

Crimea Policy Dialogue Project

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Inception Dialogue

Brussels, 27th of February – 2nd of March, 2010

The dialogue was facilitated by Denis Matveev and Natalia Mirimanova, with guest presentations by:

- Kai Brand-Jacobsen, Director, [PATRIR](#)
- Klemens Buescher, Senior Adviser, [OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities](#)
- Michael Emerson, Head of EU Neighbourhood Policy, Foreign and Security Policy, [CEPS](#), Brussels
- David Geer, Ukraine Desk Officer, DG RELEX, European Commission
- Idil Izmirli, Researcher, [Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution \(ICAR\)](#), George Mason University, USA
- Sarah Stephan, Researcher, [Åland Islands Peace Institute](#), Finland
- Anna Zvolikevych, Director, [EU-Ukraine Business Council](#), Brussels

The dialogue was attended by experts in economic development, history, international relations, Islamic studies, jurisprudence, mass media, minorities' rights, peacebuilding, political science, public administration, public policy and security policy from Simferopol, Sevastopol, Kyiv, Berlin, Brussels, Moscow, Krakow and Helsinki.

Methodology Training for Crimean Researchers

Simferopol, 17th – 18th of April, 2010

Simferopol, 26th – 27th of June, 2010

The training was delivered by Prof. Hans-Georg Heinrich from [the International Centre for Advanced and Comparative EU-Russia / NIS Research \(ICEUR Vienna\)](#) and Dr. Natalia Mirimanova.

The training was attended by Crimean social science researchers as part of the selection process for the project researcher pool.

First Thematic Dialogue on Language Policy

Yalta, 24th – 25th of July 2010

The dialogue was facilitated by Natalia Mirimanova and Denis Matveev, with guest presentations by:

- Ligita Grigule, Multilingual Education Expert, [University of Latvia](#), author of the presentation [Multilingual Education in Latvia](#);
- Dr. Kjell Herberts, Language Policy Researcher, [Åbo Akademi University](#), Vaasa / Vasa, Finland, author of the presentation [Language Policy in Finland](#);
- Heidi Öst, Researcher, [Åland Islands Peace Institute](#), Finland, author of the presentation [Language Policy in the Åland Islands](#).

The dialogue was attended by experts in education, ethno-national studies, international relations, jurisprudence, legislative processes, linguistics, mass media, media regulation, minorities' rights, political science, public administration, public policy and publishing from Simferopol, Sevastopol, Yalta, Kyiv, Moscow and Washington.

First Thematic Dialogue on Land Policy Yalta, 4th – 5th of November, 2010

The dialogue was facilitated by Denis Matveev and Natalia Mirimanova, with expert presentations by:

- Veljko Mikelic, UN expert on land policy, Zagreb / Addis Ababa, author of the presentation [Land Issues in the ARC, Challenges and Possible Solutions](#);
- Igor Semyvolos, Executive Director, [AMES Expert Centre](#), Kyiv, author of the presentation Land Issues in Crimea - Social and Group Aspects on the Example of an In-Depth Study in the Simferopol District

The results of research commissioned by the project were presented as an input to the dialogue by Project Researcher Alim Aliev. The presentation was titled Land Conflicts in Crimea – the View from Researchers and Journalists.

The dialogue was attended by experts and practitioners in economic development, jurisprudence, land claim organising, land zoning & surveying, local administration, mass media, mediation, minorities' rights, political science, public administration, public policy, urban planning and security policy from Simferopol, Sevastopol, Yalta, Saki, Kyiv and Odessa.

Second Thematic Dialogue on Language Policy Yalta, 7th – 8th of November, 2010

The dialogue was facilitated by Natalia Mirimanova and Denis Matveev. The results of research commissioned by the project were presented as inputs to the dialogue by the following Project Researchers:

- Dr. Olga Dukhnich, presentation titled Language as the Object and Subject of Threat, Images of Linguo-cultural Security of Crimean Residents
- Anna Lukinova, presentation titled Trilingual Education in Crimea – Pro & Contra
- Natalya Maretskaya and Alisa Stoyanova, presentation titled Review of Legislative and Normative Legal Acts and Bills Related to Language Policy
- Dr. Elmira Muratova and Natalya Kouts, presentation titled Prospects for Trilingualism in Crimean Mass Media

The early draft of a policy concept commissioned by the project was presented as an input to the dialogue by Project Participants Yuliya Tyshchenko and Yusuf Kurkchi. The presentation was titled A Concept for Trilingual Education in Crimea.

The dialogue was attended by experts in multilingual education, ethno-national studies, international relations, jurisprudence, legislative processes, linguistics, mass media, media regulation, minorities' rights, political science, public administration, public policy and publishing from Simferopol, Sevastopol, Yalta, Kyiv, Helsinki, The Hague and Riga.

First Thematic Dialogue on Identity Issues Brussels, 19th – 20th of March, 2011

The dialogue was facilitated by Denis Matveev and Natalia Mirimanova.

