

GAGAUZIA DIALOGUE



Finding joint solutions to common issues



Parliamentary Dialogue platform relaunched following national and regional elections

On March 22, the Speaker of the Moldovan Parliament, Igor Grosu relaunched the Parliamentary Working Group on Gagauzia (PWG). The launch initiates a new phase of the ongoing dialogue process between Chisinau and Comrat, facilitated by CMI – Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation with continued support from Sweden.

The Speaker welcomed the resumption of the PWG activities after the parliamentary and People's Assembly of Gagauzia elections and encouraged the group to communicate thoroughly in order to identify the best possible solutions expected by the citizens.

The Speaker also confirmed CMI's mandate to continue supporting the dialogue process by providing good offices and expertise to the dialogue platform.

During the event, Irina Vlah, the Governor of the ATU Gagauzia, confirmed that the common priority task is to consolidate the unity of society and to enhance the culture of democracy.

The new composition of the Working Group consists of an equal number of representatives of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova and of the People's Assembly of Gagauzia. Within the dialogue process, the Group holds formal and informal meetings, facilitated by CMI, for the purpose of developing common solutions to common problems.

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FOLLOWING NATIONAL AND
REGIONAL ELECTIONS

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FOR 2022

EXPERTS' COMMUNITY AND
DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS
DISCUSSED CHISINAU -
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PROJECT BUILDS ON PREVIOUS
ACHIEVEMENTS TO SUPPORT
THE DIALOGUE PROCESS

PARLIAMENTARY WORKING GROUP ON GAGAUZIA NEWS

Parliamentary Working Group members committed for the constructive dialogue and approved the Activity Plan and priorities for 2022



On April 12, 2022, the first informal meeting of the Parliamentary Working Group on Gagauzia (PWG) in its new composition took place.

The new members of the Working Group reiterated their commitment to ensuring constructive dialogue and fulfilling the Group's mandate to find common solutions to existing issues in order to improve the lives of ordinary people.

"I deeply believe that through the dialogue we will achieve results and find solutions for the benefit of Gagauzia and the Republic of Moldova as a whole." - said Vladimir Bolea, the co-chairperson from the Parliament.

"I reiterate that we should tackle important issues, settle any misunderstandings to achieve meaningful results." - said Serghei Cimpoeis, the co-chairperson from the People's Assembly of Gagauzia.

The Country Manager of CMI – Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation, Steve Young, welcomed the PWG reconvening, endorsing that CMI would continue supporting the dialogue process providing good offices and facilitating the informal dialogue.

During the meeting, MPs agreed on the frequency of both formal and informal meetings, that demonstrates the commitment for the dialogue.

Following the meeting, PWG members continued working in informal setting, to identify the priorities for the Activity Plan 2022.

PWG approves the Activity Plan and immediate priorities for 2022



On May 24, 2022, the PWG convened in a formal meeting and approved the Activity Plan 2022. The meeting was attended by both representatives of international community and CMI. The Activity Plan comprises proposals received by both MPs and the Gagauz authorities on issues related to clarification of competencies covering social, economic and environmental spheres, institutional mechanisms and procedures for improving centre-autonomy relations and other relevant topics.

EXPERT GROUP NEWS

Experts' community and development partners discussed Chisinau - Comrat institutional relations and mechanisms



On July 1, 2022 the presentation of the report "Analysis of arrangements and institutional relations between central authorities and Gagauz autonomy" took place. The event was organised by CMI within the project "Gagauzia Dialogue" and gathered together experts, stakeholders and development partners.

Almost 40 participants discussed the cooperation and coordination mechanisms between the central bodies and the Gagauz autonomy as well as a series of recommendations for their improvement.

The report was prepared by CMI with the support of Sweden, at the request of the Parliamentary Working Group on Gagauzia. The Report is the first comprehensive document that could serve political, academic, civil society and public administration stakeholders to better understand the autonomy within the political system of the Republic of Moldova.

