

Appendix 1: The European institutional context of minority protection

European Convention for Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1950)

Article 14 – Prohibition of Discrimination

The enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in this Convention shall be secured without discrimination on any ground such as sex, race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status. [*Emphasis added.*]

The European Parliament: Resolutions and Mainstreaming

- Resolutions
 - Resolution on a Community Charter of Regional Languages and Cultures and on a Charter of Rights of Ethnic Minorities (1981)
 - Resolution on Measures in Favour of Linguistic and Cultural Minorities (1983)
 - Resolution on the Languages and Cultures of the Regional and Ethnic Minorities in the European Community (1987)
 - Resolution on Linguistic Minorities in the European Community (1994)
- Mainstreaming
 - Other resolutions of the Parliament in areas as diverse as human rights policy, cross-border cooperation, international development aid, foreign and security policy, etc., make frequent references to the need for respect of human and minority rights.

Minority Protection as Criterion for the Recognition of New States (1991-1992)

- Declaration on the Guidelines on Recognition of New States in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union (December 1991): recognition dependent upon “guarantees for the rights of ethnic and national groups and minorities in accordance with the commitments subscribed to in the framework of the CSCE”

The Treaty on European Union (1992)

Article 6

- (1) The Union is founded on the principles of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the rule of law, principles which are common to the Member States.
- (2) The Union shall respect fundamental rights, as guaranteed by the European Convention for Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms signed in Rome on 4 November 1950 and as they result from the constitutional traditions common to the Member States, as general principles of Community Law.

Article 49

Any European State which respects the principles set out in Article 6(1) may apply to become a member of the Union. [...]

The Copenhagen Criteria (1993)

- be a stable democracy, respecting human rights, the rule of law, and the protection of minorities; [*Emphasis added.*]
- have a functioning market economy;
- adopt the common rules, standards and policies that make up the body of EU law.

The Amsterdam Treaty (1997)

Article 13

Without prejudice to the other provisions of this Treaty and within the limits of the powers conferred by it upon the Community, the Council, acting unanimously on a proposal from the Commission and after consulting the European Parliament, may take appropriate action to combat discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation. *[Emphasis added.]*

Charter on Fundamental Rights of the European Union (2000)

Article 21 – Non-discrimination

- (1) Any discrimination based on any ground such as sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age or sexual orientation shall be prohibited. *[Emphasis added.]*

Article 22 – Cultural, religious and linguistic diversity

The Union shall respect cultural, religious and linguistic diversity. *[Emphasis added.]*

Mechanisms and Institutions: OSCE / High Commissioner on National Minorities

- The Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities was established in 1992 to identify and seek early resolution of ethnic tensions that might endanger peace, stability or friendly relations between OSCE participating States.

Mechanisms and Institutions: Council of Europe

- European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (1992)
- Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (1995)

Mechanisms and Institutions: Pact on Stability in Europe (1993-1995)

- Aimed at establishing a range of bilateral treaties and declarations providing for good-neighbourly relations between countries in Central and Eastern Europe

Appendix 2: Detailed census data

1. Bosnia and Herzegovina

ETHNIC GROUP	1981		1991	
	Total	%	Total	%
Total	4,124,256	100.0	4,377,033	100.0
Albanians	4,396	0.1	4,925	0.1
Czechs	690	0.0	590	0.0
Croats	758,140	18.4	760,852	17.4
Germans	460	0.0	470	0.0
Hungarians	945	0.0	893	0.0
Italians	616	0.0	732	0.0
Jews	343	0.0	426	0.0
Macedonians	1,892	0.1	1,596	0.1
Montenegrins	14,114	0.4	10,071	0.2
Moslems	1,630,033	39.5	1,902,956	43.5
Polish	609	0.0	526	0.0
Romanies/Roma	7,251	0.2	8,864	0.2
Roumanians	302	0.0	162	0.0
Russians	295	0.0	297	0.0
Ruthenians	111	0.0	133	0.0
Slovaks	350	0.0	297	0.0
Slovenes	2,755	0.1	2,190	0.1
Serbs	1,320,738	32.0	1,366,104	31.2
Turks	277	0.0	267	0.0
Ukrainians	4,502	0.1	3,929	0.1
Yugoslavs	326,316	7.9	242,682	5.6
Others	946	0.0	17,592	0.4
Ethnically undeclared	17,950	0.4	14,585	0.3
Regional affiliation	3,649	0.1	224	0.0
Unknown	26,576	0.7	35,670	0.8