The dialogue was attended by experts and practitioners in ethnic studies, history, identity studies, international relations, mass media, media regulation, minorities' rights, political science, public administration, public policy and security studies from Simferopol, Sevastopol, Yalta, Kyiv, Moscow, Ankara and The Hague.

Expert Panel Discussion on Crimea Brussels, 22nd of March, 2011

The panel discussion titled *Crimea: Where Local Security Meets Global Peace* was held at CEPS with a broad participation of experts and officials focused on EU foreign policy, Ukraine and conflict resolution, from Brussels, London, The Hague and Paris.

The panel discussion consisted of four thematic panels on key conflict issues in Crimea, with speakers presenting opposing viewpoints according to the rules of constructive dialogue. All speakers were permanent participants of the project, while the moderators were Project Co-Directors Natalia Mirimanova and Denis Matveev. The following panels were held:

1. *Language policy in Crimea: Ukrainization, Russification, integration or segregation?*
 - Yulia Tyshchenko - Ukrainian Centre for Independent Political Research (UCIPR)*, Kyiv, [Download presentation](#)
 - Andrey Nikiforov - Tavrida National University, Simferopol
 - Yusuf Kurkchi - State Committee of Ukraine on Nationalities and Religions, Kyiv-Simferopol
2. *Land and inter-ethnic relations in Crimea*
 - Gulnara Bekirova - Crimean Engineering-Pedagogical University, Simferopol
 - Vladimir Polischuk – State Auditor, Simferopol
 - Igor Semyolos - Association of Middle East Studies (AMES), Kyiv
3. *Autonomous Republic of Crimea: a contested political format*
 - Andriy Klymenko - Tavrida Institute of Regional Development, "Bolshaya Yalta" newspaper, Yalta
 - Lilya Budjurova - 1ya Krymskaya newspaper, Simferopol
 - Andrey Nikiforov - Tavrida National University, Simferopol
4. *Global security and local peace on the Crimea peninsula*
 - Natalya Belitser - Pylyp Orlyk Institute of Democracy, Kyiv [Download presentation](#)
 - Sergiy Kulyk - NOMOS Analytical Centre, Sevastopol

Click here for the [Event Agenda](#) and [Press Release](#).

Stakeholder Presentations of the Project Simferopol, 26th – 27th of April, 2011

The project was presented to the broader Crimean expert community and mass media and a briefing was provided to the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

Click here to view [TV coverage](#) of the event and a [press release from the Crimean Council of Ministers](#).

Expert study tour to Latvia focused on multilingual education Latvia, April-May 2011

The study tour was organised for project participants working on the development of key policy proposals on a multilingual education model for Crimea.

During the study tour experts learned about the Latvian experience of multilingual education - with the prospect of using it for the benefit of Crimea: in order to move towards a situation where fluency in three languages (Russian, Ukrainian and Crimean Tatar) would become a norm for the Crimean society.

Advocacy in Moscow June 2011

Project participants took part in a high-profile expert event organised by the Gorbachev Foundation, the Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the Council of the President of the Russian Federation on Civil Society Development and Human Rights. The event was used to promote the Crimean experience of inter-ethnic and inter-political dialogue within the framework of this project.

2nd Land Policy Dialogue Foros, Crimea, Ukraine, July 2011

At the 2nd Land Policy Dialogue international UN expert on land policy and land conflicts, Mr. Veljko Mikelic presented a comparative analysis of land policy as a conflictual factor, and as a means to achieving stable societies, focused on Crimea alongside South Africa, Albania and Kenya.

A permanent Advocacy Group on Land Policy was created within the project after this dialogue session. The Advocacy Group has led the full Land Dialogue participants group in developing a consensus-based key Policy Proposal. The key policy proposal advocates for concretely formulated amendments to the Draft Law of Ukraine "On the Land Market", as well as other laws of Ukraine focused on land policy. In essence, the proposed changes suggest that Crimean conflict risks be taken into account in national legislation and reform on land issues.

Consultations with Ethnic Organisations and Activists Crimea, July 2011

Consultations were held with civil society representatives of the three ethnic communities which the project has chosen to work with – Russian, Crimean Tatar and Ukrainian. The consultations were focused on

presenting the project to the communities and seeking their feedback on the project's progress, aims and engagement with each community.

Researchers training on Focus Groups Simferopol, July 2011 (2 days)

Among the topics of the seminar were: frameworks of focus group research, general principles of group formation, how to deal with a "difficult" audience, organization of focus group research, analysis of materials and types of reporting.

The workshop was delivered by two experts. Yuliya Tyshchenko is a social science educator and a specialist in co-ordination of planning and implementation of analytical research projects, communication with target groups, mass-media, partners, monitoring of events, preparation of analytical reports and narrative reports. She defended her PhD thesis "Theocratic Idea as a Culture Phenomenon" at the Institute for Philosophy of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. Svitlana Gorobchyshyna is a trainer and project coordinator at the Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research. She has the experience of 18 trainings developed and delivered for different audiences: representative of non-government organizations, local self-government and executive authorities, students and others on the following topics: modern methods of community development; working with government and public relations; monitoring and project evaluation; basic skills for project research and others.

