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**Information Document
on the implementation of the
Recommendations for Immediate Action
based on the 4th monitoring cycle**

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RML	Recommendations for immediate action
2.1 Armenian	a. Draw up, in co-operation with the speakers, an action plan on the implementation of the Charter for Armenian. In Polish education law, the languages of all national and ethnic minorities and the Kashubian regional language have the same status. However, due to regional variations, dispersion across the country or the number of users, the forms of support for the teaching of these languages can vary considerably. Funding for minority/regional language teaching is systemically provided by the government and transferred to local authorities in the form of an increased education subsidy (currently the amount allocated to education needs). b. Take steps to develop teaching in/of Armenian at all levels, including by providing the adequate teacher training and textbooks. With regard to the support for teachers in 2019, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 28 May 2019 <i>on teacher training centres</i>³¹ oblige school superintendents to: - include, as appropriate, in the plan of the methodological counselling network in a given province, methodological counselling for teachers employed in schools where a national or ethnic minority language or regional language is taught; - cooperate with organisations of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the creation of the above-mentioned methodological counselling network. In 2023, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of Education and Science of 14 September 2023 amending the Regulation on the <i>standard of education preparing for the teaching profession</i>² enabled universities to provide training for regional language teachers in accordance with the demand expressed by the Committee on National and Ethnic Minorities of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, i.e. also during first-cycle programme studies. Kashubian language teacher training is provided by the University of Gdańsk.

¹ Journal of Laws of 2023, item 2738, as amended.

² Journal of Laws, item 2003.

	.. Adequately to the changes in the way teachers are trained, the questions of qualifications for teaching or conducting classes in kindergartens, schools, groups or branches that enable students belonging to national minorities, ethnic minorities or communities speaking a regional language to maintain their sense of national, ethnic or linguistic identity have been regulated. In addition to measures concerning languages of national minorities and ethnic minorities as well as regional languages, initiatives were also taken in 2024 concerning regional education and the Silesian language. In 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 20 July 2018 - <i>Higher Education and Science Law</i>³, the Minister of Education commissioned and funded: - the preparation and delivery of a two-semester postgraduate course for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, for at least 25 professionally active teachers; this course was delivered - in the academic year 2024/2025 - by the University of Silesia in Katowice; - the provision of packages of methodical materials and teaching aids in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature for teachers participating in the above-mentioned postgraduate course and for at least 500 schools and kindergartens conducting classes in regional education; - the creation of a freely accessible Internet platform with methodological materials and teaching aids for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature. The implementation of the above tasks is supported by a nationwide teacher training establishment, i.e. the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw, to which the Minister of Education commissioned and financed the preparation and dissemination of methodological materials for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, teaching aids and translations. As part of the performance of the above task, the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw - in the period from 11 October 2024 to 31 December 2024 - carried out the following activities: - four classroom training courses entitled 'Silesia - History, Culture, Language', aimed at popularising cultural heritage focused on cultivating customs and learning about the Upper
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³ Journal of of Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended.

	Silesian region. The training courses were attended by 199 participants, i.e. teachers-consultants, methodological advisers and teachers interested in the topic of the training; - two online training courses entitled ‘How to Conduct Regional Education Classes Using Quests?’. The participants learnt about the methodology for creating quests, acquired the skills needed to conduct classes using this technique and had individual consultations with the instructors; - lectures and workshops, visiting museums and places of cultural heritage in Upper Silesia, and watching a theatre play entitled ‘Mianujom mie Hanka’, which enabled participants to acquire knowledge about the region and the diversity of Silesian history and culture; - methodological materials on literature, art and customs shaping everyday life and the specific characteristics of the regional language have been posted on the website of the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw for general access and use by teachers when planning and conducting regional education classes. The teaching of a minority language, a regional language, a minority's own history and culture and the geography of the country with whose cultural area the minority identifies is carried out on the basis of curricula approved for use in a school by the school principal. Pursuant to Article 22aa of the Act of 7 September 1991 <i>on the Education System</i>⁴, a teacher may decide to implement a curriculum with the use of a textbook, educational material or exercise material, or without these teaching aids. The selection of a textbook or educational material that replaces a textbook and exercise materials for educational classes is made by a team of teachers teaching the specific classes. If a textbook is selected to implement a curriculum, this selection is made from among the textbooks approved for school use. The minister responsible for education approves a textbook for school use after obtaining positive opinions from textbook experts⁵. Textbooks approved for school use that are in line with the current core curriculum are included in the lists published on the website of the Ministry of National Education. Textbooks, including textbooks for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, are approved for school use at the request of an entity (publisher) holding the author's economic rights for the textbook. Most textbooks for teaching a minority language, the history and culture of a minority are written gradually, usually by publishers associated with or representing minority communities in Poland.
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⁴ Journal of of Laws of 2024, item 750, as amended.

⁵ Article 22an(1) of the Act on the *Education System*.

	Pursuant to Article 68 of the Act of 27 October 2017 <i>on the Financing of Educational Tasks</i>⁶, textbooks and supporting books for the education of students within the scope necessary to sustain a sense of national, ethnic and linguistic identity may be subsidised from the state budget from the part at the disposal of the minister competent for education and upbringing. Due to the high unit price of textbooks for minorities (high cost of preparation combined with low circulation), the Ministry of National Education finances all costs related to the preparation, writing and publication of textbooks and supplementary books for the education of students declaring membership in national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language. Subsidies are available for textbooks that have been approved for school use by the minister responsible for education and were included in the list of textbooks intended for general education for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, as well as for so-called supplementary books (e.g. exercise books, subject dictionaries, method books) which are not subject to approval for school use. According to the rules laid down by the Ministry of National Education, textbooks for teaching the language of the national minority, the history and culture and geography of the country with whose territory the national minority identifies, are financed first, and supplementary books are subsidised second. The textbooks and supplementary books are distributed free of charge to the relevant school superintendent's offices and then to school libraries or inter-school teaching teams, as ordered by school principals. This system guarantees adequate distribution of and access to free textbooks and supplementary books for successive year groups of students attending minority or regional language classes. In other situations, each student has the right to learn a minority language in the form of additional classes of that language (3 hours per week). c. Take measures to increase the use of Armenian in the media (broadcasting media, online and print media, audio-visual works). a) National and ethnic minorities and regional language users in the public media <i>[Material prepared on the basis of materials of the National Broadcasting Council available to the MIA]</i>
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⁶ Journal of Laws of 2025, item 439.

