

# Minority Protection and Ethnic Groups Rights in Central and Central Eastern Europe



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## Monday, 26. October 2020 13:30 – 16:00 (CET)

13:30 Login, technical troubleshooting

### Welcoming

14:00 - Loránt Vincze MEP, FUEN President  
- Reinfried Vogler, Chairman of the Cultural Foundation of German Expellees, Kronberg/T.

### Greetings

14:10 - Parl. State Secretary Stephan Mayer MdB, Federal Ministry of the Interior  
14:20 - Dr. Fernand de Varennes, UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues

### Short presentations: Protection of minorities and its legal requirements

14:30 **Definition of the term minority**  
*Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Gilbert H. Gornig, Philipps University of Marburg, Germany*

14:40 **International legal anchoring of the protection of minorities**  
*ao. Univ. Prof. Dr. Peter Hilpold, University of Innsbruck, Austria*

14:50 **Podium discussion**  
**Moderator:** Angelika Mlinar, FUEN Vice President; former Minister of the Republic of Slovenia for Development and European Cohesion Policy

### **Quo Vadis Minority Protection - Development of Minority Protection in Europe Urgent challenges in the course of the German EU Council Presidency**

- *Dr. Beate Sibylle Pfeil, German representative in the Expert Committee on the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages at the Council of Europe, Member of the European Center for Minority Issues (ECMI)*
- *Loránt Vincze MdEP, FUEN President*
- *Hartmut Koschyk, former Parliamentary State Secretary, former member of the German Bundestag, former Federal Government Commissioner for Matters Related to Ethnic German Resettlers and National Minorities*
- *Bernard Gaida, Speaker of the Working Group of German Minorities (AGDM) within the FUEN, Chairman of the Association of German Social-Cultural Societies in Poland*
- *Dawid Statnik, Chairman of the Minority Council of the four autochthonous national minorities and ethnic groups in Germany*

15:45 **Round of questions**

16:00 **Summary and Conclusion**

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## I. Country Reports

14:00 **Greeting - Video message: Johannes Callsen, Commissioner of the Minister President in matters of national minorities and ethnic groups, borderland work and lower German**

14:05 **Moderator**

*Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Gilbert H. Gornig, Philipps University of Marburg, Germany*

14:15 **Protection of minorities in Germany, regulations**

*Dr. Beate Sibylle Pfeil, German representative in the Expert Committee on the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages at the Council of Europe, Member of the European Center for Minority Issues (ECMI)*

14:25 **Minority Protection in Germany, implementation**

*Prof. Dr. Bernd Fabritius, Federal Government Commissioner for Matters Related to Ethnic German Resettlers and National Minorities*

14:35 **Protection of minorities in Poland, regulations**

*Dr. Magdalena Lemańczyk, Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences*

14:45 **Protection of minorities in Poland, implementation**

*Bernard Gaida, Speaker of the Working Group of German Minorities (AGDM)*

14:55 **Protection of minorities in Romania, regulations**

*State Secretary Laczíkó Enikő Katalin, Department for Interethnic Relations of Romanian Government*

15:05 **Protection of minorities in Romania, implementation**

*Dr. Paul-Jürgen Porr, Chairman of the Democratic Forum of Germans in Romania DFDR,*

15:15 **Protection of minorities in Slovenia, regulations**

*Red. Prof. Dr. Mitja Žagar, Institute for Ethnic Studies, Slovenia*

15:25 **Protection of minorities in Slovenia, implementation**

*Lara Sorgo and Attila Kovács, Institute for Ethnic Studies, Slovenia*

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