

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Workshop - National minorities in Moldova in the context of EU accession

13 November 2026 Flensburg, Germany

The European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI) would like to invite interested scholars to submit abstracts for a workshop on **'National minorities in Moldova in the context of EU accession'**, to take place on 13 November 2026 at the ECMI headquarters in Flensburg, Germany.

The workshop aims to explore the legal, institutional, and geopolitical dimensions of contemporary minority politics in Moldova, especially given the country's candidacy to EU membership. The workshop will generate insights relevant both to academic debates as well as to policymaking concerning national minorities in Moldova and by extension in other accession countries.

We invite contributions reflecting on the following (non-exhaustive) topics:

- The legal framework for minority protection in Moldova and its implementation
- The implementation of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities
- Language policy and the prospects for ratification of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages
- Political representation and electoral participation of national minorities in Moldovan institutions
- The Gagauz autonomy and its political, legal, and economic relationship with Chişinău
- Transnistria's frozen conflict status and its implications for minority communities and EU integration
- Euroscepticism among national minorities in Moldova
- The impact of the war in Ukraine on national minorities in Moldova
- The demographic impact of outmigration on national minorities in Moldova

Submission Guidelines

Abstracts (300 words) and a short biographical note (100 words) should be sent by 15 September 2026 to Dr Andreea Cârstocea, at carstocea@ecmi.de.

Selected participants will be invited for a presentation at the workshop 'National minorities in Moldova in the context of EU accession' at the European Centre for Minority Issues in Flensburg (Germany) on 13 November 2026. The organisers will cover two nights' accommodation, as well as meals on the day of the workshop. Participants are expected to arrange and cover their own travel to and from Flensburg.