	According to Article 21(1a) (8a) of the Broadcasting Act, one of the tasks of public broadcasting entities fulfilling the public service mission is to take into account the needs of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the programme offer. The joint discussions of the National Broadcasting Council, public broadcasters, representatives of organisations bringing together members of these communities and the Joint Commission of the Government and National and Ethnic Minorities has resulted in the development of uniform criteria for the qualification of programmes meeting the expectations of different minority groups. They were finally proposed by the National Broadcasting Council and accepted by the Joint Commission when it published the <i>Position on programmes for national and ethnic minorities and programmes in the regional language in public radio and television</i> on 24 February 2010. The document sets out the conditions that programmes qualified by public broadcasters for this type of offer should meet. According to the <i>Position</i>, programmes that public service broadcasters intend to address national and ethnic minorities should fulfil all of the following conditions: • they should be entirely devoted to issues concerning national minorities, ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language; • they should enable representatives of a national or ethnic minority not only to take part in the programme, but also to speak about themselves and their issues; • a specific national or ethnic minority or community speaking a regional language should be the explicit addressee of such programmes; • they should be delivered in a language of an national or ethnic minority or in a regional language; • they should be prepared by a team comprising representatives of a national minority, ethnic minority or community speaking a regional language concerned. Public broadcasters were also obliged to comply with the quality criteria for these programmes, i.e., they are to exercise all journalistic care, professionalism and integrity in their production. On the basis of the annual reporting documentation submitted by the broadcasters, the National Broadcasting Council verifies each year the correctness of the qualification of such programmes and analyses the content of the offer and evaluates it in terms of quantity and quality. If any of the indicated programmes do not meet the criteria contained in the aforementioned <i>Position</i>, they are not qualified by the Council for this category of programmes. The verifications conducted by the Council to date indicate that broadcasters generally qualify programmes correctly for this type of offer and that errors occurred incidentally. This mode of operation has been closely linked to the way in which this type of offer is funded. When allocating subscription funds for the next calendar year to companies that had programmes for national and ethnic minorities in their planned programme offer, the National Broadcasting Council allocates 100% of the subscription funds to
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	cover the costs indicated by the broadcasters for the creation and dissemination of such programmes. Characteristics of the offer implemented between 2020 and 2024 in the public media The detailed characteristics of the offer addressed to national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language presented below were drawn up by the National Broadcasting Council on the basis of an analysis of the public broadcasters' annual reports on their programme and financial plans approved annually by the Council in this respect in the years 2020-2024. I. Telewizja Polska SA In the years 2020-2024, programmes for individual national and ethnic minorities were broadcast - although not systematically (consistently, every year) in each programme - in 11 local branches of Telewizja Polska SA, i.e. the Białystok, Gdańsk, Katowice, Gorzów Wielkopolski, Kielce, Kraków, Olsztyn, Opole, Rzeszów, Szczecin and Wrocław Branches and in the common band of TVP3 Regionalna. The programme offer, i.e. the titles of the programmes broadcast periodically (mainly once a week) was constant. More often than not, their titles were left in place for subsequent years, while the content of the programmes was changed to address the current events affecting this audience. Each minority was represented in individual programmes constituting part of programme cycles, usually broadcast once a week, in the form of news and current affairs magazines. This offer, addressed to national and ethnic minorities living in Poland, consisted of the following series of programmes broadcast between 2020 and 2024: Belarusian minority: ➤ <i>Tydzień Białoruski</i> [Belarusian Week] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in the Belarusian language, presenting issues relating to the social and cultural life of Belarusians living in the Podlaskie Province. Lithuanian minority: ➤ <i>Panorama Litewska</i> [Lithuanian Panorama] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Lithuanian, presenting issues concerning the social and cultural life of Lithuanians living in the Podlaskie Province. ➤ <i>Pomerania ethnica</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Szczecin) - an information programme; broadcast in the languages of minorities living in Western Pomerania, including Lithuanians, it addresses social issues and cultural events of minority communities in the region.
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	German minority: ➤ <i>Schlesien Journal</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Katowice and TVP3 Opole) - a news and current affairs magazine for the German minority living in Silesia and the Opole region, broadcast in German with subtitles in Polish; it presents social, political, economic and cultural events concerning the German minority living in these regions. ➤ <i>Pomerania ethnica</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Szczecin) - an information programme; broadcast in the languages of minorities living in Western Pomerania, including the German minority, it addresses social issues and cultural events of minority communities in the region. Roma minority: ➤ <i>My Romowie</i> [We the Roma people] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a magazine for the Roma minority, dealing with the social and cultural life of the Roma people living in the Podlaskie Province and the social problems of the Roma people in Poland; created in cooperation with representatives of Roma communities in the Podlaskie Province. The magazine is broadcast in Polish due to the lack of systematisation of the Roma language and the fact that the Roma people commonly speak Polish. Materials showing Roma rituals and songs by Roma bands have been broadcast in the Romani language. Russian minority: ➤ <i>Wiadomości Rosyjskie</i> [Russian News] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, addressed to the Russian minority living in the Podlaskie Province, broadcast in Russian; it discusses current social and political problems and presents cultural events organised by the Russian minority in the region. ➤ <i>Syberyjski Bard zaprasza</i> [Siberian bard invites] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a magazine addressed to the Russian minority, dealing with the social and cultural life of Russians living both in the Podlaskie Poland and other parts of Poland, including the issue of new emigration of Russians to Poland, broadcast in Russian. Tatar minority: ➤ <i>Tatarskie wieści</i> [Tatar news] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a magazine for the Tatar minority, dealing with the social and cultural life of the Tatars living in the Podlaskie Province, created in cooperation with representatives of the Tatar community in the
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Podlaskie Province. The magazine is broadcast in Polish, as the Tatar minority has for a long time spoken Polish on a daily basis.

