

GAGAUZIA DIALOGUE

Finding joint solutions to common issues



Parliament voted in first reading some normative acts on mutual consultations

On December 15, 2022, the plenary session of the Parliament voted in the first reading for the approval of a package of modifications to Laws related to mutual consultations. The package was debated and agreed on October 25, 2022, at a formal meeting of the Parliamentary Working Group on Gagauzia (PWG).

According to the package, Parliament will consult with the Gagauz legislature on issues related to autonomy during the process of drafting laws. The package also establishes that ATU Gagauzia will consult central public authorities on issues related to various fields.

"This mechanism of mutual consultations is a step forward in the process of more active involvement of Gagauzia in the political life of the Republic of Moldova and improvement of relations and cooperation between Gagauzia and central authorities. At the same time, it is a good result of the dialogue within the Parliamentary Working Group", - declared Mr. Gheorghe Leichu, co-chairperson of the People's Assembly of Gagauzia.

The Working Group is a platform for a permanent dialogue between the Parliament and the People's Assembly of Gagauzia. Regular meetings of the Working Group are facilitated by the CMI – Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation which provides expertise and good offices to the dialogue process, funded by Sweden.

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PARLIAMENTARY WORKING GROUP ON GAGAUZIA NEWS

MPs of Parliamentary Working Group on Gagauzia improve capacities on autonomy issues



On October 25, 2022, MPs of the Parliamentary Working Group took part in a capacity building workshop on political, legal and institutional aspects of territorial autonomies, organised by CMI – Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation in cooperation with Eurac Research from Bolzano, Italy.

During the workshop, Senior experts from Eurac Research, Elisabeth Alber and Sergiu Constantin, presented international practices related to clarification and transfer of competences, using the examples of South Tyrol, the Basque Country, Wales and the Aland Islands.

MPs increased their knowledge of mechanisms for cooperation, coordination and conflict resolution. They stated that this general framework of good practices in terms of functioning of other autonomies will help them in setting priorities and subsequently in implementing the Agenda of the Group.

The experts pointed out that for proper functioning of arrangements related to transfer of competences, a solid political foundation, stable and flexible legal pillars and institutional support, are essential.

Larisa Voloh appointed as new co-chairperson of the Working Group from Parliament



On September 12, 2022, Igor Grosu, Chairperson of the Parliament, appointed Larisa Voloh as co-chairperson of the Parliamentary Working Group on Gagauzia representing Parliament.

Ms. Voloh has extensive experience in public administration. In Parliament, Larisa Voloh holds the position of chairperson of the Public Administration Committee.

The dialogue platform is an opportunity to develop harmonious relations between Chisinau and Comrat. Since its creation, about 60 joint decisions have been made, and significant results achieved. I will use all my expertise in order to keep achieving tangible results and ensure that the dialogue process is constructive, output based, trustworthy and beneficial for all citizens of our country.

PARLIAMENTARY WORKING GROUP ON GAGAUZIA NEWS

Secretariats from the Parliament and People's Assembly of Gagauzia strengthen mutual cooperation



On October 24, 2022, a joint retreat was organised by CMI – Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation within the "Gagauzia Dialogue" project, involving the Secretariats of the Parliament the Secretariat of the People's Assembly of Gagauzia.

The aim was to strengthen cooperation and institutional capacities in support to the Parliamentary Working Group on Gagauzia (PWG).

CMI national and international experts guided the participants through the general principles of cooperation and the roles of the Secretariats within the PWG process. International experts from Eurac Research, Bolzano, Italy shared the South Tyrol experience and outlined international practices on Legal dimension of the distribution of competences.

During the meeting, the participants mapped the technical process identifying how to improve the dialogue process. The Secretariats also discussed legislation drafting methodologies used in the technical process

both at the national and local level. The Secretariat's learned about autonomies cooperation mechanisms and good governance tools. They agreed to continue meeting in order to ensure the sustainability of the parliamentary dialogue process from the technical perspective and identified the next steps for future cooperation.

"A strong Secretariat with a well-defined mandate can better support the efficient functioning of the dialogue platform. Therefore, it is important that the Secretariat of the Working Group is institutionalized". - stated Ion Creanga, the Head of Legal Directorate General of the Parliament

"In order to have tangible results, it is necessary to have dispute settlement mechanism while finding joint solutions as well as a clear distribution of roles within the Secretariat". - declared Ivan Burgudji, Advisor to the People's Assembly on political and legal issues

"GAGAUZIA DIALOGUE" NEWS

Dialogue platform sums up 7 years results with CMI support

Since 2015, CMI – Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation has been supporting the dialogue platform between Chisinau and Comrat, funded by Sweden, by strengthening capacities and fostering cooperation in the Parliamentary Working Group on Gagauzia to achieve concrete results. Since its inception, the Parliamentary Working Group have worked to reach concrete results for the benefit of the autonomy and Moldova.

Decisions and working sessions

- ✓ about 60 joint decisions
- ✓ 51 informal meetings
- ✓ 25 formal meetings

Social - economic development

- ✓ Agency for regional development opened in Comrat (about 50 projects developed)

Regional development

- ✓ 1 Action plan for socio-economic development of Gagauzia 2016-2019 (more than 30 objectives reached)
- ✓ The formula of Road Fund allocations has been revised
- ➔ Since 2017, about 250.000 lei were allocated in ATU Gagauzia from the Road Fund

Analysis and Strategic documents

- ✓ 1 Study "Analysis of arrangements and institutional relations between central authorities and Gagauz autonomy"
- ✓ 3 Strategic programmes on tourism, education and culture spheres developed

Consultation mechanisms

- ✓ Mechanism on mutual consultations
- ✓ Mechanism on monitoring of national laws

Clarification of competences

- ✓ 600+ national and local Laws analysed
- ✓ 30 draft Laws proposed for national laws modification
- ✓ 7 draft Laws voted by the Parliament

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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.

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