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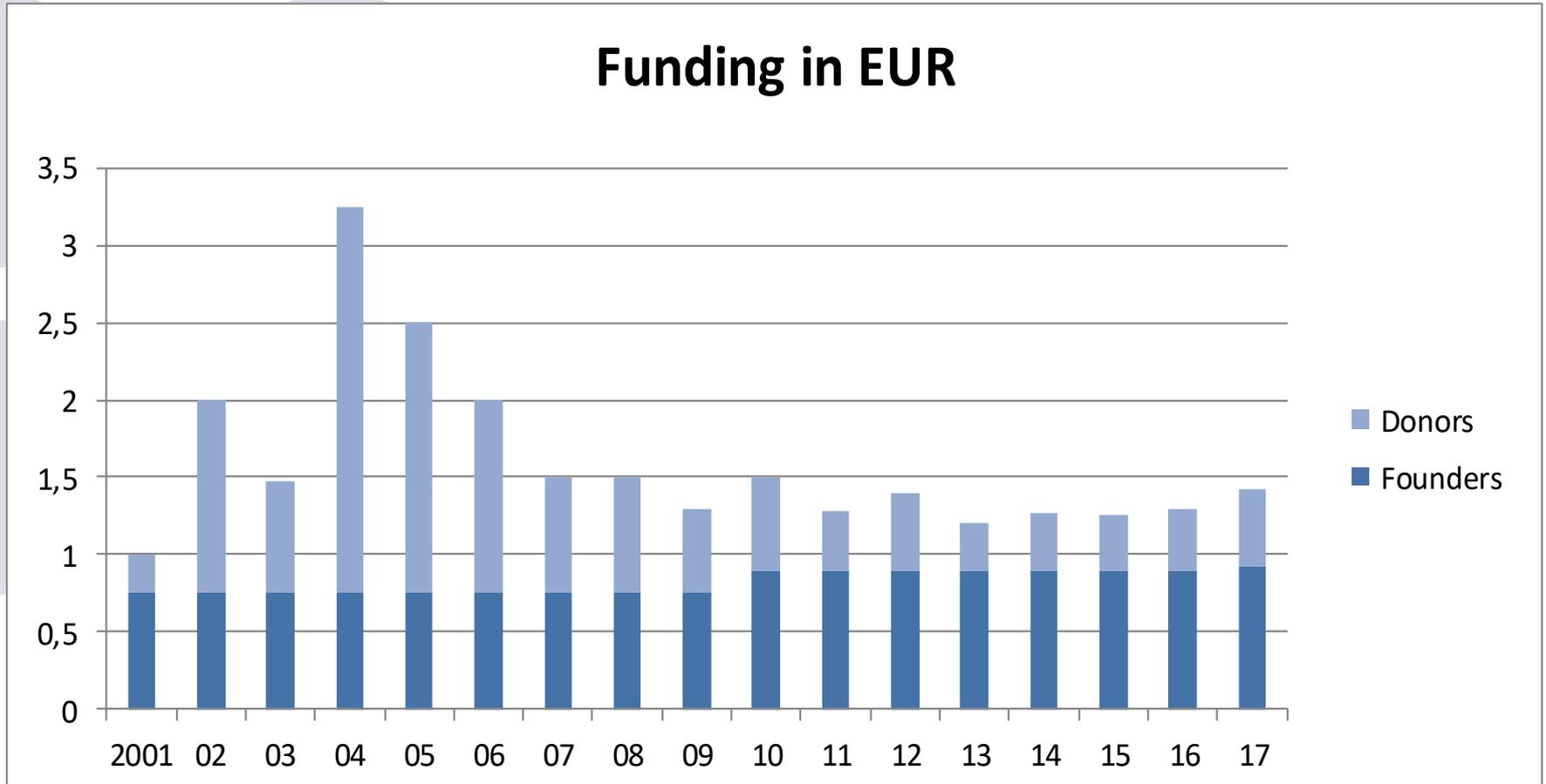
ECMI

- Founded in 1996
- Multinational
- Europe
- Multicultural
- Research and competence institution
- Executive Board
- Advisory Council

ECMI Facts

- HQ in Flensburg, Germany
- 2 field offices in Georgia and Kosovo
- Project staff in Ukraine
- 50-55 contract staff
- 22% researchers
- 54% project staff
- 24% technical and administrative staff
- 20 non-resident staff

ECMI Finances





ECMI's Profile

- Research and Dissemination
- Advisory Services
- Training and Technical Assistance
- Information Services and Documentation

ECMI's Approach



ECMI Research Clusters

- Justice and Governance
- Politics and Civil Society
- Conflict and Security
- Culture and Diversity
- Citizenship and Ethics

ECMI Programmes

Geographic

- Georgia Government Capacity
- Caucasus
- Kosovo
- Belarus Civil Society
- Eastern Partnership

Thematic

- Non-territorial autonomy
- Roma Integration
- Indicators
- Legal Resources

Former ECMI Projects

(Examples)

- Romani Expert Groups for Romani Integration
- Moldova Project
- Enhancing Minority Governance in Romania
- Enhancing Minority Governance in Bulgaria
- Serbia and Montenegro project
- Establishment & Maintenance of Minor. Ombudsman Institutions
- ECMI Macedonia Projects - Ohrid Agreement Implementation
- The Montenegro Negotiation and Capacity-Building Project
- Power-Sharing in Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Forced Migrants in Kaliningrad
- EU Accession and National Integration in Estonia and Latvia

ECMI Library

- Highly specialized collection on
 - Inter-ethnic relations
 - Minority issues
 - Ethnic conflict
- Searchable in a 24/7 online catalogue
- Indexing and documentation of significant bibliographical databases

ECMI Publications

- ECMI Handbooks
- ECMI Studies
- European Yearbook of Minority Issues
- Journal on Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe (JEMIE)
- Monographs
- Reports
- Working Papers
- Issue Briefs
- Annual Reports

ECMI Mission

ECMI sees human **diversity** as a European heritage and **cultural pluralism** as a great asset. Aiming to facilitate respect for diversity in all aspects of society, ECMI is committed to work for the **improvement** of the situation of Europe's minorities through heightened **awareness** of minority rights and minority issues among all relevant actors. Realizing the immense scope of societal and global challenges of the 21st Century, ECMI's specific purpose is to provide actors with **new knowledge and tool-kits** that empower and equip them to mitigate differences and exchange views through **constructive dialogue** about how to build a peaceful and diverse Europe.

ECMI Vision

Promoting high-quality research, policy-relevant analysis, training, and co-operation in the minority field, the ECMI seeks to bridge the gaps between **theory and practice**, research and politics, mainstream politicians and minority activists as well as between different academic traditions.

This is pursued through interdisciplinary theoretical and empirical studies that improve the understanding of the dynamics of minority issues and **promote new agendas** in research and public debates.

Drawing on the synergy between standards, research and action, the ECMI is Europe's leading institution to implement the roadmap for **minority protection and empowerment** because we believe minorities matter.

What is a 'Minority'?

- There is no universal definition of 'minority'
- For practical purposes ECMI uses the following definition:

“All national cultural, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities whose minority status has been recognized by national legislation or by internationally binding declarations as well as minorities that define and organize themselves as such”

Kurt Hamer (1926-1991)

Thank you for your attention

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