Ukrainian minority:

- *Telenowyny* [Television news] (broadcast on TVP3 Regionalna in the common band) - a magazine containing informative, journalistic and educational elements concerning the Ukrainian community living in Poland, broadcast in Ukrainian. It presents historical themes and information on Polish-Ukrainian relations; it often includes commentaries by guest speakers on current political and cultural events organised by the Ukrainian minority.
- *Przegląd Ukraiński* [Ukrainian Review] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, addressed to the Ukrainian minority living in the Podlaskie Province, broadcast in Ukrainian; it discusses socio-cultural issues concerning this minority.
- *Pomerania ethnica* (broadcast on TVP3 Szczecin) - an information programme; broadcast in the languages of minorities living in Western Pomerania, including the Ukrainian minority, it addresses social issues and cultural events of minority communities in the region.
- *Ukraińskie Wieści* [Ukrainian News] (broadcast on TVP3 Olsztyn) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it presents issues of social and cultural life, as well as the current problems of the Ukrainian minority living in Warmia and Mazury. It presents the traditions, customs and social activities organised by this community and informs about events in Ukraine and the cooperation between Ukraine and the Warmia and Mazury region.
- *Daleko od domu* [Away from home] (broadcast on TVP3 Katowice) - a programme created in Ukrainian and Polish to integrate the Ukrainian minority into Polish society, introducing Poles to Ukrainian culture and tradition.

Kashubian minority:

- *Tedë Jo* (broadcast on TVP3 Gdańsk) - a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Kashubian, with subtitles in Polish; addressed to the Kashubians living in Pomerania. It deals with the broadly defined life of this community: its culture, language, customs and history.
- *Farwe Kaszeb* (broadcast on TVP3 Gdańsk) - a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Kashubian with subtitles in Polish; it addresses the contemporary life of the Kashubian community in Pomerania.
- *Reportaże dla społeczności kaszubskiej* [Reportages for the Kashubian community] (broadcast on TVP3 Gdańsk) - reportages addressed to Kashubians, dealing with a wide range of issues concerning the life of this community and created in their language with subtitles in Polish.