Source: *Demographics, Thematic Bulletin*, Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, December 2007 p. 28

<http://www.bhas.ba/Arhiva/2007/TB/Demografija-hr.pdf>

Notes:

1. No census has been held since 1991.
2. Estimated figure of total population as of 30.06.2006 is 3.842.762
3. Note an increase in 'others' between 1981-1991.

2. Croatia

ETHNIC GROUP	1981		1991		2001	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Croats	3,454,661	75.1	3,736,356	78.1	3,977,171	89.6
Albanians	6,006	0.1	12,032	0.25	15,082	0,34
Austrians	267	0.0	214	0.00	247	0,01
Bosniaks	-	-	-	-	20,755	0,47
Bulgarians	441	0.0	458	0.00	331	0,01
Czechs	15,061	0.3	13,086	0.27	10,510	0,24
Germans	2,175	0.1	2,635	0.06	2,902	0,07
Greeks	100	0.00	281	0.00	-	-
Hungarians	25,439	0.6	22,355	0.47	16,595	0,37
Italians	11,661	0.3	21,303	0.45	19,636	0,44
Jews	316	0.0	600	0.01	576	0,01
Macedonians	5,362	0.1	6,280	0.13	4,270	0,10
Montenegrins	9,818	0.2	9,724	0.20	4,926	0,11
Moslems	23,740	0.5	43,469	0.91	-	-
Polish	758	0.0	679	0.01	567	0,01
Roma	3,858	0.1	6,695	0.14	9,463	0,21
Roumanians	609	0.0	810	0.14	475	0,01
Russians	758	0.0	706	0.01	906	0,02
Ruthenians	3,321	0.1	3,253	0.07	2,337	0,05
Serbs	531,502	11.5	581,663	12.16	201,631	4,54
Slovaks	-	-	5,606	0.12	4,712	0,11
Slovenes	25,136	0.6	22,376	0.47	13,173	0,30
Turks	320	0.0	320	0.00	300	0,01
Ukrainians	2,515	0.1	2,494	0.05	1,977	0,04
Vlachs	16	0.0	22	0.00	12	0,00
Yugoslavs	379,057	8.2	106,041	2.22	-	-
Others	1,553	0.0	4,093	0.09	21,801	0,49
Non-determined	17,133	0.4	73,376	1.53	89,130	2,01
Regional affiliation	8,657	0.2	45,493	0.95	9,302	0,21
Unknown	64,737	1.4	62,926	1.32	17,975	0,41
Total	4,601,467	100.0	4,784,265	100.0	4,437,460	100.0

Sources: 1991 and 2001 Population Censuses – the Bureau of Statistics

1981 Population Census: *Minorities in Croatia*, (2004), Minority Rights Group.

Trifunovska, S. 1999, "Minority Rights in Croatia", *International Journal on Minority and Group Rights*, vol. V6, no. 4, pp. 463-482.

Notes:

1. 2001 results - Note significant decline between 1991 and 2001 (double or even triple figures for all minorities) except Albanians, Austrians, Germans (small increase), Roma, and Russians.

2. Roma figures most likely severely understated.

3. Muslims are not necessarily later Bosniaks.

4. There are inconsistencies across different sources in names of groups such as Roma/Romanies, Romanians/Rumanians, Muslims/Moslems.

