – these are the lifeblood of an intellectual community. By attending, participating in, 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.

In 2019 the ECMI participated in the following conferences:

- ••• Foundation Institute for Eastern Studies, "Europe-Ukraine Forum", Rzeszów, Poland, 24-25 January
- ••• Citizens' Accord Forum (CAF), Roundtable, Jerusalem, Israel, 18 February
- Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism, Annual Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland, 24-25 April
- Association for the Study of Nationalities, World Convention, Columbia University, New York, USA, 2-4 May
- Central European University, Tom Lantos Institute and Institute for Minority Studies, special conference "The post-1989 Springtime of National Minorities?", Budapest, Hungary, 6-7 June
- ••• Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies, University of Tartu, Estonia, 9-11 June
- ••• Federal Union of European Nationalities, Congress, Bratislava, Slovakia, 12-16 June
- International Association of Language Commissioners, Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, 26-27 June
- European Society for Central Asian Studies, Biennial Conference "The Globality of Central Asia", University of Exeter, United Kingdom, 27-29 June
- German Institute for Foreign Relations, "Civil Society, Diversity and Social Entrepreneurship Cross Culture-Alumni Meeting", Kyiv, Ukraine, 3-6 October

- ••• Basque Institute Etxepare and University of Edinburgh, "Crowded out or limitless horizons? Minority language-media in the digital age", Edinburgh, Scotland, 16-17 October
- ••• Belgrade Security Forum, Belgrade, Serbia, 17-19 October
- ••• Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, roundtable "Minority Self-Governance and Cultural Autonomy", Belgrade, Serbia, 30-31 October
- ••• Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law and National Law University, "Legal Pluralism and Governance in the Global South: Challenges and Opportunities", Patiala, India, 30 October-4 November
- ••• European Non-Territorial Autonomy Network, "Non-Territorial Autonomy as a form of Plurinational Democracy", Belgrade, Serbia, 22-23 November
- ••• Nord University, "Nationalism in a Transnational Age", workshop, Bodø, Norway, 25-26 November
- ••• Chatham House, "Ukraine: Great Expectations", conference, London, United Kingdom, 5 December
- ••• Centre for East Asian Studies, Université Libre de Bruxelles, "Documenting, Assessing and Reporting the Uyghur Crisis", Brussels, Belgium, 9-10 December

Partnerships

The ECMI has extensive cooperation with multiple partners across Europe and beyond. In 2019, the ECMI expanded its circle of partners, and continued its cooperation with established networks within various projects and activities.

At the local level we worked extensively with the following stakeholders in the Danish-German border region:

- ••• Dialog Forum Nord
- ••• Europa-Universität Flensburg
- ••• Federal Union of European Nationalities

- ••• University of Southern Denmark
- ••• Danish Central Library, Flensburg
- ••• Akademie Sankelmark/ Europäische Akademie Schleswig-Holstein/ Academia Baltica
- ••• Ferring Stiftung
- ••• Verband Deutscher Sinti und Roma



At the national and international level, we continued to work with the following organizations, NGOs, universities, framework programmes and networks involved with the protection of minorities:

- ••• Abo Akademi, Finland
- ••• Åland Islands Peace Institute (ÅIPI), Finland
- ••• American University of Central Asia, Bishkek
- ••• Anna Lindh Foundation, German Network
- ••• Belgrade Centre for Political Excellence,
- ••• Belgrade Centre for Security Policy, Serbia
- ••• Centre for the Research of Ethnicity and Culture (CVEK), Slovakia
- ••• Council of Europe, Belgium
- ••• College of Law and Criminology at Swansea University, Wales, UK
- ••• Coppieters Foundation, Belgium
- ••• Corvinus University Hungary
- ••• Centre for the Studies of Ethnicity and Multiculturalism, Georgia