The publication highlights the areas for discussion on the effectiveness of autonomy arrangements for consideration of the Working Group and provides recommendations and also examines the current setup for the involvement of the autonomy in the decision-making processes at the national level, state oversight, dispute resolution mechanisms, etc.



"Further implementation of arrangements and the status of the autonomy requires clarification of competences. In this regard, the PWG represents an important permanent platform for advancing the process of clarification of competences and addressing other topical issues arising in the relations between the centre and the autonomy." said the authors of the Report, Zdenka Machnykova and Ion Beschieru.

The report can be found and downloaded on <https://gagauziadialogue.md/the-report-analysis-of-arrangements-and-institutional-relations-between-central-authorities-and-gagauz-autonomy/>. To introduce an overall presentation of Gagauzia and its institutional settings, a short video was developed. The video can be watched on the Youtube channel - "Gagauzia Dialogue".



Image: The Report is available in English, Romanian and Russian Languages

"GAGAUZIA DIALOGUE" NEWS

"Gagauzia Dialogue" Project builds on previous achievements to support the dialogue process

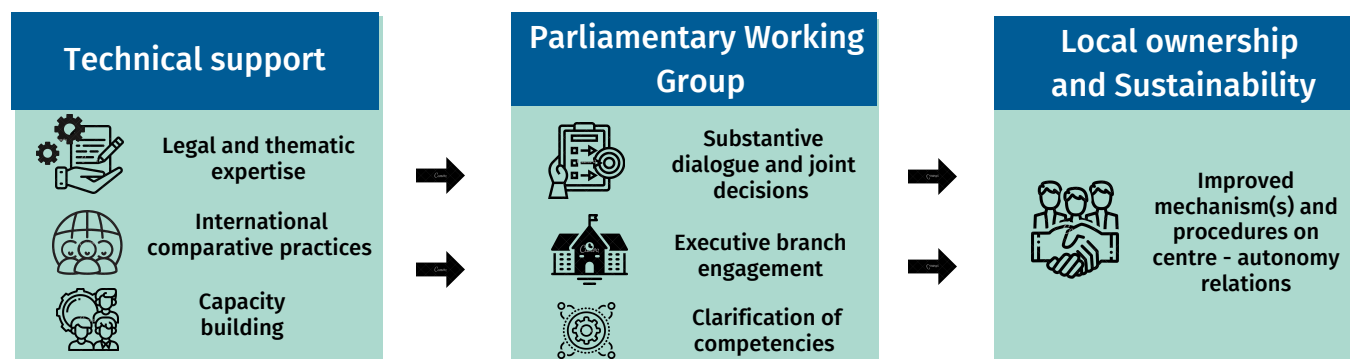
"Supporting institutionalized and sustainable dialogue on Gagauzia autonomy" is a new phase of the project, "Gagauzia Dialogue", being implementing in 2022 - 2024 by CMI - Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation with funding from Sweden.

Building on the previously developed capacities, expertise and relationships, the project aims to contribute to the institutionalization and sustainability of the dialogue between Chisinau and Comrat through strengthening institutions, capacities and ownership around the Parliamentary Working Group on Gagauzia.

To support this process, the project fosters the cooperation within the PWG to develop joint solutions to improve centre - autonomy relations and establish potential mechanisms to clarifications of competences.

In order to achieve this, the project engages the group of legal experts working closely with the secretariat of the PWG providing necessary technical support, continues contributing to the capacity building of both national and autonomy stakeholders as well as cooperating with academia and expert community to ensure continuity of the dialogue process.

Also, to keep our stakeholders better informed on the development of the dialogue process, Gagauzia Dialogue project is regularly updating the website www.gagauziadialogue.md, posting on www.facebook.com/GagauziaDialogue page, and on our Youtube channel - "Gagauzia Dialogue", so that everyone can discover the latest news.



EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Improved institutional capacities

Sustainable Dialogue Platform

Improved mechanisms and procedures

Gagauzia Dialogue

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"Supporting institutionalized and sustainable dialogue on Gagauzia Autonomy" 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.

The project runs from 2021-2024, implemented by CMI - Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation and funded by Sweden.

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