



Demands of young people from minorities in Europa

The following demands have been developed by the participants of **YEN's Easter Seminar 2019**. The participants voiced them in the course of a workshop and after intensive debates about topics relevant to and chosen by them. These demands reflect the needs and interests of young people from national or ethnic minorities in Europe and shed a light on those topics most relevant to them today.

1. *More scholarships for children and young people from minorities to learn their minority language!*
2. *We need new and more school materials and publications for minority language learning! More promotion of youth participation and work of NGOs in schools!*
3. *More supporting teachers in places where children with special needs are already integrated in the classroom!*
4. *Support for established minority organisation!*
5. *Adoption a bilingual education system!*
6. *Research and implementation of methods to better address the needs of minority youth and children with special needs!*
7. *We want more open and tolerant Europe which includes minorities in all kinds of processes!*
8. *We want more teaching staff in schooling systems that include children with special needs.*
9. *We need an active minority policy in Europe where minorities get recognized and supported.*
10. *We as minorities need to work more with one another and foster this cooperation!*
11. *For better visibility we demand the usage of minority languages in official documents and news reporting!*
12. *We want equal access to digital means including free access to the internet for young people!*
13. *We want subsidizing the purchase of devices like laptops, smartphones, and the like, for those people who lack financial means!*
14. *We demand the support and funding of national, regional and international projects like a shared minority newspaper of minorities of the same country.*
15. *More multilingualism in the public sphere – in media, in the city space (on street signs etc.)*
16. *More room in the media (TV, Radio etc.) to minorities so that they can show the world that they exist!*
17. *More funding and support to formal and informal minority organisations so that they can create their own media channels!*
18. *Support for underrepresented minorities!*
19. *We want a Europe of open borders without border controls.*
20. *We demand that children and youth can learn their minority language in schools!*
21. *We demand a commissioner on EU-level, who oversees minority issues, their rights and problems.*

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