Partnerships

- Ethnocultural Diversity Resource Center (EDRC), Romania
- ••• Eurac Research, Italy
- ••• Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Latvia
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- ••• Higher School of Economics (HSE), Russia
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- ••• University of St Andrews, Scotland
- ••• University of Tartu, Estonia
- ••• Youth Platform for Interethnic Solidarity/ NGO Moldova
- ••• Zentrum für Antisemitismusforschung, TU Berlin, Germany



Awards

From 2016-2018, the ECMI led an Erasmus Plus project entitled "Diversity Management for Teachers". In September 2019, the project was acknowledged as "Project of the Month" by the Pedagogical Exchange Service (PAD) of the German *Kultusministerkonferenz* (or Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs). The PAD highlighted the project's "Teaching in Diversity" Handbook as well as faceto-face teacher training sessions.



LOCAL EVENTS & OUTREACH

The ECMI focuses its work on geographical Europe, whilst specializing on the Danish-German border region and its model of minority-majority relations as a special platform for knowledge transfer on minority issues. In 2019, this mission manifested itself in a variety of activities that enriched our regional community.



9th Annual Minority Roundtable

The ECMI's Minority Roundtable has become a central component to the Centre's engagement with and contribution to minority issues in the Danish-German border region. Increasingly, national and linguistic minorities have been participating in the development of regional development strategies for this area, including long-term thinking for economic sectors such as tourism, health, transportation and the environment. The political parties of the minorities make clear references to these and other sectors in their campaign platforms, and they participate in local politics and decisionmaking. At times, they have acted as innovators and bridge-builders spotting opportunities derived from the meeting of cultures in the border region. Yet, official political strategies rarely mention the contributions made by the minorities, let alone their potential for further opportunities via the inter-cultural knowledge of the minorities. The 9th Annual Minority Roundtable put these issues on the table. What are the capacities and knowledge that national minorities have that can support regional development? How can states usefully and respectfully involve minorities in regional development efforts? What level of governance is adequate to deal with these issues? What kinds of institutions are useful and necessary to implement

more inclusive development policies? What role can minorities have in cross-border cooperation? How can policy-makers (and researchers) make minority contributions to regional development more visible? What data is available about minority contributions to regional development? How can such information be accessed? The forum, attended by representatives from all local minority groups, took place at Danish Central Library in Flensburg.

Lecture series, "Schackenborg Dialog 2020"

This lecture series was inspired by the 100th anniversary of the border settlement between Denmark and Germany that resulted from the two plebiscites held in Northern and Middle Schleswig in 1920. It was co-organised by the Schackenborg Foundation, the Danish Foreign Policy Society and the ECMI. The four events consisted of presentations and discussions about different developments in other European border regions and how to connect them to developments in the German-Danish region. The venue was the historic Schackenborg Castle in Møgeltønder, Denmark.

In April, the first evening lecture took place with a focus on South Tyrol. Dr. Toni Ebner, the editor-in-chief of the German-language newspaper *Dolomiten* and member of the Governing Board of the European Association of Daily Newspapers in Minority and Regional Languages (MIDAS), was the featured guest. In November, Member of the European Parliament and former researcher at the ECMI, Dr. Kinga Gal, spoke on minority issues in Hungary and Central Europe.





Photo Exhibition "Ethnic Minorities in Georgia"

From 15 April to 5 July the ECMI helped sponsor a photo exhibition on ethnic minorities in Georgia featuring the work of Natela Grigalashvili. Georgia is a multicultural state enriched with a wealth of diverse population groups. Some 16 percent of the population is made up of persons belonging to ethnic minorities and the country is home to over twenty sizeable ethnic communities.

Hosted by the *Haus der Familie* in Flensburg, the exhibition covered a wide range of ethnic groups, including Azeris, Armenians, Eastern Slavs, Yezidi-Kurds, Assyrians, Ossetians, Kists, Avars, Udins, Jews and Roms. Originally launched in March 2010, the exhibition was accompanied by a booklet prepared by the Committee for Human Rights and Civic Integration of the Parliament of Georgia in collaboration with the ECMI.



