

**Brief description of the amounts allocated from the state budget to the organizations of citizens belonging to the national minorities, as well as the types of expenditures incurred between 2015 and 2018.**

The Department for Interethnic Relations (DIR) implements the policy established by the *Minority Governance Program* for preserving, asserting and developing ethnic, cultural, religious and linguistic identity by supporting the approval and allocation of state budget funds to citizens' organizations belonging to national minorities, represented in the Parliament of Romania, to support their specific activities by partially covering several categories of expenditures.

Below, we present a situation of the amounts allocated from the state budget to the organizations of citizens belonging to national minorities, as well as the types of expenditures incurred between 2015 and 2018.

**For the year 2015:**

At letter a) of Appendix 3/13/02a, to the budget of the General Secretariat of the Government, approved by the 2015 State Budget Law no. 186/2014, an amount of 91,443 thousand lei was provided for the support of the 19 organizations of the citizens belonging to the national minorities, members of the Council of National Minorities. By Government Decision no. 117/2015 approved the allocation and use of this amount, mentioning the categories of expenditures that organizations could make. As a result of a budgetary adjustment for the year 2015, it was approved the supplementation of the amount intended to support the organizations up to a total of **102,401 thousand lei**. By Government Decision no. 814/2015, the allocation and use of this amount has been approved, and in respect of *programs made from European and international funds with impact on citizens belonging to national minorities*, in addition to the co-financing costs, they have also approved *expenditure on participation to these programs*. All 19 organizations requested and received by the end of 2015, in full, the amount allocated according to the last mentioned normative act.

By approving and allocating the amount of **102,401 thousand lei** for organizations in 2015, *the level of satisfaction of the needs of the organizations of the national minorities in 2015 supported by budgetary funds was 100% compared to their needs expressed through the substantiated budget proposals, for same year*. It is worth mentioning that in order to carry out the activities, according to the department's data, the organizations used amounts from other sources in the range of 0.03% to 10% in 2015, resulting in an average contribution rate with amounts from other sources for all organizations of 6.015%.

For 2015, the amount approved and allocated from the state budget to national minority organizations increased by 19.5% compared to 2014.

The share of the amounts spent by organizations for various programs, called **actions**, varies greatly from one organization to another, depending on the decisions of the management of each organization, ranging from the minimum **0%** limit (the Federation of Jewish Communities in Romania doing this activity from other sources) and a maximum limit of **57.04%** (the Democratic Union of Turkish-Muslim Tatars in Romania).

National Minority Organizations used the amount allocated from the state budget for **permanent operating expenses** (headquarters, personnel and investments) in a proportion of **50.29%** (the German Democratic Forum of Romania) and **94.3%** (The Bulgarian Union of Banat - Romania).

For **press, book and other publications**, the proportion of spending was between **0.64%** (the Pro Roma Party Association) and **35.57%** (Democratic Forum of the Germans in Romania).

Therefore, the evolution of the proportions corresponding to the categories of expenditure incurred differs from one year to the next, for each organization and, from one organization to other, because each organization corresponds to a specific situation determined by different factors.

In **2016**, the categories of expenditures, approved by the state budget law, for the partial support of the activity of the organizations of citizens belonging to the national minorities, stipulated in Appendix no. 1 to the Government Decision no. 58/2016 approving the distribution and use of the amounts stipulated in letters a) and b) of the appendix no. 3/13/02a to the budget of the General Secretariat of the Government, approved by the State Budget Law for year 2016 no.339 / 2015, modified by the Government Decision no. 827/2016 were: *material expenses for the operation of the headquarters of their organizations and their branches / subsidiaries, their maintenance and repair works, to ensure the security and guard of headquarters and branches / subsidiaries; staff costs and related expenses arising from the application of labour law; expenditure necessary for continuing training and staff training; expenditure on press, book, school textbooks and publications; expenditure on the production and broadcasting of multimedia materials as well as expenses for the production of radio-TV programs; expenses for organizing / participating in cultural, scientific, symposium, educational, sports, membership meetings according to the statute and other such events organized in the country and abroad; expenditure on organizing / participating in exchanges of experience, camps, training courses, documentation and study visits in the country and abroad, in the fields of promoting ethnic and cultural identity, as well as in the field of operational management; expenditure on investments in movable and immovable goods necessary for the performance of organizations' activities; expenditure on co-financing and participation in programs and projects made from European and international funds.*