	II. Regional public radio Between 2020 and 2024, the regional radio stations distributed - similarly to the television programmes - fixed program series, created in the languages of national and ethnic minorities and regional languages spoken by local communities. They were present in eleven of the radio station's programmes, namely: Radio Białystok, Radio Gdańsk, Radio Katowice, Radio Koszalin, Radio Kraków, Radio Olsztyn, Radio Opole, Radio Rzeszów, Radio Szczecin, Radio Wrocław and Radio Zachód. The programme offer in 2020-2024 for the different national and ethnic minorities and the communities speaking a regional language consisted mainly - as in the case of the television offer - of news and current affairs magazines focusing on the regional problems of the minorities living in the respective province. This offer consisted of the following programme series broadcast in the period of 2020-2024: Belarusian minority: ➤ <i>Pod Znakiem Pogoni</i> [Under the Pahonia emblem] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Belarusian; it addresses the problems of the Belarusian minority living in Poland and Podlasie. ➤ <i>Duchowe Spotkania</i> [Spiritual encounters] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a religious programme dedicated to the affairs of Orthodox believers in Podlasie. The programme is created in Belarusian and Ukrainian. ➤ <i>Przed wyjściem do cerkwi</i> [Before going to church] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a religious programme addressed to Orthodox believers living in Podlasie, of a journalistic and educational nature. ➤ <i>Pożadlanaja Pieśnia</i> (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a music programme with commentary broadcast in Belarusian; it presents both folk and contemporary music of this minority. Lithuanian minority: ➤ <i>Głos polskich Litwinów</i> [Voice of the Polish Lithuanians] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Lithuanian, addressing current problems of the Lithuanian minority living in the region. Lemko minority: ➤ <i>Sami Swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław) - a news programme for various minorities: Lemko, Ukrainian, German and Armenian, broadcast in the languages of these
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	minorities. It addresses political, social and cultural topics in a regional context. ➤ <i>Kermesz</i> (broadcast on Radio Kraków) - a magazine with current news about the life of these communities and a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian, intended for the Lemko and Ukrainian minorities living in Małopolska. Created and run by representatives of these minorities. It presents the traditions and rituals of these communities, as well as the products of their material and spiritual culture. German minority: ➤ <i>Pojednanie i Przyszłość</i> [Reconciliation and future] (broadcast on Radio Katowice) - a journalistic programme produced in German, edited by the Katowice-based 'Reconciliation and Future' minority organisation; topics include the traditions and culture of the German minority living in Silesia; it presents the achievements of representatives of German culture, science and art born in Silesia. ➤ <i>Praesent</i> (broadcast on Radio Katowice) - a programme produced by the Socio-Cultural Association of Germans of the Silesian Province, based in Racibórz; it has a journalistic character; it contains reports on events, interviews and commentary on the life and activities of the German minority communities in the region; it is broadcast in German. ➤ <i>Allensteiner Welle</i> (broadcast on Radio Olsztyn) - a programme broadcast in German, it has an informative and journalistic character and focuses on the problems of the German minority in Warmia and Mazury. ➤ <i>Die Musik, Hudba, Zene</i> (broadcast on Radio Opole) - a music programme featuring contemporary German music with commentary broadcast in the German language. ➤ <i>Czas mniejszości</i> [Minority time] (broadcast on Radio Opole) - a programme of a journalistic nature, broadcast in German; it presents the problems of the various German minority communities living in the Opole region. ➤ <i>Wiadomości niemieckojęzyczne/Magazyn niemieckojęzyczny</i> [German-language news/German-language magazine] (broadcast on Radio Opole) - programmes in the form of news services, presenting the affairs of the region and the German minority, including reports on events, statements by minority activists and interventions. ➤ <i>Sami Swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław) - a news programme for various minorities: Lemko, Ukrainian, German and Armenian, broadcast in the languages of these minorities. It addresses political, social and cultural topics in a regional context.
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	Armenian minority: ➤ <i>Sami swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław), addressed to various minorities living in the region, including Armenians; see the description above for programme's content. Roma minority: ➤ <i>Serwis Romski</i> [Roma service] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news programme; it includes coverage of current events in the region that may be of interest to Roma people. ➤ <i>Magazyn Romski</i> [Roma magazine] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news and current affairs programme addressing current issues concerning this minority living in the region. ➤ <i>Szlakiem taborów</i> [On the caravan trail] (broadcast on Radio Zachód) - a journalistic and educational programme. The purpose of the programme is to popularise the history, traditions, customs and culture of the Roma people among the inhabitants of the Lubuskie Province, as well as to increase Roma participation in the region's social life and to overcome their reluctance to attend school. Slovak minority: ➤ <i>Pramen - Magazyn słowacki</i> [Pramen - Slovak magazine] (broadcast on Radio Kraków) - a Slovak language magazine broadcast in 2020 for the Slovak minority living in Małopolska. It was produced and conducted by journalists from these minorities. It provided knowledge about the life of this community and documented the voices of older generations, witness accounts of historical events, manifestations of disappearing rituals, customs, and products of spiritual and material culture. In 2021 and 2022, Radio Kraków did not broadcast any programmes for the Slovak minority due to staff shortages (the existing presenters resigned and the minority representatives did not recommend any replacements, despite the efforts of Radio Kraków SA). ➤ <i>'Na slovíčko'/'Na słówko'</i> [For a word] (broadcast in 2023 on Radio Kraków) - a programme for the Slovak minority living in the Małopolska region and all those interested in Slovakia who have a sufficient understanding of the Slovak language; the programme is broadcast entirely in Slovak. It was intended to integrate the Slovak minority living in Małopolska, as well as people who have any links with the country. From 2024, the programme for the Slovak minority was not broadcast under the above title, but was part of the programme entitled <i>Audycja dla mniejszości - magazyn</i> [Programme for minorities - a magazine], which consisted of content for the Lemko and Ukrainian minorities but also for the Slovak minority. The programme was created in cooperation with the Slovak Association in Poland.
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	Ukrainian minority: ➤ <i>Przed wyjściem do cerkwi</i> [Before going to church] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a religious programme on issues of the Orthodox Church, broadcast in Belarusian and Ukrainian. ➤ <i>Ukraińska Dumka</i> [Ukrainian song] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it addresses various current issues of the Ukrainian community living in the region. ➤ <i>Serwis Ukraiński</i> [Ukrainian service] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news programme, broadcast in Ukrainian; it presents current events concerning the Ukrainian community living in the region. ➤ <i>Magazyn Ukraiński</i> [Ukrainian Magazine] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it focuses on current socio-political and cultural issues concerning the communities linked to the Ukrainian minority living in the region; it also deals with contemporary problems faced by Ukraine. ➤ <i>Od Niedzieli do Niedzieli</i> [From Sunday to Sunday] (broadcast on Radio Olsztyn) - a programme edited by members of the Social and Cultural Association of Ukrainians in Poland; it is a news and current affairs magazine; in addition to discussing problems concerning the Ukrainian community in the region, it also includes a news service on Ukraine. ➤ <i>Wiadomości dla Ukraińców</i> [News for Ukrainians] (broadcast on Radio Rzeszów) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it contains up-to-date information on the activities of the Ukrainian community in the Podkarpacie region and comments on current events in the Ukrainian minority community in the Podkarpacie region. ➤ <i>Skrynia - magazyn</i> [Skrynia - magazyn] (broadcast on Radio Rzeszów) - a programme of a journalistic nature; addressed to the inhabitants of south-eastern Poland of Ukrainian origin. It has a magazine format, because in addition to journalistic elements, it also broadcasts current information on the life of the Ukrainian community living in Poland and a historical calendar. Reports of exhibitions, scientific conferences, concerts and meetings of this community are also broadcast. The programme is illustrated with Ukrainian music (from folk to pop and rock) and features Ukrainian performers and composers. The magazine has been broadcast on Radio Rzeszów since 1959. ➤ <i>Posydeńki</i> (broadcast on Radio Szczecin) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian, focusing on presenting the culture, customs and everyday problems of the Ukrainian minority living in the region, also including information on the most important political events in Ukraine. ➤ <i>Sami Swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław), addressed to various minorities living in the region, including Ukrainians; see the description above for programme's.
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	➤ Gawędy o Ukrainie - Besidy pro Ukrainu [Talks about Ukraine](broadcast on Radio Zachód) - produced in the form of a magazine; a news and current affairs programme; it focuses on the life of Ukrainians in the Lubuskie Province and their history in the region; it also includes current news from Ukraine. ➤ Kermesz (broadcast on Radio Kraków) - a programme with current news about the life of these communities and a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian, intended for the Lemko and Ukrainian minorities living in Małopolska. Created and run by representatives of these minorities. It presents the traditions and rituals of these communities, as well as the products of their material and spiritual culture. Kashubian regional language: ➤ Kleka (broadcast on Radio Gdańsk) - a news programme, broadcast in Kashubian, focusing on current social, political and cultural issues of the Kashubian community in the region. ➤ Magazyn Kaszubski [Kashubian magazine] (broadcast on Radio Gdańsk) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Kashubian; it deals with contemporary economic and culture issues concerning the Kashubian community; it presents the work of the creators of Kashubian culture. ➤ Pogoda po Kaszubsku [Weather in Kashubian] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a weather forecast in Kashubian for the region and Poland. ➤ Magazyn Kaszubski [Kashubian magazine] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a programme of a journalistic nature, broadcast in Kashubian. It addresses issues concerning Kashubian culture in the region but also the identity of this ethnic group. Important scientific and cultural events concerning the achievements of this community are presented ➤ Serwis Kaszubski [Kashubian service] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news programme; it presents current topics on culture, politics and Kashubian life in the region; it presents announcements of important entertainment events with the participation of the Kashubian community. ➤ Pogadanka o języku kaszubskim [Kashubian language talk] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - radio lessons in the Kashubian language. Number of hours of the offer implemented in 2020-2024 Telewizja Polska SA In 2020-2024, the minority offer disseminated in the regional programmes of Telewizja Polska S.A. occupied, on average, between approximately 1% and 1.5% of the annual programmes of each branch broadcasting minority programmes on a regular basis.
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The table below illustrates the annual number of hours of programmes for national and ethnic minorities broadcast systematically (i.e. in each year under analysis) in the 6 programmes of the company TVP SA in the years 2020-2024.