Local interactions

For the broader German-Danish border region, the ECMI is engaged in providing information about minority issues to interested groups and visitors. By building bridges and establishing networks, the ECMI has over the years hosted a number highranking delegations from different parts of world. Visitors are introduced to the ECMI Headquarters in the magnificent Kompagnietor directly on Flensburg's waterfront. The Centre provides presentations about its work and other thematic topics of interest. Other tours are arranged to visit minority organizations across the border region.

In 2019, the ECMI was pleased to welcome the Eckener School in Flensburg, representatives of the Croatian Community in Slovenia, and numerous Rotary Clubs from Denmark. The ECMI team also met with Andrei Sharashkin, the General Consul of the Russian Federation in Hamburg, together with Jens A. Christiansen, Secretary General of the Danish Minority in South Schleswig. The ECMI was also visited by Dr. Anton Thomsen, Political Advisor for the OSCE High Commissioner for National Minorities.

Other interactions with local actors:

- Director Tove Malloy attended the preparatory committee meetings for the 100th anniversary of the Danish-German plebiscite events of 2020 at the Schleswig-Holstein State Chancellery in Kiel.
- Senior Researcher Dr. Sergiusz Bober attended the "Deutscher Tag" in Tinglev, Denmark.
- Head of Secretariat Maj-Britt Risbjerg Hansen participated regularly in meetings of the Language and Culture Steering Committee (Styregruppemøde Sprog & Kultur) of the Regionskontor in Padborg, Denmark
- ••• Communications Coordinator Katharina
 Jürgensen attended the Minority
 Networker event "Minderheiten in Europa –
 das deutsch-dänische Grenzland als
 best-practice Beispiel" at the
 Akademie Sankelmark

INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE

In order to preserve both a comparative and applied perspective to its work, the ECMI has always maintained an international presence alongside its roots in the Danish-German border region. This engagement has often taken the form of local offices, through which the ECMI channels its knowledge and project work.

ECMI Ukraine

In 2019, the ECMI Ukraine office was centrally involved in the "Diversity Management for Sustainable Economic Development" project described on page 13. With a staff of five, the Office played a key role in organizing the numerous local consultations that were part of the project. Geographically, it was no small feat to coordinate activities stretching from the Zakarpattya region, down through Chernivtsi and all the way to Odesa. In addition to those activities, the office also branched out with its own initiatives, organizing special roundtables with government officials on the status of minorities in Ukraine and promoting direct cooperation with foreign embassies and with minority representatives.



Nataliia Mekahal, Director ECMI Ukraine





Adrian Zegiri, Director ECMI Kosovo

ECMI Kosovo

The ECMI Kosovo office has been a long-standing success-story of international engagement leading to local sustainability and impact. The office's independent project efforts have led to hundreds of thousands of euros in outside funding, whilst maintaining a link to the broader pool of knowledge and networking of the Centre in Flensburg. The office's numerous thematic areas (both new and old) are detailed below.

Equal Rights for All Coalition

The Equal Rights for All Coalition (ERAC) brings together seven NGOs in Kosovo that work in the domain of rule of law and fundamental rights with a particular focus on the establishment of a sustainable network of CSOs that are active in the protection and promotion of the fundamental rights of vulnerable and/or marginalised groups. During 2019 ERAC identified more than 100 cases of human rights violations, and it was the responsibility of ECMI Kosovo to assist with providing free legal aid to minorities, woman, youth and LGBTI community. Through the publication of six policy papers ERAC also provided recommendations to relevant institutions for improving access to human rights for all. Furthermore, ERAC published 4 handbooks on human rights and discrimination that will help the daily work of grass-roots NGOs dealing with human rights. To present these papers, ERAC also organized eight conferences with beneficiaries, stakeholders and partners. An additional four workshops were organized with Kosovo Police to raise awareness about the terms and concepts of the LGBTI Community. Lastly, ERAC released several billboards in different municipalities of Kosovo, with each billboard having a message in Albanian and Serbian promoting human rights. All of these activities were accompanied by dissemination efforts and promotional material, including media articles, brochures, leaflets, stickers and tote-bags.

