

GAGAUZIA DIALOGUE

Finding joint solutions to common issues

Gagauzia 30 years of autonomy



Gagauzia Dialogue launched the communication campaign *Gagauzia – 30 years of autonomy*

CMI - Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation in the framework of the Gagauzia Dialogue process launched the communication campaign Gagauzia - 30 years of autonomy, which includes events, exhibitions, broadcasting and dissemination of video, audio and documentary films.

The objective of the campaign is to raise awareness of the larger audience on the Gagauz autonomy, including history, cultural heritage and the existing dialogue platform between the centre and the autonomy. The campaign also aims at contributing to social cohesion and inter-ethnic harmony through embracing the value of diversity.

The campaign was launched in the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova on 16 April, 2024 with participation of MPs, representatives of the Embassy of Sweden to Moldova, CMI – Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation, writers, professors, cultural personalities, and entrepreneurs.

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Exhibitions dedicated to the *Day of Gagauz language and writing* exposed for broader public



On 16 April, Gagauzia Dialogue organized an exhibition representing Gagauz personalities, customs, and traditions inaugurated at the premises of the Parliament. The event took place in the context of the Day the Gagauz Writing and Language, which is celebrated annually on 27 April. Igor Grosu, President of the Parliament, Katarina Fried, Ambassador of Sweden to Moldova, members of the Parliament, representatives of CMI – Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation, academia and civil society from ATU Gagauzia attended opening of the exhibition.

“The Gagauz ethnic group is part of our society. They are part of our history, the history of hundreds of years of peaceful coexistence, stated Igor Grosu.

“Promoting a deeper awareness and understanding of the Gagauz language and culture can pave the way for social cohesion and harmony”, said the H.E Katarina Fried.

Videos on Gagauz history, language and culture broadcast in the Parliament

During the event, a series of videos on Gagauz history, the origin of the Gagauz language, and traditional costumes were broadcast. The event was chaired by Larisa Voloh, Co-chair of the Parliamentary Working Group on Gagauzia, who stated that Gagauzia is an integral part of Moldova’s cultural, social, economic, and political life.

The participants at the event MPs, academia, historians, writers confirmed the importance of the campaign in the current context, also highlighting that celebrating ethnic diversity is a path to strength and promotes mutual respect and understanding between all peoples.



Another exhibition Gagauzia 30 years of autonomy` was displayed at the National Historical Museum of Moldova on 24 April, presenting some of the most famous personalities who contributed to the development of the Gagauz language and literature: Mihail Ciakir, Maria Marunevici, Dmitrii Caracioban, Nikolai Baboglu, Dionis Tanasoglu.



News on Gagauzia Dialogue

Course for public servants developed in partnership with the Institute of Public Administration



In order to develop lasting capacities in Moldova on autonomy, decentralisation and relevant governance issues, CMI – Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation experts in partnership with Moldovan State University and the Institute of Public Administration developed a course Multi-level administrative-territorial organization and governance – theory, comparative international practice and the Moldovan context.

The aim of the course is to build capacity and raise awareness among wider stakeholders on conceptual issues related to the typology of state and administrative-territorial organization, principles of good governance through the prism of multi-level governance. The course has a focus on local self-government and territorial self-government, covering legal, institutional, and administrative aspects of the organization and functioning of the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia in the Republic of Moldova, drawing on comparative international practice in order to ensure greater applicability of the theoretical knowledge gained.

The course will be part of the teaching course at the Institute of Public Administration and will serve as a basis for competence development and continuous professional development of central and local government staff as well as broader stakeholder groups.



On 26 April the Institute of Public Administration organised a training of trainers event to present the course to the professors from the Moldova State University, the University of European Studies of Moldova, the Comrat State University and Balti University “Alecu Russo” and practitioners from administrative bodies from ATU Gagauzia.

“The necessity and topicality of this course is obvious if we look at the lack of information about the autonomy, the relations between the centre and autonomy, but also the knowledge needed for civil servants to be able to apply in practice”, said the author of the course and trainer of trainers Mr. Serghei Palihovici, PhD, university lecturer.

The course, foresees 24 academic hours, comprising four teaching modules, and including conceptual and comparative aspects and approaches of multi-level governance that are presented through the examples of South Tyrol (Italy) and the Aland Islands (Finland).

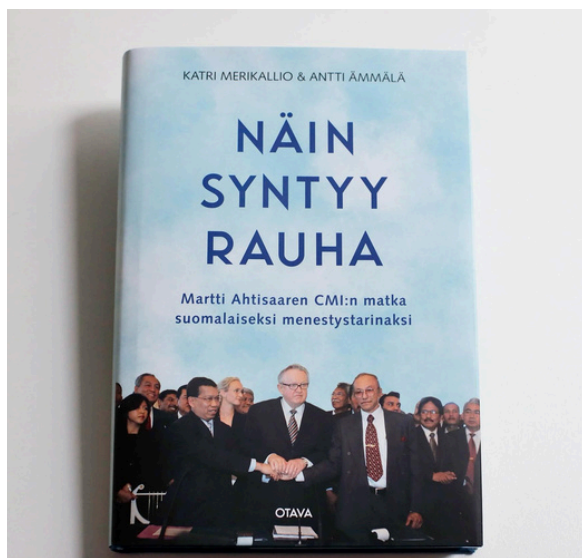


News on CMI - Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation

The book *How Peace is Made* launched by CMI – Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation

On 23 April, the new book *How Peace is Made* was presented in Helsinki, Finland gathering experts in peace and mediation, journalists, book authors. The book is a unique behind-the-scenes look at peace mediation.

The publication delves into the work of the CMI in the world's toughest conflicts from Ukraine to Aceh and tells the story of peace processes through the eyes of those who participated in them. The book enhances understanding of how conflicts can be prevented and resolved in this volatile world situation. Also, it looks behind the scenes of peace mediation and seeks an answer to the question of how peace is born. The book interviews international influencers such as President Alexander Stubb and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair.



"I THINK MY FATHER WOULD HAVE BEEN PLEASED WITH THIS BOOK."

Marko Ahtisaari, CMI board chair

The writers emphasised the importance of Martti Ahtisaari and CMI's working principles when the world is divided into camps. It is important to be able to talk to everyone to build peace. President Martti Ahtisaari (1937-2023) has often stressed how the CMI is the most important legacy of his life's work. According to authors, the CMI is an exceptional example of Finnish expertise with global impact.

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"Supporting institutionalized and sustainable dialogue on Gagauzia Autonomy" or "Gagauzia Dialogue" is a project that aims to contribute to the establishment of a constructive and sustainable dialogue between Chisinau and Comrat by strengthening institutions and capacities within the Parliamentary Working Group on Gagauzia. To support this process, the project brings together legislators, experts and stakeholders from Chisinau, Comrat and the rest of the country to find common solutions to common issues related to ATU Gagauzia. The project is implemented by CMI – Martti Ahtisaari Foundation with the support of Sweden.

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