No.	TVP SA - programme name	Annual number of hours offered to national and ethnic minorities and to communities speaking a regional language in 2020-2024 (rounded up to the nearest whole hour)				
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1.	TVP3 Białystok	76	85	90	103	100
2.	TVP3 Gdańsk	28	31	40	34	12
3.	TVP3 Katowice	9	26	40	18	11
4.	TVP3 Olsztyn	12	15	32	15	8
(5)	TVP3 Opole	10	10	10	10	15
6.	TVP3 Regionalna - common band	4	4	6	4	4
	Total	139	171	218	184	150

In the period in question, the richest offer in terms of hours of programmes for minorities was provided by two local TVP SA centres: first and foremost TVP3 Białystok, with the largest number of hours allocated to this type of offer, and secondly, although with a significantly lower number of hours, TVP3 Gdańsk. In the other stations - as the data in the table above indicate - programmes for national and ethnic minorities occupied far fewer hours in the successive years analysed. There were also stations (such as TVP3 Szczecin) in which the offer for minorities was broadcast very irregularly, i.e. in one year (2020) a minimum number of hours was allocated to it, in the next three years (2021, 2022, 2023) no such programmes were broadcast at all, and in the last of the years under analysis (2024) the broadcasting of this type of programme was resumed, although - which must be emphasised - in a minimal amount.

Regional broadcasting companies

In 2020-2024, slightly more time than in TVP SA's regional stations was taken up by the offer for minorities distributed in regional radio programmes, i.e. on average between approximately 1.3% and 2% of the annual programmes of each company broadcasting programmes for minorities. The table below illustrates the annual number of hours of programmes for national and ethnic minorities broadcast by regional public radio stations:

No.	Name of regional radio station	Annual number of hours offered to national and ethnic minorities and to communities speaking a regional language in 2020-2024
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		(rounded up to the nearest whole hour)				
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1.	Radio Białystok SA	291	287	291	287	286
2.	Radio Gdańsk SA	388	618	712	716	704
3.	Radio Katowice SA	48	45	45	45	46
4.	Radio Koszalin SA	87	114	157	168	168
(5)	Radio Kraków SA	65	87	88	87	88
6.	Radio Olsztyn SA*	48	186	199	186	185
7.	Radio Opole SA	79	66	64	66	68
8.	Radio Rzeszów SA	191	189	195	189	204
9.	Radio Szczecin SA	48	48	61	51	48
10.	Radio Wrocław SA	38	38	54	37	38
11.	Radio Zachód SA	17	17	23	18	18
	Total	1,300	1,695	1,889	1,850	1,853

Radio Olsztyn also broadcasts a separate daily programme for the Ukrainian minority from a transmitter in Miłki near Giżycko at 99.6 FM. Programmes created in the Ukrainian language at a constant annual level (approximately 140 hours) are broadcast in this band.

During the period in question, the richest offer in terms of hours of programmes for minorities was provided by:

- Radio Gdańsk SA - over 600 to over 700 hours per year in the last 4 years (2021-2024) of the period under analysis;
- Radio Białystok SA - nearly 300 hours were devoted to this type of offer in each year of the analysed period.

Further places, but also with a large number of hours allocated to programmes for minorities, were taken by:

- Radio Rzeszów SA and Radio Olsztyn SA - in each year of the period under analysis, nearly 200 hours were devoted to this type of offer, and Radio Rzeszów SA even exceeded this annual number of hours in 2024,
- Radio Koszalin SA - steadily increased the number of hours allocated to this offer from 2021 onwards, approaching more than 160 hours in 2024.

In 2020-2024, the following companies allocated the fewest hours to programmes for minorities: Radio Katowice SA, Radio Szczecin SA, Radio Wrocław SA and Radio Zachód SA.