Support to Kosovo in the Implementation of Agreements reached in Brussels Dialogue: Freedom of Movement and Association of Serb-Majority Municipalities

ECMI Kosovo provided support to the Kosovo Civil Registry Agency via different activities meant to increase awareness among marginalised groups regarding procedures for obtaining identification documents issued by the Republic of Kosovo and in particular the benefits of obtaining such documents educational and employment opportunities in Kosovo. ECMI Kosovo also contributed to the elaboration of "Principles for a Platform for Negotiations on the Legally Binding Agreement on Normalization of Relations between Kosovo and Serbia." This platform is expected to be adopted by the Kosovo State Team on Dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia. Furthermore, an external professional expert was engaged to work on drafting a legal analysis of the Association of Serb-majority Municipalities. The report presented the international obligations that the Republic of Kosovo has regarding the dialogue process between Kosovo and Serbia, and the Association.



Support to Education in the Serbian Language

The educational system in Kosovo is one that is split between Albanian- and Serbian-language institutions. One particular consequence of this fact is the challenge this places on Serbian graduates to enter, amongst other areas, the Albanian civil service. In this project, ECMI Kosovo has been facilitating the creation of a verification mechanism of diplomas, both as part of its mandate as the mediating party between the Kosovo government and the University of Mitrovica North (UMN), and by providing technical support to the work of the Commission for the Verification of Degrees. To date, the Commission has received 1,702 applications, of which 1,640 were approved, 12 are currently being reviewed and 40 diplomas were denied because they did not fall under the mandate of the Commission. Taking into account the fact that the process of diploma recognition has been unresolved in Kosovo for the past 17 years, these developments represent a success story. ECMI Kosovo has assessed the impact of the project and conducted three surveys, most recently in October 2018. The third survey showed that of those applicants who were applying for diploma recognition in order to qualify for jobs (around 32%), 38% of these individuals successfully obtained a job in various public institutions in Kosovo. Nevertheless, their status as permanent civil servants was unconfirmed, and they usually worked with short term contracts. Most other applicants seeking diploma verification did so in order to either confirm their status as permanent civil servants or complete their personal documentation so this would be ready should an opportunity arise for public sector employment. Furthermore, ECMI Kosovo is working with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology of Kosovo and other relevant partners in the educational sector to potentially expand the diploma verification process to both high school professional school diplomas. Overall, however, there is a need for long-term solutions to the existing situation, where education in Serbian language is completely separated from the education system of Kosovo and is therefore not



recognized by it. It is of paramount importance that the Kosovo Government and MEST have a clear strategy to the inclusion of education in Serbian language within the overall framework of Kosovo education system.