In 2016, the total amount allocated from the state budget for the partial support of the activity of the organizations belonging to the national minorities allocated to them was **105,401 thousand lei**. The Department for Interethnic Relations, according to the attributions, has carried out the monitoring of the observance of the legal destinations by the organizations, according to the **P.O. Code: P.O. 02, Edition I**. The only organization for which the Department was unable to carry out monitoring at the level of 2016 is the Bulgarian Union of Banat-Romania because it did not submit Form A3 *"Total expenditures incurred in 2016 by destination according to letter a) of the appendix 3/13 / 02a to the budget of the General Secretariat of the Government for 2016, approved by the Law of the State Budget for year 2016 no.339 / 2015"*, as well as its appendix.

Of the 19 organizations, only 18 were allocated from the state budget. The exception was the Union of Ukrainians in Romania who, in 2016, only used amounts allocated from the state budget in previous years. The organization made and submitted a single application in December 2016 at the level of the amount allocated for the year 2016. Given the availability of the organization's account at the request date, the GSG's credit officer did not approve the allocation of the amount.

In **2017**, the total amount allocated from the state budget for the partial support of the activity of the citizens' organizations belonging to the national minorities allocated to them was **110.250 thousand lei**. The Department for Interethnic Relations, according to its attributions, found, on the basis of the data and information provided by the organizations, contained in the forms they have drawn up and

transmitted, regulated by G.D. no. 209/2017 if the legal destinations were complied with and the proportion in which the organizations carry out expenses.

From the data contained in the document sent to the department by the organizations of national minorities, called "*Situation of the amounts allocated from the state budget to the organizations of the citizens belonging to the national minorities spent in 2017*", it follows that the amount approved by the state budget for 2017, distributed to the organizations of citizens belonging to national minorities increased by 4.6% compared to the one in 2016. Of the 18 organizations that have been allocated amounts from the state budget, to a single organization, namely the Bulgarian Union of Banat-Romania- amounts were not allocated in 2017 because it did not fulfil its obligations under the provisions of art. 6 (1) and (2) of the Government Decision no. 209/2017.

In **2018**, the total amount allocated from the state budget for the partial support of the activity of the organizations belonging to the national minorities allocated to them was **115,763 thousand lei**. The Department for Interethnic Relations, according to its attributions, finds, based on the data and information provided by the organizations, contained in the forms they have drafted and transmitted, regulated by G.D. no. 128/2018, if the legal destinations are respected and the proportion in which the organizations carry out expenses.

The amount allocated to the organizations of the national minorities until 30 June 2018 is 48,952,204 thousand lei.

### **Expenditure categories between 2015 and 2018**

#### **2015**

In Appendix 3 to this document, the organizer with the bookkeeping of expenditures by organizations in the period 2015-2018, contains the amounts allocated from the state budget and the expenditures, by chapter of expenditures, for each organization of the citizens belonging to the national minorities. According to this Appendix, the following are found:

- For 2015, the amount approved and allocated from the state budget to the organizations of the national minorities increased by 19.5% compared to 2014.
- The organizations of the national minorities have used the amount allocated from the state budget for **permanent operating expenditures** (headquarters, staff and investments) in a proportion of **50.29%** (Democratic Forum of Germans in Romania) and **94.3%** (Bulgarian Union of Banat – Romania).