	Funding of the offer The funding of the offer for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language created by public media companies has been provided on the same basis for many years (since 2013). The National Broadcasting Council, on the basis of an analysis of the programme and financial plans submitted to it by public media companies for a given calendar year, transfers to them subscription funds covering 100% of the costs indicated by the companies for the creation and dissemination of this type of offer. Only those companies that have such programmes scheduled receive these funds. After the end of each calendar year, the Council - on the basis of the companies' reports on the implementation of the programme and financial plans approved for a given year - verifies whether a given company has implemented the number of hours of programmes for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language as declared in the aforementioned plans and whether the programmes met the criteria for this type of programmes contained in the aforementioned <i>Position</i> of the Joint Commission of the Government and Minorities (...). If the Council finds that the plan has not been fulfilled in this regard, in the following calendar year, when the subscription fee is distributed, the respective company has its subscription funds reduced by an amount equivalent to the cost of the programme hours that were not broadcast. It should be added that the companies spend not only the subscription funds, but also their own funds (e.g. from advertising revenues) and subsidies from the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage (at a time when public media companies are in liquidation) to create this offer. It should be emphasised that the funds allocated to cover the costs of the offer for minorities in TVP SA's regional branches are allocated by the company's governing bodies. b) Media content for national and ethnic minorities and users of regional languages is created not only as part of the activities of public broadcasters, but also with the support of the Minister of Interior and Administration. It is made possible by the support of the minister competent for national and ethnic minorities provided to magazines, television programmes and radio programmes, as well as online programmes, broadcasts or podcasts through grants awarded annually. Many radio stations have been run and television and radio programmes have been broadcast systematically in this way for many years. In 2023-2025, the minister responsible for national and ethnic minorities provided grants to national and ethnic minority and regional language users organisations for a total of PLN 3,199,559.00 for tasks concerning the promotion of audiovisual works produced in a regional language or in the languages of national and ethnic minorities. The table below provides details of the grants issued for this purpose.
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	Funding of tasks related to the promotion of audiovisual works produced in regional or minority languages by the Minister of Interior and Administration in 2023-2025					
	Organisation name	Programme name	2023	2024	2025	Minority
	TUTAKA Foundation	Tutaka podcast	PLN 22,800.00	PLN 22,574.00	PLN 30,000.00	Belorussian
	Puck Region Association	Radio Kaszebe	PLN 300,000.00	PLN 310,000.00	PLN 335,000.00	Kashubian language
	Kashubian-Pomeranian Association	Skarby Kaszub [Treasures of Kashubia] (from 2024 as Kashubian-Pomeranian Television)	PLN 70,000.00	PLN 68,000.00	PLN 72,800.00	
	Good Energy Foundation* - the organisation is not an entity working for the benefit of the Kashubian community. It was only the producer of the documentary	Documentary film 'Kaszubi' [Kashubians]	PLN 50,000.00	not applicable	not applicable	

	entitled 'Kaszubi' [Kashubians]					
	Ministry for National and Ethnic Minorities in the Diocese of Opole	Multimedia Bible musings	PLN 12,800.00	not applicable	not applicable	German
	Socio-Cultural Association of Germans of the Silesian Province in Racibórz	Production of German- language radio programmes	PLN 78,747.00	PLN 91,347.00	PLN 100,000.00	
	Association of German Social and Cultural Associations in Poland	Production of the German- language programme Musikschachtel- Abgekanzelt	PLN 40,600.00	PLN 42,120.00	PLN 75,000.00	
		Production of the German- language programme TV Schlesien Journal	60,000.00 PLN	62,771.00 PLN	100,000.00 PLN	
		Lemko radio LEM.fm together with the news				

	'RUSKA BURSA' Association	website www.lem.fm	320,000.00 PLN	335,000.00 PLN	335,000.00 PLN	Lemko
	Lemko Tower Association	Lemko online television - LEMKO TV	PLN 16,000.00	PLN 18,000.00	PLN 28,000.00	
		Radio Lemko - Lemko online radio	PLN 46,000.00	PLN 53,500.00	PLN 47,000.00	
	Russkij Dom Association (Our House Association from 2024)	Podcasts in Russian - audio recordings series 'Rosyjski akcent w historii Polski' [Russian accent in Poland's history]	PLN 8,500.00	PLN 9,500.00	PLN 9,000.00	Russian
		Multimedia recordings in the series entitled 'Historia i kultura Rosjan w Polsce' [History and culture of Russians in Poland]	9,000.00 PLN	9,500.00 PLN	11,000.00 PLN	
		total	PLN 1,034,447.00	PLN 1,022,312.00	PLN 1,142,800.00	

The table below shows the funding of national and ethnic minority newspapers and magazines published with the support of the Minister of Interior and Administration. These publishers have been operating continuously in recent years, receiving annual, but continuous, funding for their activities. These include weekly (including Ukrainian and Belarusian ones), biweekly, monthly, bimonthly and quarterly magazines.

No.	Organisation name	Periodical name	Grant awarded			
			2022	2023	2024	2025
1.	Union of Ukrainians in Poland	Publication of the weekly magazine Nasze Słowo	PLN 445,000	PLN 460,000	PLN 461,600	PLN ⁷ 505,000
2.	Union of Ukrainians of Podlasie	Publication of the magazine Nad Buhom i Narwoju	PLN 109,500	PLN 118,000	PLN 124,500	PLN 134,500
3.	St. Kasimir Lithuanian Society in Sejny	Publication of the quarterly magazine Saltinis	PLN 32,000	PLN 34,100	PLN 34,100	PLN 35,500
4.	Association of Lithuanians in Poland	Publication of 24 issues of the biweekly magazine Ausra	PLN 325,000	PLN 370,000	PLN 406,000	PLN 422,000
5.	Association of Lithuanians in Poland	Publication of the bimonthly magazine Ausrele for the children of the Lithuanian minority in Poland	PLN 34,000	PLN 36,000	(combined with Ausra)	(combined with Ausra)
6.	Social and Cultural Society of Jews in Poland	Publication of the monthly magazine Słowo Żydowskie / Dos Yiddish Wort	PLN 260,000	PLN 295,000	PLN 300,000	PLN 320,000
7.	German Cultural and Social	Publication of the magazine	PLN 6,960	PLN 7,000	PLN 10,200	PLN 12,240

