

GAGAUZIA DIALOGUE

Finding joint solutions to common issues



Speaker Relaunches Dialogue Platform

On February 11, the Formal Working Group on Gagauzia (GWG) was relaunched by the Speaker of the Moldovan Parliament, Ms. Zinaida Grecianii, following continuous support from the Gagauzia Dialogue project. The launch ushers in a new phase of the ongoing dialogue process between Chisinau and Comrat.

Following the national parliamentary elections, some members of the Working Group have been replaced by newly elected MPs. All political parties are represented in the new formation of the Working Group, and women make up 35% of its membership, which will lead to a truly representative dialogue process.

Ms. Grecianii encouraged the group to adopt a constructive approach to its future dialogue, with the potential for including representatives and specialists from permanent Parliamentary committees and relevant governmental institutions in the process.

The Speaker also confirmed CMI's mandate to continue supporting the dialogue process by providing good offices, including providing an informal dialogue platform.

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Informal Dialogue continues, identifying shared priorities and action plan for 2020



On February 18, 2020, the Gagauzia Working Group had its first informal meeting since the Moldovan Parliamentary elections in 2019. The meeting was opened by the Ambassador of Sweden to Moldova, Anna Lyberg, who emphasised Sweden's support for the continuation of the dialogue process.

During the meeting, the new members of the Working Group confirmed that they would build on the Group's previous three years of activity, including the jointly agreed roadmap for future dialogue, and developed a concrete action plan for 2020. Over the next few months, the group will work together to agree its new short- and long-term agenda, key priorities, and directions of work.

The Gagauzia Dialogue Project has also facilitated informal meetings between members of the Gagauzia Working Group to build relationships between members of the newly constituted group, and to ensure the transfer of institutional memory from previous members to new ones.

These informal meetings, both joint and separate, demonstrate the sustainability of the dialogue platform, with commitment from all parties (from Chisinau and Comrat, and both new and previous members) to continuing the dialogue.



The Gagauzia Dialogue Project: providing *Good Offices* and facilitating dialogue



The Gagauzia Dialogue Project coordinates and facilitates informal dialogue between representatives of the Moldovan Parliament and People's Assembly of Gagauzia, and provides Good Offices to the Working Group on Gagauzia (GWG) parliamentary dialogue and decision-making platform.

The GWG has equal numbers of representatives from Chisinau and Comrat, and is 35% women. All political parties are represented, which will lead to a truly representative dialogue process.

Good offices is a service provided by a neutral third party, supporting two or more groups to resolve a common or shared issue. As part of good offices CMI helps to coordinate the dialogue agenda, provides expert input to the process, and works with members of the group to develop joint solutions

Policy Development Task Force News

Education and Tourism workshops set agenda for future policy development in Gagauzia

In December, the project organised two policy workshops on Education and Tourism in cooperation with the Executive Committee of Gagauzia. These workshops opened the dialogue between the Policy Development Task Force and key public stakeholders who expressed their needs and vision for policy development in Education and Tourism in Gagauzia.

75 key stakeholders attended the workshops in Avdarma, Gagauzia, including Task Force experts, representatives of the Executive Committee and People’s Assembly of Gagauzia, State ministries and representatives from local municipalities, academia, CSOs and other professional organizations.

Participants learned about the preliminary findings of field assessments in Education and Tourism completed by Task Force experts to identify key issues, examined Gagauzia’s education and tourism in the context of the South Tyrol autonomy in Italy, and brainstormed potential proposals and ideas for future Education and Tourism policy in Gagauzia.



Expected Outcomes of PDTF

Improved autonomy capacities

for policy making and centre-autonomy institutional dialogue

Three policy documents

in Education, Tourism & Culture

Clarification of Devolved Competences

to be implemented by the autonomy

Strengthened Good Governance

as a means to ensure the effective functioning of the autonomy within the Republic of Moldova

The Policy Development Task Force

Developing clear policy visions at the autonomy level would enable ATU Gagauzia to efficiently coordinate its policies at and with the central level, and facilitate the efficient and responsive clarification and implementation of the autonomy's competences.

The Gagauzia Dialogue Project has developed a Policy Development Task Force (PDTF), made up of independent experts, members of the Executive Committee and representatives from the People’s Assembly of Gagauzia to support the autonomy to develop a strategic vision in three policy areas (Education, Tourism and Culture) examined within the dialogue process. Within the PDTF, three working groups focus on these policy areas in detail, and consult with wider stakeholders including experts, academia and civil society.

The PDTF will develop three policy documents (in Education, Tourism and Culture), support the autonomy to improve its capacity for policy development and institutional dialogue and contribute to the strengthening of Good Governance to ensure the effective functioning of the autonomy within the Republic of Moldova.

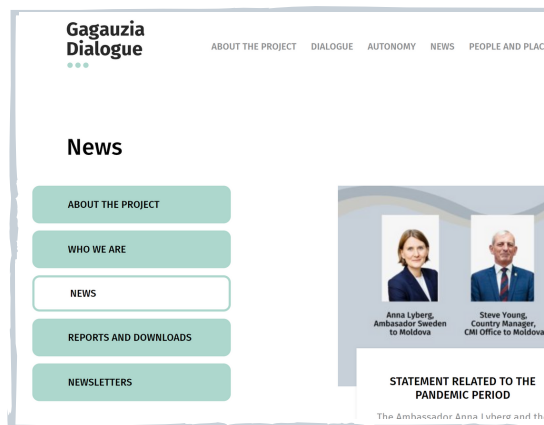
Gagauzia Dialogue Project News

Follow the dialogue process on our new website: www.gagauziadialogue.md

To reflect the relaunch of the Gagauzia Dialogue process, the project has developed a new, up-to-date website where all stakeholders can discover the latest news on the Parliamentary Dialogue process, Policy Development and Academic Research on autonomy function.

A new section, People and Places, also highlights the unique individuals and locations that make up the Gagauzia autonomy.

Visit the website on www.gagauziadialogue.md, or follow the project at www.facebook.com/GagauziaDialogue/



Gagauzia Dialogue



“Supporting Inclusive Dialogue and Strengthening Capacities for a Better Functioning Gagauz Autonomy in Moldova” or ‘Gagauzia Dialogue’ is a three-year project bringing together representatives of the government, legislators, experts and other interested parties from Chisinau, Comrat and across Moldova to find joint solutions to common issues related to the Gagauzia autonomy.

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