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Defining the needs of minorities.

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on the situation of national, ethnic and religious minorities in selected European Union countries, with particular emphasis on the Jewish minority.

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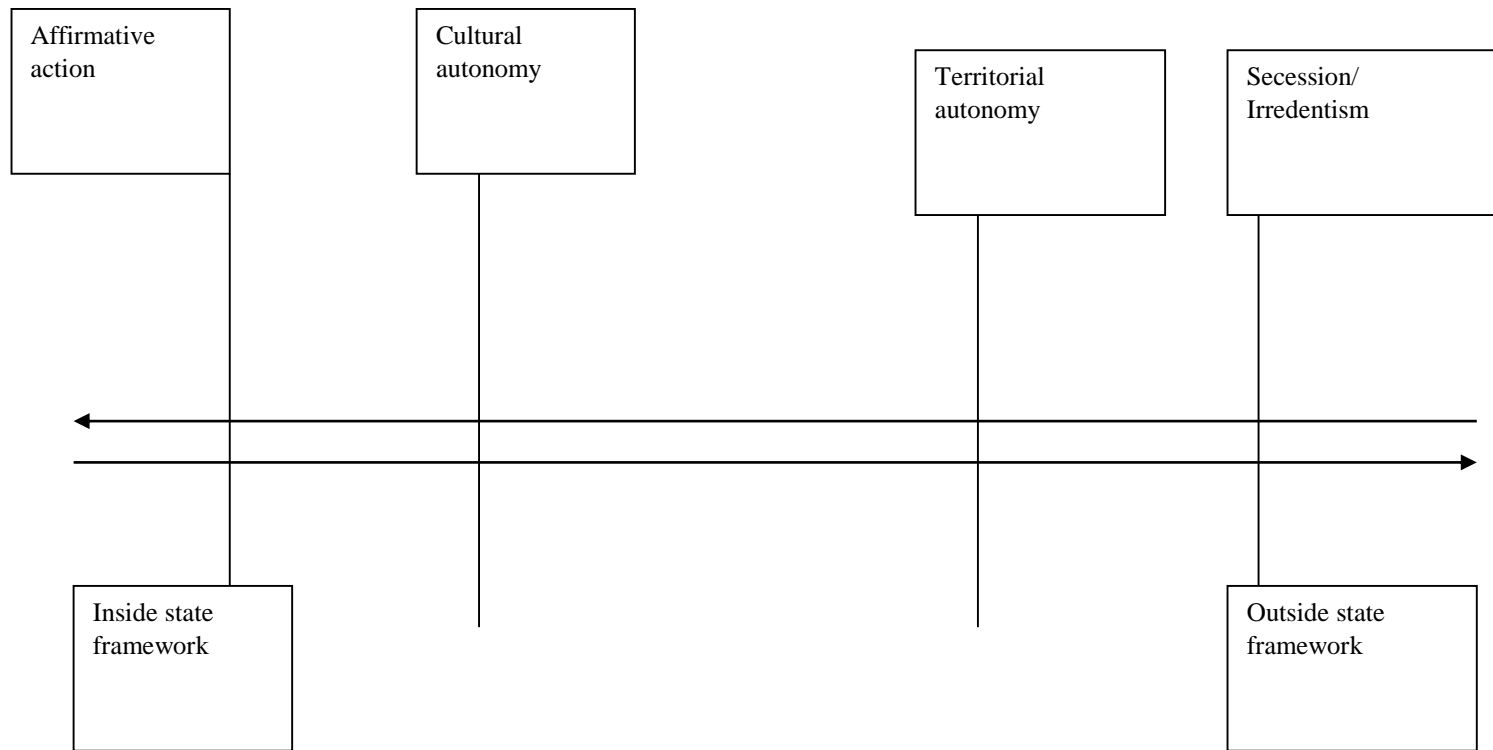
List of needs of national and ethnic minorities - examples.

- ▶ the freedom to use a minority language in private life;
- ▶ the need to recognize a minority language as an official language in the place of residence / office / geographical names;
- ▶ the right to learn a minority language in schools attended by minority children and youth;
- ▶ the right to establish schools for minorities;
- ▶ the right to organize and associate (for example, establishing cultural and educational societies, choirs, etc.);
- ▶ the right to produce own radio and television programs, with financial help from the state, if necessary, broadcast in a minority language and / or addressed specifically to minorities;
- ▶ freedom to worship and maintain religious facilities and institutions;

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- ▶ financing or co-financing by the state of the maintenance of clergy and those responsible for religious services;
- ▶ maintaining by the state places of religious worship, monuments connected with a given minority, cemeteries, etc.
- ▶ physical protection of objects of worship and institutions of religious life;
- ▶ ensuring physical security for the assembly of minority representatives;
- ▶ criminalization of persons and institutions that deny the rights of minorities, call for discrimination or violence against minorities, raise chauvinistic and racist slogans that strike the minority;
- ▶ ensuring participation in the self-government of representatives of minorities in regions where they constitute a clear component of the population (irrespective of the elections);
- ▶ ensuring permanent representation of representatives of minorities in the government and the parliament (regardless of the general electoral law);

Variable to the extreme of demands of ethnic minorities according to Erin K. Jenner (2007)



Examples of minority demands: affirmative and critical (not affirmative) towards the state and its institutions.

Affirmative

- ▶ demands for cultural autonomy for Jews in Poland after 1918 (including the Bund party, Folkists)
- ▶ demands for the creation of a Ukrainian higher school in Lviv in interwar Poland

Non affirmative

- ▶ Demand for separating the Sudetes (Sudentenland) from Czechoslovakia in the interwar period
- ▶ demands for detachment and separation raised by some Catalans in modern Spain