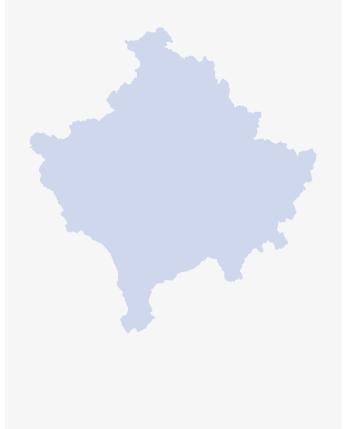
Youth Digital Entrepreneurship Academy

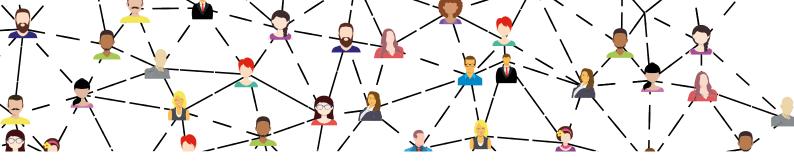
The market for information and communication technology (ICT) services is rapidly growing on a global scale. The government of Kosovo has recognized this need and has made initial investments in ICT training aimed at creating employment opportunities in this field for women and other marginalized groups This project offers an additional way to fill this gap by fostering digital entrepreneurship among youth and doing it in such a way that it fosters societal integration. The Youth Digital Entrepreneurship Academy is a network of youth groups, local businesses and vocational educational institutions in the cities of Prizren (Kosovo) and Lezha (Albania). Through a special programme involving professional courses and on-the-job training, its aim is to prepare young people and other interested participants for the needs of the digital market.

As part of the Academy, teaching staff from vocational educational institutions in Prizren and Lezha were introduced to new trends and topics in IT and web design. They were also familiarized with the new teaching materials of the YDEA curriculum as well as new learning techniques such as virtual classrooms. In terms of actual operations, 55 selected participants of the Academy were being trained based on the latest tech trends, and were also receiving hands-on experience with professional code documentation, work ethics and related processes. A total of 20 training sessions were held in both Prizren and Lezha. In July, a joint class was organized with the aim of bringing together participants from the two cities. There are also plans to hold a joint job-fair in order to strengthen networking opportunities between the young entrepreneurs and the business sector in both Kosovo and Albania.

Development of a Legal Information Service for the Kosovo Assembly and the Language **Consistency of Laws**

According to many external observers and monitoring mechanisms, there continue to be problems in Kosovo with the implementation of Law No. 02/L-37 on the use of languages. ECMI Kosovo is working jointly with the parliament of Kosovo and the International Management Group to develop a Legal Information Service or law-data system that would alleviate one of the areas of deficiency, the language consistency of laws. As part of the project a range of laws, treaties and other legal acts will be improved through more translations and accompanying documents by the Legal Materials Translation Service. Moreover, a Trilingual Legal Dictionary will be organized by linguistic and legal experts that will include a database of words and legal terminology. This will allow legislators and legal assistants to draft legislation with greater linguistic accuracy and avoid discrepancies between the official languages.





COMMUNICATIONS

ECMI in the media

ECMI's work both locally and internationally has been reported on frequently by the three main newspapers in the region, the Flensburger Tageblatt, the Flensborg Avis and Der Nordschleswiger. Among the stories that caught their attention was the ECMI's 9th Minority Roundtable, a study visit to the Danish-German border region by a group involved with the DMD project in Ukraine, and the ECMI's co-sponsoring of the lecture series "Schackenborg Diaolog 2020". ECMI Director Tove Malloy also featured with commentaries and interviews about minority issues.

ECMI online

The **FCMI** website underwent maior modernization process in 2019. In addition to obtaining a new structure and format, the website become 'responsive', meaning easily readable on all internet devices. The Centre's InfoChannel also became an integral part of the website, allowing users to now access all of our news from one place. In November, the ECMI also debuted its new Minorities Blog, edited by Senior Researcher Marika Djolai. Its first entries featured topics such as "Regulating Hate Speech Online for Minorities" (Kyriaki Topidi), "Why the States Fail to Secure Their Minorities" (Marika Djola), and "Towards Evidence-Based Minority Policy" (Ljubica Djordjević).

Statistics

- ••• 60 news items published on the ECMI InfoChannel.
- ••• 4 newsletters sent to our networks, partners and voluntary subscribers.
- ••• 1092 Twitter followers (@ECMIFlensburg)
- ••• 7,169 Facebook followers (/ECMIFlensburg)
- ••• 1,041 followers on the ECMI LinkedIn Network, including former colleagues, interns and affiliates
- Regularly updated materials on the ECMI YouTube account, Instagram channel and photo galleries

PUBLICATIONS

Journal on Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe (JEMIE)