5. Figure for Serb minority in 1981 is retrieved from: Trifunovska, S. 1999, "Minority Rights in Croatia", *International Journal on Minority and Group Rights*, vol. 6, no. 4, pp. 463-482.

3. Kosovo

ETHNIC GROUP	1981		1991	
	Total	%	Total	%
Albanians	1,226,736	77.4	1,596,072	81.4
Serbs	209,498	13.2	194,190	9.9
Muslims	58,562	3.7	66,189	3.4
Roma	34,126	2.2	45,760	2.34
Montenegrins	27,028	1.7	20,365	1.04
Turks	12,513	0.8	10,445	0.53
Croats	8,717	0.6	8,062	0.41
Others	4,584	0.2	11,656	0.6
Yugoslavs	2,676	0.2	-	-
TOTAL	1,584,440	100.0	1,956,196	100.0%

2003 Estimates by Statistical Office of Kosovo

Total Population	1,900,000
Ethnic groups	-
Albanian	88%
Serbian	7%
Other ethnic groups	5%

Source: 1981 and 1991 Population Censuses in:
Demographic changes of the Kosovo population 1948-2006, SOK March 2008, Statistical Office of Kosovo: <http://www.ks-gov.net/ESK/>

Notes:

1. For 2003 estimates by Statistical Office of Kosovo see: Statistical Office of Kosovo (2003). Kosovo and its Population: A Brief Description, June 2003 (revised version). Pristina: Statistical Office of Kosovo. Available at http://www.sokkosovo.org/pdf/population/kosovo_andits_population.pdf
This publication contains further statistics and a list of useful references.
2. **1991 Census:** due to the massive refusal of Albanians to contribute, the Yugoslav Statistical Office estimated the figures on the basis of 1981 census data and demographic indicators on Albanian population.

4. Macedonia

	POPULATION	% OF THE TOTAL POPULATION
Macedonians ¹	1,297,981	64.17
Albanians	509,083	25.17
Turks	77,959	3.85
Roma	53,879	2.66
Serbs	35,939	1.78
Bosniaks	17,018	0.84
Muslims by nationality	2553	0.13
Aromanians	9695	0.47
Egyptians	3713	0.18
Montenegrins	2686	0.13
Hungarians	2003	0.1
Bulgarians	1417	0.07
Greeks	422	0.02
Russians	368	0.01
Slovenes	365	0.01
Poles	162	0.008
Ukrainians	136	0.007
Croats	129	0.006
Germans	88	0.004
Czechs	60	0.005
Slovaks	60	0.005
Jews	53	0.003
Italians	46	0.002
Austrians	35	0.002
Rusyns	24	0.001
Regionally affiliated	829	0.04
Non-declared	404	0.02
Others	5332	0.26

Sources:

2002 Census, The State Statistical Office of the Republic of Macedonia

http://www.stat.gov.mk/english/glavna_eng.asp?br=18

CIA's World Factbook entry on the Republic of Macedonia

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/print/mk.html>

Notes:

1. According to the 2002 Census, 1417 Macedonians claimed a Bulgarian ethnic identity.

¹ This also includes Goranci 5.86%.

5. Montenegro

ETHNIC GROUP	1981		1991		2002	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Montenegrins	400,488	68.54	380,467	61.86	267,669	43.16
Serbs	19,407	3.32	57,453	9.34	198,414	31.99
Yugoslavs	31,243	5.35	26,159	4.25	1860	0.30
Albanians	37,735	6.46	40,415	5.57	31,163	5.03
Bosniacs	-	0	-	0	48,184	7.77
Egyptians	-	0	-	0	225	0.04
Italians	45	0.1	58	0.1	127	0.02
Macedonians	875	0.15	1072	0.17	819	0.13
Hungarians	238	0.04	205	0.03	362	0.06
Moslems	78,080	13.36	89,614	14.57	24,625	3.97
Germans	107	0.02	124	0.02	118	0.02
Roma	1471	0.25	3282	0.53	2601	0.42
Russians	96	0.02	118	0.02	240	0.04
Slovenians	564	0.10	369	0.06	415	0.07
Croats	6904	0.18	6244	1.02	6811	1.10
Others	816	0.14	437	0.07	2180	0.35
Nondeclared	301	0.05	1944	0.32	26,906	4.34
Regional affiliation	1602	0.27	998	0.16	1258	0.20
Unknown	4338	0.74	6076	0.99	6168	0.99
TOTAL	584,310	100.00	615,035	100.00	620,145	100.00