#### **2016**

From the amounts allocated from the state budget, the share of expenditures made by categories of expenditures is the following:

- for *material expenses for the functioning of the headquarters of their organizations and their branches / subsidiaries, their maintenance and repair works, in order to ensure the security and guard of the headquarters and branches / subsidiaries*, between **9.98%** and **59.26%**; all organizations have incurred expenses for this purpose;
- for *staff and related expenditure arising from the application of labour law* between **11,69%** and **53,41%**; all organizations have incurred expenses for this purpose;
- for *expenditure required for continuous staff training and retraining*, between **0,004%** and **18,30%**; four organizations have incurred expenses for this purpose;
- for *expenditure on investments in movable and immovable assets necessary for the activity of the organizations*, between **2,92%** and **74,79%**; all organizations have incurred expenses for this purpose;

Regarding the amounts from the state budget, remaining unused on 31.12.2016 and carried over in 2017, they represent between 0% and 59.39% of the total amounts from the state budget available to the organizations in 2016.

In **2017**, the categories of expenditures, approved by the state budget law, for the partial support of the activity of the organizations of citizens belonging to the national minorities, stipulated in art. 5 (1) of the Government Decision no. 209/2017 approving the allocation and utilization of the amounts stipulated in letters a) and b) of the annex no. 3/13/02a to the budget of the General Secretariat of the Government, approved by the State Budget Law 2017 no. 6 / 2017 were: *material expenses for the operation of the headquarters of their organizations and their branches / subsidiaries, their maintenance and repair works, to ensure the security and guard of headquarters and branches / subsidiaries; staff costs and related expenses arising from the application of labour law; expenditure necessary for continuing training and staff training; expenditure on press, book, school textbooks and publications; expenditure on the production and broadcasting of multimedia materials as well as expenses for the production of radio-TV programs; expenses for organizing / participating in cultural, scientific, symposium, educational, sports, membership meetings according to the statute and other such events organized in the country and abroad; expenditure on organizing / participating in exchanges of experience, camps, training courses, documentation and study visits in the country and abroad, in the fields of promoting ethnic and cultural identity, as well as in the field of operational management; expenditure on investments in movable and immovable goods necessary for the performance of organizations' activities; expenditure on co-financing and participation in programs and projects from European and international funds; legal assistance, notary fees, judicial and extrajudicial expertise and audit.* The categories of expenditure are detailed in Article 5 (2) of the same Government Decision.

From the amounts allocated from the state budget, the share of expenditures made by categories of expenditures is the following:

- for ***material expenses for the functioning of the headquarters of their organizations and their branches / subsidiaries, their maintenance and repair works, in order to ensure the security and guard of the headquarters and branches / subsidiaries***, between **13,22%** and **56,25%**; all organizations have incurred expenses for this purpose;
- for ***staff and related expenses arising from the application of labour law*** between **24,53%** and **56,02%**; all organizations have incurred expenses for this purpose;
- for ***expenditure necessary for the training and further training of staff***, between **0,006%** and **0,25%**; only 3 organizations have incurred expenses for this purpose;
- for ***expenditure on investment in movable and immovable property necessary for carrying on the activity of organizations*** between **4,06%** and **50,39%**; a single organization did not incur expenditure for this purpose;
- for ***expenditure on co-financing and participation in programs and projects made from European and international funds***, between **0.16%** and **2.62%**; only 3 organizations have incurred expenses for this purpose;
- for ***legal assistance, notarial fees, legal and extrajudicial expertise and audit***, between **0,30%** and **4,82%**, 14 organizations have incurred expenses for this purpose.

Starting from the current year, **2018**, from the analysis of the expenditures made by organizations from the amounts from the state budget, the following results:

- the total expenditure incurred by the 18 organizations in the first eight months of 2018 represents approximately 62% of the total amount available from the state budget;
- in decreasing order of the value of the amounts, the expenditures made from the amounts from the state budget represented, on average:
- 36.2% - staff costs and related expenses arising from the application of labour law;

- 22.6% - material expenses for the functioning of the headquarters of their organizations and branches / subsidiaries, cultural and community centres, maintenance and repair works of related buildings, security and guard, as well as related expertise and audit costs;
- 5.2% - expenses on investment in movable and immovable assets needed to carry out the activities of organizations and the community;
- 4% - expenses on publishing, printing and distribution of books, publications, and school textbooks;
- 1% legal assistance, notary fees, legal and extrajudicial expertise, audit;
- 0,33% - expenditure on intellectual property insurance;
- 0,025% expenditure necessary for continuing training and staff training;