The Journal on Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe is the ECMI's open-access scholarly journal, publishing a range of peer-reviewed articles, book reviews and commentaries. It is issued three times a year and is available on the ECMI website, https://www.ecmi.de/publications/jemie



Journal on Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe

Issue 1/2019

- ••• Bertus de Villiers, "The Utility of Comparative Constitutional Law - the Practical Contribution by South Africa to a World Searching for Consistency in Democractic Practices"
- ••• Zora Popova, "Understanding the EU Roma Policy"
- ••• Alan B. Anderson, Book Review, Identity: The Demand for Dignity and the Politics of Resentment [Francis Fukuyama]
- ••• Ljubica Djordjević, Zenajda Zaimi, "Commentary: The Law on Protection of National Minorities in the Republic of Albania"

Issue 2/2019

- ••• Beza Dessalegn, "Experimenting with Non-Territorial Autonomy: Indigenous Councils in Ethiopia"
- ••• Alexander B. Makulilo, "Reign over me? Social-Economic Autonomy Claims over Land Rights by Tanzania's Maasai"
- Saldi Isra, Bertus de Villiers, Zainal Afifin,
 "Asymmetry in a Decentralized, Unitary
 State: Lessons from the Special Regions of Indonesia"
- ••• Alan B. Anderson, "Commentary: Thoughts on the New Zealand and Sri Lanka Attacks"

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- ••• Bertus de Villiers, "Electing an Aboriginal Voice in Australia – Who Will Get to Vote in Elections for the Proposed Advisory Body?"
- ••• Alan Anderson, Book Review, Meeting the Challenge of Cultural Diversity in Europe: Moving Beyond the Crisis (Robin Wilson)
- ••• Katharina Crepaz, Book Review, Extending Protection to Migrant Populations in Europe: Old and New Minorities (Roberta Medda-Windischer, Caitlin Boulter and Tove H. Malloy)

ECMI Issue Briefs

••• Zora Popova, "National Minority Capital: Introducing the New Concept", Published 10 October

ECMI Minority Blog replaces the Issue Briefs

- ••• Kyriaki Topidi, Regulating Hate Speech Online for Minorities: "Regulate First, Ask Questions Later"? (12 November)
- ••• Marika Djolai, Why the States Fail to Secure Their Minorities: Securitisation and Minority Rights (4 December)
- ••• Ljubica Djordjević, Towards Evidence-Based Minority Policy: Processing of Ethnic Data and Monitoring the Quality of National Minority Protection (18 December)

https://www.ecmi.de/publications/ minorities-blog

ECMI Research Papers formerly Working Papers

- #115: Ljubica Djordjević, "Administrative-Territorial Reform through Municipal Amalgamation and the Protection of National Minorities: European Standards and a Few Examples"
- **#116:** Sergiusz Bober, "Does Regional Development Matter in Minority Politics? Regional Development in the Recent Electoral Activity of Three National Minorities"
- #117: Craig Willis, "National Minorities and Regional Development: A Comparative Overview of the Three Baltic States"
- **#118:** Kyriaki Topidi, "Words that Hurt (1): Normative and Institutional Considerations in the Regulation of Hate Speech in Europe"
- **#119:** Kyriaki Topidi, "Words that Hurt (2): National and International Perspectives on Hate Speech Regulation"
- **#120:** Craig Willis, "Would an EU-wide basic income compliment the aims of the Minority SafePack Initiative?"

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ECMI Books

Roberta Medda-Windischer, Caitlin Boulter and Tove H. Malloy, eds., **Extending Protection to Migrant Populations in Europe: Old and New Minorities**, *Routledge*, 2019.

Edited by the ECMI's Director (Malloy) and a Junior Researcher (Boulter), this volume focuses on the usefulness and relevance of extending the scope of protections already in place for national minorities ('old minorities') to migrant populations ('new minorities') in Europe. Taking a multidisciplinary perspective (including political science, law, sociology and anthropology), the book asks the central question of how far the extension of policies and rights currently specific to national minorities is conceptually meaningful and beneficial to the integration of 'new' minorities. In the process, it questions the feasibility and appropriateness of extending the scope of the protections already in place for national minorities to other categories of population.

