

RESOLUTION 2023-09

Joint resolution submitted by the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania - RMDSZ, the South Tyrolean People's Party - SVP, the National Self-Government of Germans in Hungary - LDU, the Democratic Union of Hungarians in Croatia – HMDK, and the Roma Community Center from North Macedonia - DROM

The Delegates of the Member Organisations of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN) adopted the following resolution at their Assembly of Delegates in Pécs • Fünfkirchen • Pečuh, Hungary on 9 September 2023:

Resolution on the role and priorities of the FUEN

- A. Recognizing the diverse range of perspectives and priorities within FUEN, and aiming to foster an inclusive and open environment that respects all views;
- B. Acknowledging the goals of FUEN as laid out in the Statutes (Article 3) and the importance of preserving and protecting the national and regional characteristics, language, culture, and individual and collective rights of autochthonous minorities in Europe;
- C. Reaffirming its commitment to the Charter of 2006 signed in Bautzen, which places minority rights in the framework of human rights and sets out the political demands of the member organizations towards individual states, the European Union, and the Council of Europe;
- D. Emphasizing the importance that FUEN, as the historically most prominent minority rights organization in Europe and the largest umbrella organization of minority organizations on the European continent maintains and strengthens its distinctive voice and character within the civil society;

The member organisations of FUEN

- 1. Reaffirm the primary goal of FUEN to represent and serve the interests of its members in the field of minority rights by addressing the concerns, complaints, and aspirations of minority communities and language groups in Europe.
- 2. Stress that FUEN must continue to focus on strengthening legal guarantees for the protection of minorities at the European level and in all European states. This activity is of fundamental importance for member organizations and requires provisions for legal and organizational intervention on their behalf.
- 3. Highlight the activity and mediation role of FUEN in the European states, as well as through its relationship with the EU, the Council of Europe, the OSCE, and the UN.
- 4. Consider it important to strengthen the presence of FUEN as an umbrella organization for autochthonous minorities in all European states and aim to welcome new member organizations representing minority communities.

5. Recognising the existence of disparities in the situation and the needs of minorities within different countries of Europe, encourage the member organizations to work together based on mutual understanding to successfully influence policies relevant to minorities.
6. Commit to strengthening the organization's clear and strong collective voice in advocating for minority rights by maintaining its focus on its core objectives set out in its statute.
7. Stress that FUEN should continue to promote dialogue, cooperation, and partnership on national, European, and international levels with governments, institutions, and organizations working towards the protection and advancement of minority rights, fostering constructive engagement and mutual respect.
8. Emphasize the importance that FUEN upholds in its activity inclusivity, equality, and the protection of minority rights within their respective countries and that it strongly combats discrimination and hate speech against national minorities.
9. Encourage open and respectful discussions within FUEN and its structures to ensure in the framework of democracy and rule of law, respecting human and minority rights that the diverse perspectives of member organizations are fully respected.
10. Invite member organizations to cooperate and exchange best practices, expertise, and knowledge, fostering a collective effort to promote minority issues across Europe.