

News on Gagauzia Dialogue

20 university professors improve their knowledge on the functioning of international autonomies



On June 24, 2024, a workshop titled “Exploring the Practices of Autonomy in Europe: A Comparative Approach” took place. The purpose of the event was to provide professors with in-depth knowledge of European comparative practices, particularly for teaching the course developed by the Institute of Public Administration (IAP) called “Administrative-Territorial State Organization and Multi-Level Governance: Theory, Comparative Practice, and the Context of the Republic of Moldova.”

The workshop brought together trainers, and professors from the State University of Moldova, State University of Comrat, and Alecu Russo University of Bălți, who had attended the Institute of Public Administration’s course in April this year.



The workshop was organised in partnership with Eurac Research from South Tyrol Italy. The expert Elisabeth Alber spoke about decentralisation, autonomy and minority protection, specifying that the decentralisation process requires time and dialogue between the centre and the regions.

In the decentralisation process, all legal, financial and linguistic aspects must be considered so that the state is sustainably functional. Regarding the functioning of autonomy, the dialogue is the solution and the key to the well-being of all.
- highlighted Elisabeth Alber

Also, the Eurac expert Francisco Javier Romero Caro, presented a comparative study of multi-level governance in Spain, Canada and Italy, highlighting the differences in the functionality, division of powers, linguistic peculiarities and application of legal norms in different areas.

The participants examined the decentralization process, the roles and responsibilities of autonomous regions, and financial relationships through the lens of international practices. They also discussed the situation in the Republic of Moldova, considering the knowledge they had gained and the current context.

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Journalists discussed the role of media in promoting dialogue, mutual understanding and social cohesion



On June 25-26, 25 journalists from Chişinău, Comrat, Rîşcani, and Bălţi attended a training session on comparative practices related to international autonomies and the role of media in informing the public.

The training was conducted by international experts from Eurac Research, Elisabeth Alber and Francisco Javier Romero Caro, who discussed the structures, competences, and functioning of international autonomies, including the Gagauz autonomy.

Participants gained insights into media work with a focus on fair and inclusive communication concerning ethnic minorities and diversity.



They shared perspectives on the media's role in educating the public and emphasized the importance of dialogue and mutual respect between the central government and autonomous regions for peaceful coexistence among all ethnic groups.

Participants engaged in practical exercises to tailor messages to different audiences, create written and video content, and learned about new tools, models, and channels for gathering information.

Over the two-day workshop, journalists from the regions had the chance to get to know each other better and establish new contacts for future collaboration.



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CMI increased its influence on EU policy-making through targeted contributions to the revision of the European External Action Service (EEAS) Mediation Guidelines and the new 2023 Civilian Common Security and Defence Policy compact. It also contributed to the development of key EU policies on mediation and conflict resolution through the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office's Civil Society Dialogue Network.

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CMI also contributed to several policy dialogues with EU actors, developing their understanding of the diverse roles of women in peace processes and sharing lessons learned on the practical implementation of the Women, Peace and Security agenda.

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