Tove H. Malloy, Caitlin Boulter, eds.

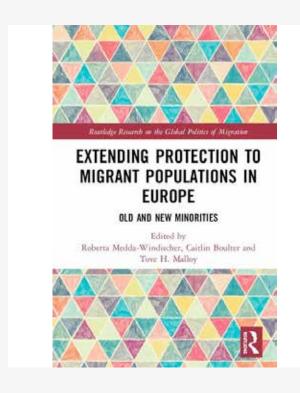
Minority Issues in Europe: New Ideas and
Approaches (Volume 2), Frank & Timme, 2019.

In this follow-up volume to the ECMI's first publication on Minority Issues in Europe (2013), a new range of disciplinary approaches to the field are taken up and a fresh look at issues facing Europe's diverse communities is obtained. The new areas of focus encompass topics as varied as populism and media representation, anthropological insights and intersectional feminist considerations, education in human rights and participatory mechanisms, and the changing categories and roles of minority communities as important actors in a variety of forums.

ECMI Kosovo publications

ECMI Kosovo publishes policy briefs and monitoring papers on a variety of issues, under the title ECMI Kosovo 'Political Update and Analysis'. In addition, the Centre also publishes Studies and Handbooks.

All can be found online at: http://www.ecmikosovo.org/en/Studies-andhandbooks and http://www.ecmikosovo.org/en/Politicalupdate-and-analysis



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Specific projects (obtained both by Headquarters and ECMI Kosovo included:

| Responsible | Donor Institution | Project Title | Grant size | Timeframe |
|-------------|----------------------------------|--|----------------|-----------|
| ECMI HQ | German development agency GIZ | Diversity Management for Sustainable Economic Development (Ukraine) | 471,000 € | 2018-2019 |
| ECMI HQ | German development agency GIZ | Career Guidance and Counselling for Vulnerable Groups" (Serbia) | 9,000 € | 2019 |
| ECMI HQ | Erasmus + | Boosting European Security Law and policy, workshop on data protection | 6,048 € | 2019 |
| ECMI HQ | Auswärtiges Amt Germany | Empowering Future Minority Leaders (Moldova) | 77,200 € | 2019 |
| ECMI HQ | Coppetiers Foundation | ECMI Summer School in Berlin | 5,115 € | 2019 |
| ECMI HQ | Council of Europe | Study "Strengthening the protection of national minorities in Ukraine" | 10,000 € | 2018 |
| ECMI HQ | Auswärtiges Amt Germany | Training for Empowerment in Ukraine | 44,958 € | 2018 |
| ECMI HQ | University of Swansea | Master Course Module | 16,000 € | 2018 |
| ECMI HQ | OSCE Academy of Bishkek | Master Course Module | 13,800 € | 2018 |
| ECMI Kosovo | EU Office in Kosovo IPA funds | Equal Rights for All Coalition | 1.110.928,00 € | 2015-2019 |
| ECMI Kosovo | EU Office in Kosovo IPA funds | Support for Education in Serbian Language in Kosovo | 678.957,80 € | 2016-2019 |
| ECMI Kosovo | MFA Norway/ Norwegian Embassy | Support to Implementation of Agreements reached in Brussels Dialogue | 375.300,00 € | 2018-2020 |
| ECMI Kosovo | UNICEF | Enhancing Access to and Retention in Education for children Phase III | 52.700,00 € | 2018-2019 |
| ECMI Kosovo | EU Delegation in Albania | Fostering Youth development and employment Lezha and Prizren | 546.000,00 € | 2018-2022 |
| ECMI Kosovo | OSCE/ HCNM | Developing Teaching Materials to Assist Official Language Acquisition | 35.300,00 € | 2018 |



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