⁷ Task name: Periodicals of the UUP

		Association in Wrocław	Niederschlesische Informationen				
	8.	Olsztyn Association of the German Minority	Publication of the periodical Allensteiner Nachrichten	PLN 8,200	PLN 10,000	PLN 17,500	PLN 15,500
	9.	Mazurian Association Polish-German Union in Olsztyn	Publishing of the monthly magazine Masurische Storchenpost [Mazurian Stork Post]	PLN 23,000	PLN 25,000	PLN 27,000	PLN 25,000
	10.	Socio-Cultural Association of Germans of the Silesian Province in Racibórz	Publishing, editing and distributing the magazine Oberschlesische Stimme	PLN 55,000	PLN 60,000	PLN 60,000	PLN 62,000
	11.	Association of German Social and Cultural Associations in Poland	Publication of the weekly magazine of Germans in Poland Wochenblatt.pl	PLN 380,000	PLN 400,000	PLN 400,000	PLN⁸ 455,000
	12.	Union of German Associations of Warmia and Mazury	Information and cultural monthly of the German minority Mitteilungsblatt	PLN 22,000	PLN 28,000	PLN 34,886	PLN 40,000
	13.	Advisory Board of NIWA Weekly	Publication of the socio-cultural weekly NIWA in the Belarusian language	PLN 445,000	PLN 448,000	PLN 450,000	PLN 460,000

⁸ The weekly Wochenblatt has been replaced by a monthly magazine and a website as part of the measure

	14.	Association of Belarusian Journalists	Publishing the Belarusian socio-cultural monthly Czasopis together with the website Czasopis.pl	PLN 177,000	PLN 180,000	PLN 180,000	PLN 180,000
	15.	Union of Polish Karaites	Publication of Karaite periodicals: Awazymyz and Karaite Almanac	PLN 27,000	PLN 27,000	PLN 27,000	PLN 30,000
	16.	Armenian Cultural Society	Publication of four issues of the Bulletin of the Armenian Cultural Society	PLN 12,000	PLN 12,800	PLN 11,600	PLN 17,000
	17.	Armenian-Polish Social Committee	Publication of the Armenian magazine Munetik	–	PLN 50,000	PLN 56,000	PLN 70,000
	18.	Polish Armenian Heritage and Culture Foundation	The bilingual magazine of the Armenian national minority Awedis	PLN 44,800	PLN 50,066	PLN 52,000	PLN 59,000
	19.	Society of Slovaks in Poland	Publication of the magazine Zivot	PLN 240,000	PLN 243,000	PLN 243,000	PLN 235,000
	20.	Lemko Association	The bi-monthly magazine Besida	PLN 30,000	PLN 33,000	–	PLN ⁹ 49,000
	21.	Union of Polish Roma	Publication of the Roma newspaper Romano Atmo – Cygańska Dusza	PLN 125,000	PLN 130,000	PLN 150,000	PLN 150,000
	22.	Association of Roma in Poland	Publication of the socio-cultural	PLN 48,500	PLN 50,000	PLN 52,000	PLN 52,000

⁹ Task entitled 'Biblioteka Besidy – Czasopisma' [Besida library - periodicals]

			quarterly Dialog-Pheniben				
	23.	Muslim Religious Union in the Republic of Poland	Cultural and social quarterly Przegląd Tatarski	PLN 32,500	PLN 32,500	PLN 33,400	PLN 33,500
	24.	Russkij Dom Association	Publishing a cultural and informational review in Russian Zdravstvujte!	PLN 38,500	PLN 41,500	PLN 43,000	PLN 43,000
2.2 Belarusian	a. Make education in Belarusian available at pre-school, primary and secondary levels, including by providing adequate teacher training and textbooks. Education in minority languages ((Belarusian, German, Kashubian, Lemko and Ukrainian) Belarusian) at kindergarten, elementary school and secondary school level can be provided when a minimum of 7 students (children in kindergarten) at a grade level in a school or kindergarten wish to take advantage of this form of education. Declarations by parents of children/students to this effect oblige the school or kindergarten principal to look for teachers with the appropriate qualifications to carry out these activities. With regard to the support for teachers in 2019, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 28 May 2019 <i>on teacher training centres</i>³¹⁰ oblige school superintendents to: - include, as appropriate, in the plan of the methodological counselling network in a given province, methodological counselling for teachers employed in schools where a national or ethnic minority language or regional language is taught; - cooperate with organisations of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the creation of the above-mentioned methodological counselling network.						

¹⁰ Journal of Laws of 2023, item 2738, as amended.

	In 2023, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of Education and Science of 14 September 2023 amending the Regulation on the <i>standard of education preparing for the teaching profession</i>¹¹ enabled universities to provide training for regional language teachers in accordance with the demand expressed by the Committee on National and Ethnic Minorities of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, i.e. also during first-cycle programme studies. Kashubian language teacher training is provided by the University of Gdańsk. Adequately to the changes in the way teachers are trained, the questions of qualifications for teaching or conducting classes in kindergartens, schools, groups or branches that enable students belonging to national minorities, ethnic minorities or communities speaking a regional language to maintain their sense of national, ethnic or linguistic identity have been regulated. In addition to measures concerning languages of national minorities and ethnic minorities as well as regional languages, initiatives were also taken in 2024 concerning regional education and the Silesian language. In 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 20 July 2018 - <i>Higher Education and Science Law</i>¹², the Minister of Education commissioned and funded: - the preparation and delivery of a two-semester postgraduate course for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, for at least 25 professionally active teachers; this course was delivered - in the academic year 2024/2025 - by the University of Silesia in Katowice; - the provision of packages of methodical materials and teaching aids in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature for teachers participating in the above-mentioned postgraduate course and for at least 500 schools and kindergartens conducting classes in regional education; - the creation of a freely accessible Internet platform with methodological materials and teaching aids for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature. The implementation of the above tasks is supported by a nationwide teacher training establishment, i.e. the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw, to which the Minister of Education commissioned and financed the preparation and dissemination of methodological materials for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, teaching aids and translations. As part of the performance of the above task, the
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¹¹ Journal of Laws, item 2003.

