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WP 4 – Legitimate Crisis Governance in the Context of Human Rights, Minority Rights and the Principle of Non-Discrimination

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Goal: Analysis of the impact of crisis governance on human and minority rights, and the principle of non-discrimination.

The Covid-19 pandemic had a different impact on different social groups. WP 4 explores whether and how emergency measures restricted human rights and violated the principle of non-discrimination. Focusing on vulnerable groups such as ethnic, national and linguistic minorities, as well as women, WP 4 conducts interviews to assess the challenges that these groups have faced during the pandemic. Based on the findings, WP 4 elaborates a set of policy recommendations on how to safeguard human and minority rights and the principle of non-discrimination in future crisis governance.

Objectives

Objective 1: Examine the impacts of crisis governance on diverse minorities and persons belonging to them as well as cases of possible/perceived (direct and indirect) discrimination

WP 4 focuses on the legitimacy of the crisis governance in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic from the perspective of human and minority rights and the implementation of the principle of non-discrimination. It studies its impacts on diverse minorities and persons belonging to them, on women, as well as on cases of perceived (direct and indirect) discrimination.

Objective 2: Based upon the research, WP 4 – in cooperation with other WPs – formulates specific clear and coherent policy recommendations

These case studies will focus on how to deal with future crises and how to design legitimate and effective crisis governance strategies, policies and measures considering specifically their impacts on and consequences for democracy and democratic decision-making, human and minority rights, national/ethnic/linguistic minorities and persons belonging to them at all levels of governance: from the subnational and national to the European Union and the international level (including the WHO).



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Description of work and methodology

Utilising and analysing the pre-existing data, including the data collected within the project, using common research approaches and methodology in constant cooperation with other WPs, the research within WP 4 focuses on impacts and consequences of crisis measures, policies and strategies on democratic decision-making, human and minority rights, the implementation of the principle of non-discrimination and on the situation, position and status of national/ethnic/linguistic minorities and persons belonging to them. In field research, IES uses the research techniques of, amongst others, observation, open-ended (in-depth) interviews, ongoing communication, and panel discussions with members of minorities. Building on links of consortium partners with respective minorities (e.g. minority activists, opinion leaders, members and officials of minority associations, organisations and institutions), the sample is expanded through using the snowball method. The first step results in a brief working paper presenting the literature review and analysis, indicating key characteristics and research findings in the studied literature and sources uploaded to the project's web page

Analysing this collected data, IES – with support from FPZG, UAnt and Eurac – identifies explanatory factors that help us understand different crisis measures, policies and strategies, as well as their different outcomes and consequences for democracy, human and minority rights and the implementation of the principle of non-discrimination. WP 4 analyses the influence of multilevel governance on legitimate crisis governance, particularly from the perspective of the status, situation, position and circumstances of the national/ethnic/linguistic minorities and persons belonging to them, paying special attention to different approaches and treatment, access to services and infrastructure, inclusion and/or exclusion, and possible cases of discrimination.

The above results in another report (uploaded to the project's web page), presenting our analyses of the impact of crisis measures, policies and strategies at different levels of governance on democratic decision-making, human and minority rights, as well as the implementation of the principle of non-discrimination. The report will be accompanied by the release of the collected data following strict ethical guidelines.

Finally, based on the results of these analyses described above, WP 4 elaborates a set of preliminary policy recommendations and application scenarios that should ensure legitimate crisis governance and could be used in developing, adopting, coordinating and implementing possible crisis measures, policies and strategies in different contexts.

Deliverables of WP 4

D4.1 Working paper: literature review and methodology

D4.2 Working paper: research outline


D4.3 Submission of article for peer-review

D4.4 Dataset publication



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D4.5 Submission of draft book chapter for edited volume



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