Study tour to Finland focused on multilingual education Helsinki, September 2011

The study tour was organised for project participants working on the development of key policy proposals on a multilingual education model for Crimea.

During the study tour experts learned about Finland's experience of multilingual education - with the prospect of using it for the benefit of Crimea: in order to move towards a situation where fluency in three languages (Russian, Ukrainian and Crimean Tatar) would become a norm for the Crimean society.

Study tour to Finland focused on identity policy September 2011

The study tour was organised for project participants working on the development of recommendations in the sphere of identity policy for Crimea. The study tour was focused on policy mechanisms for protection of minority identities and perceptions of discrimination in Finland, including the Aland Islands, as compared to Crimea.

Researchers training on Methods of media analysis Simferopol, October 2011 (3 days)

Among the topics of the seminar were: possibilities and limitations of media analysis, for which research tasks are these methods useful; quantitative and qualitative methods of analysis of media: content analysis, frame analysis, discourse analysis, historical analysis.

The workshop was delivered by two international experts. Galina Nikiporets-Takigawa is a linguist and a specialist in the study of Russian-language media and methods of quantitative analysis. She defended a thesis on Russian studies (linguistics), taught at the Moscow State University and since 2000 - at Tokyo University. Jukka Penttiläinen is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Helsinki. He is a specialist in Russian mass media, international news, quantitative methods of analysis and comparative analysis of media. He teaches a course on "Freedom of speech in the post-Soviet media".

Land policy round table Simferopol, November, 8, 2011

The project, together with the ["1ya Krymskaya"](#) newspaper and the [Republican Committee on Land Resources of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea](#) (an executive body of the [Council of Ministers of the ARC](#)), co-organised a public round table titled "The Law "On the Land Market" – Crimean Risks".

Official reports on this event can be found under the following links:

<http://rescomzem.gov.ua/vse-novosti/otchet-ob-itogax-raboty-za-2011-god.html>

<http://www.ark.gov.ua/blog/2011/12/22/zakon-o-rynke-zemel-dast-shans-pokonchit-s-samozaxvatami/>

The round table included the presentation of principal provisions of the draft law of Ukraine "On the Land Market", referring to Crimea and presentation of the amendments to the draft law proposed by Crimea Policy Dialogue project. This public event received extensive media coverage in Crimea.

3rd Language Policy Dialogue Kirkkonummi and Helsinki, Finland, November 2011

The 4-day event in Finland brought together representatives of the Ukrainian, Russian and Crimean Tatar communities from Crimea and Kyiv along with experts from EU and Russia, and PATRIR representatives. The purpose of the event was to continue structured dialogue on one of the three major thematic areas of the project: language policy. The participants discussed the possibility of developing multi-lingual education in the Crimean education system to improve social cohesion around conflictual issues. The plenary and working group discussions were based on the results of thorough empirical research conducted in Finland and Latvia by one of the project's multi-ethnic research teams, who presented their findings in the first part of the dialogue event.

This 7th dialogue event was marked also by a reception in Helsinki offered by the MFA of Finland in honour of PATRIR and the Crimea Policy Dialogue Project. The official reception was opened by Mr. Harri Kamarainen, Director of the MFA Unit for Eastern Europe and Central Asia and Mr. Denis Matveev, Crimea Policy Dialogue Project Co-Director on behalf of PATRIR.

2nd Identity Policy Dialogue Istanbul, Turkey, March 2012

Between the 1st and 7th of March, 2012 the CPD held its 8th dialogue event in Turkey, being the 2nd thematic dialogue on identity policy.

Two research projects on identity were presented during the dialogue. The first was a trilateral research project conducted by experts from Moscow, Brussels and Ankara who analyzed the foreign, economic and cultural policies of Russia, the EU and Turkey in relation to Crimea. The second research project focused on a comparative analysis of policy instruments used to protect minority identities in Crimea and Finland. Recommendations for the improvement of identity policies in Crimea resulting from the dialogue will be developed in further detail before being discussed with the authorities; as well as being publicly advocated by the project later in 2012.

International Conference on Multilingual Education Crimea, April 2012

Between the 26th and 28th of April, 2012 the project held an international conference titled «Multilingual education: lessons learnt from international experience, options for Crimea».

Topics proposed for discussion at the conference included: multilingual education as a new educational paradigm for multilingual societies, multilingual education and harmonization of interethnic relations, models of multilingual education, the research basis for multilingual education, the essence of MLE, the function of MLE and the methodologies of teaching in MLE, professional training of teachers and educators for multilingual education systems.

High level experts on multilingual education from such countries as Finland, Latvia, Russia, Kazakhstan, Canada, UK, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova and Germany participated in the conference and shared the experience with multilingual education from their countries and regions, to contribute to the development of a Crimean model of multilingual education.

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