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In the 47 states of Europe there are circa 340 autochthonous minorities with more than 100 million people. Every seventh European citizen is part of an autochthonous minority or ethnic group.

In the EU alone there are more than 60 regional or minority languages, next to its 23 official languages. These languages are spoken by around 40 million people.

The members of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN) started the preparations for a European Citizens' Initiative. The project is the most important solidarity action by the minorities in Europe in recent decades.

Since 2011 a team from the founding members FUEN, the Democratic Alliance of the Hungarians in Romania, the South Tyrolean People's Party and the Youth of European Nationalities has been preparing the initiative.

We are actively focusing on the new instrument of political participation in the European Union, which was established with the Lisbon Treaty. Within one year we will collect one million of signatures, so that the European Union will be obliged to engage actively in a dialogue on the improvement of the participation of the European minorities and the regional or minority languages.

Together with a team of experts we elaborated our **MINORITY SAFEPAK**, a set of measures and concrete legal acts (laws) for the promotion and protection of the European minorities and the regional or minority languages.

The citizens' initiative is, because of the constraints of the instrument, directed at the European Union. We will, however, campaign all over Europe for a minority system based on solidarity and create the opportunity for all citizens of all European countries to become involved in the collection of signatures.

# MINORITY SAFEPACK INITIATIVE CITIZENS' COMMITTEE EUROPEAN CITIZENS' INITIATIVE

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Chair  
**FUEN President Hans Heinrich Hansen**

Veterinarian, long-time Chairman of the German minority in Denmark and President of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN) since 2007.

Deputy Chair  
**RMDSZ President Hunor Kelemen**

Veterinarian, Author, former Minister of Culture and Candidate for President of Romania, President of the Democratic Alliance of the Hungarians (RMDSZ) in Romania.



Members of the Citizens' Committee  
**Minister Anke Spoorendonk**

Long-time Member of the Schleswig-Holstein Parliament and Minister for Justice, Culture and European Affairs in Kiel for the party of the Frisians and the Danish minority, SSW.

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Members of the Citizens' Committee  
**Minister Jannewietske de Vries**

Minister of the Province of Friesland for the portfolio Finances, Culture and Tourism and Chair of the Network NPLD (Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity) since 2012.

Members of the Citizens' Committee  
**Prime Minister Luis Durnwalder**

Member of the Provincial Government since 1978 and Prime Minister of South Tyrol since 1989; Member of the South Tyrolean People's Party.

Members of the Citizens' Committee  
**Prime Minister Karl-Heinz Lambertz**

Head of Government of the German-speaking Community in Belgium and President of the Group of Social-Democrats in the Committee of the Regions.

Members of the Citizens' Committee  
**Chairman Dr Valentin Inzko**

United Nations High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina and Chairman of the umbrella organisation of the Carinthian Slovenes, the Council of Carinthian Slovenes.