Source: 2001 Census, Statistical Office of Montenegro.
http://www.instat.gov.al/repoba/english/default_english.htm
<http://www.monstat.cg.yu/EngMeniGodisnjiPodaci.htm>

Montenegrin Censuses from 1909 to 2003 available at: <http://www.njegos.org/census/index.htm>

Vujadin Rudic, The Ethnic Structure of the Population in Montenegro. Source: *The Serbian Question in the Balkans*, University of Belgrade, publisher - Faculty of Geography, Belgrade 1995. Available electronically at: <http://www.rastko.org.yu/istorija/srbi-balkan/vrudic-montenegro.html>

6. Serbia

ETHNIC GROUP	1981		1991		2002	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Total	7,729,236	100.0	7,822,795	100.0	7,498,001	100.0
Serbs	5,972,661	77.3	6,252,405	80.00	6,212,838	82.86
Montenegrins	120,438	1.6	118,934	1.52	69,049	0.92
Albanians	76,296	1.0	78,281	0.99	61,647	0.82
Bosniaks	-	-	-	-	136,087	1.81
Bulgarians	33,294	0.4	26,698	0.65	20,497	0.27
Bunjevac	-	-	21,434	0.27	20,012	0.27
Czechs	3,182	0.0	2,767	0.0	2,211	0.03
Croats	140,650	1.8	97,344	1.24	70,602	0.94
Germans	5,210	0.1	5,172	0.1	3,901	0.05
Goranac	-	-	-	-	4,581	0.06
Hungarians	390,321	5.0	343,800	4.39	293,299	3.91
Macedonians	47,930	0.6	45,068	0.55	25,847	0.34
Moslems	156,604	2.0	180,222	2.30	19,503	0.26
Roma	76,833	1.0	94,492	1.20	108,193	1.44
Romanians	53,676	0.7	42,316	0.54	34,576	0.46
Russians	2,649	0.0	2,473		2,588	0.03
Ruthenians	19,752	0.3	18,052	0.23	15,905	0.21
Slovaks	73,170	0.9	66,772	0.85	59,021	0.79
Slovenes	11,663	0.2	8,001	0.1	5,104	0.07
Ukrainians	5,513	0.1	5,042	0.1	5,354	0.07
Valachians	25,592	0.3	17,804	0.20	40,054	0.53
Others	18,403	0.2	60,467	5.07	31,723	0.16
Undeclared and undefined	7,701	0.1	10,718	0.1	107,732	1.44
Yugoslavs	439,265	5.7	293,168	3.7	80,721	1.08
Regional affiliation	6,584	0.1	4,841	0.1	11,485	0.15
Unknown	41,849	0.5	47,958	0.6	75,483	1.01

Sources:

2002 Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia

<http://webzrzs.statserb.sr.gov.yu/axd/Zip/NEP1.pdf>

1981 & 1991 data directly obtained from the Statistical Office of Republic of Serbia.

Notes:

1. Results of Population Censuses refer to Serbia and Vojvodina only (without Kosovo or Montenegro)
2. Note enormous increase in the group of 'Undeclared and undefined' in between 1991-2002.
3. In addition, OSCE report lists few more groups and their population: Askhali 584; Egyptians 814; Greeks 572, http://www.osce.org/documents/srb/2008/02/29908_en.pdf