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**Eastern Partnership Programme:
National Minorities and
Ethno-Political Issues.**

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EPP: general framework

Goal: to enhance governance and to advance state policies on national minorities and ethno-political issues according to European best practices

Activities: development of appropriate policies assisting in building competences

Geography: Belarus, Moldova, and Ukraine

Participants and partners: national public bodies in charge of diversity and equality issues, minority NGOs, academic experts

Timeframe: 2014-17

EPP: objectives

- Awareness-raising and capacity-building of the local professional communities
- Facilitation of discussions about the application of European standards in minority protection
- Bringing the gaps between the stakeholders; networking
- Elaboration of recommendations

Working principles

- Cross-fertilizing horizontal exchange of good practices rather than merely transfer of European minority rights standards;
- Joint creative work aimed at adjusting international standards in non-discrimination and minorities' participation in public life to the target countries' conditions rather than imposition of imported recipes;
- Generic trans-regional approach instead of addressing each country separately;
- Covering of both capital cities and remote areas;
- Involvement of government officials and civil society representatives in joint activities and networking.

Working format

- Two major thematic streams: on equality and communication between public authorities and minorities
- A combination of lecturing about European standards best practices with discussions on their adjustments to the local conditions
- Two series of seminars; 12 core seminars in total held in capital cities
- 24 small seminars with narrower foci in remote areas
- 2 working groups on drafting reports and recommendations
- Website and Forum

Expected outputs/results

- Cross-regional networking and collaboration of both public and private organizations;
- Cross-regional thematic reports on minority mainstreaming and minority participation;
- New public initiatives aimed at minority-related legislation;
- New public initiatives aimed at teaching and training pertinent to diversity issues.

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