

International Conference

„Promoting social cohesion in the Republic of Moldova through the study of Gagauz and Romanian languages in ATU Gagauzia”

February 21, 2023

Chisinau, Summit Events Center (Tighina Str. 49/3, New York Room, 2nd floor)

12:00 – 12:30	Registration of participants, welcome coffee/tea
12:30 - 13:00	<p>Opening remarks:</p> <p>H.E. Maia Sandu, President of the Republic of Moldova Irina Vlah, Governor of the UTA Gagauzia Petru Culeac, Executive Director, Soros Foundation Moldova Floris Van Eijk, Head of the Netherlands Embassy Office in Chisinau Fernand de Varennes, UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues (tbc)</p> <p><i>Moderator: Vadim Pistrinciu, Executive Director, Institute for Strategic Initiatives (IPIS)</i></p>
13:00 – 13:40	<p>Session I: Presentation of the conclusions and recommendations regarding the promotion of the study of Gagauz and Romanian languages in UTA Gagauzia</p> <p>Slava Balan, international expert in human rights, Ottawa (Canada) Stephanie Cramer-Marsal, international expert in minority issues (Amsterdam, Netherlands) Viorelia Moldovan- Bătrînac, expert in education, Chisinau (Republic of Moldova) Glushkova Marina, international expert in multilingual education (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan)</p>
13:40 – 14:20	<p>Discussion <i>Moderator: Marina Țâbâră, Program director IPIS</i></p>
14:20 – 15:10	<p>Session 2: The perspectives of the implementation of multilingual education in the Republic of Moldova: the case of studying the Gagauz and Romanian languages in UTA Gagauzia</p> <p>Anatolie Topală, Minister of Education and Research (tbc) Liliana Nicolaescu-Onofrei, Chair of the parliamentary committee on culture, education, research, youth, sport and mass-media Grigore Novac, Chair of the parliamentary committee on human rights and interethnic relations (tbc) Natalia Cristeva, chief of the main Department on Education, UTA Gagauzia Serghei Zaharia, rector of the Comrat State University, member of the People’s Assembly, UTA Gagauzia (tbc)</p>
15:10 – 15:50	<p>Discussion <i>Moderator: Inna Șupac, expert IPIS</i></p>
15:50 - 16:00	<p>Closing remarks: Vadim Pistrinciu, Executive Director, Institute for Strategic Initiatives (IPIS)</p>