¹² Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended.

	Centre for Education Development in Warsaw - in the period from 11 October 2024 to 31 December 2024 - carried out the following activities: - four classroom training courses entitled 'Silesia - History, Culture, Language', aimed at popularising cultural heritage focused on cultivating customs and learning about the Upper Silesian region. The training courses were attended by 199 participants, i.e. teachers-consultants, methodological advisers and teachers interested in the topic of the training; - two online training courses entitled 'How to Conduct Regional Education Classes Using Quests?'. The participants learnt about the methodology for creating quests, acquired the skills needed to conduct classes using this technique and had individual consultations with the instructors; - lectures and workshops, visiting museums and places of cultural heritage in Upper Silesia, and watching a theatre play entitled 'Mianujom mie Hanka', which enabled participants to acquire knowledge about the region and the diversity of Silesian history and culture; - methodological materials on literature, art and customs shaping everyday life and the specific characteristics of the regional language have been posted on the website of the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw for general access and use by teachers when planning and conducting regional education classes. The teaching of a minority language, a regional language, a minority's own history and culture and the geography of the country with whose cultural area the minority identifies is carried out on the basis of curricula approved for use in a school by the school principal. Pursuant to Article 22aa of the Act of 7 September 1991 <i>on the Education System</i>¹³, a teacher may decide to implement a curriculum with the use of a textbook, educational material or exercise material, or without these teaching aids. The selection of a textbook or educational material that replaces a textbook and exercise materials for educational classes is made by a team of teachers teaching the specific classes. If a textbook is selected to implement a curriculum, this selection is made from among the textbooks approved for school use. The minister responsible for education approves a textbook for school use after obtaining positive opinions from textbook experts¹⁴. Textbooks approved for school use that are in line with the current core curriculum are included in the lists published on the website of the Ministry of National Education. Textbooks, including textbooks for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, are approved for school use at the request of an entity (publisher) holding the author's economic rights for the textbook.
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¹³ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 750, as amended.

¹⁴ Article 22an(1) of the Act on the *Education System*.

Most textbooks for teaching a minority language, the history and culture of a minority are written gradually, usually by publishers associated with or representing minority communities in Poland.

Pursuant to Article 68 of the Act of 27 October 2017 *on the Financing of Educational Tasks*¹⁵, textbooks and supporting books for the education of students within the scope necessary to sustain a sense of national, ethnic and linguistic identity may be subsidised from the state budget from the part at the disposal of the minister competent for education and upbringing.

Due to the high unit price of textbooks for minorities (high cost of preparation combined with low circulation), the Ministry of National Education finances all costs related to the preparation, writing and publication of textbooks and supplementary books for the education of students declaring membership in national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language.

Subsidies are available for textbooks that have been approved for school use by the minister responsible for education and were included in the list of textbooks intended for general education for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, as well as for so-called supplementary books (e.g. exercise books, subject dictionaries, method books) which are not subject to approval for school use.

According to the rules laid down by the Ministry of National Education, textbooks for teaching the language of the national minority, the history and culture and geography of the country with whose territory the national minority identifies, are financed first, and supplementary books are subsidised second. The textbooks and supplementary books are distributed free of charge to the relevant school superintendent's offices and then to school libraries or inter-school teaching teams, as ordered by school principals. This system guarantees adequate distribution of and access to free textbooks and supplementary books for successive year groups of students attending minority or regional language classes.

¹⁵ Journal of Laws of 2025, item 439.

In 2023-2024, the following textbooks and supplementary books for national minorities were funded:

2023	1 title	PLN 116,000.00	Association for Children and Young People Learning the Belarussian Language AB-BA
2024	2 titles (reprint)	PLN 44,547.00	Association for Children and Young People Learning the Belarussian Language AB-BA
2025	Textbook for teaching the Belarusian language for grade 7 of elementary school 'Żywoje Słowa' [Living words] by Alina Wawrzeniuk	PLN 129,900.00 (textbook in the process of being approved for school use)	Association for Children and Young People Learning the Belarussian Language AB-BA

- b. Take concrete measures to implement the ratified provisions of Article 10 regarding Belarusian in all those local and regional administrative units where the speakers are traditionally present in sufficient numbers, irrespective of the 20% threshold.

In other situations, each student has the right to learn a minority language in the form of additional classes of that language (3 hours per week).

Article 9 of the Act on National and Ethnic Minorities gives representatives of minorities the right to use the minority language before the municipal authorities as a so-called auxiliary language. An auxiliary language may be used in those municipalities where the number of residents belonging to the minority in question constitutes at least 20% of the total population of the municipality. This

	means that minority representatives have the right to: '(1) address municipal authorities in the auxiliary language in written or oral form; (2) obtain, upon express request, a reply also in the auxiliary language in written or oral form'. Municipalities in which members of a minority can use an auxiliary language must be entered in the Official Register of Municipalities¹⁶, which is kept by the minister responsible for national minorities and religious denominations. A municipality is entered in the official register on the basis of an application by the municipal council supported by a resolution to that effect by the municipal council. Between 2006 and 2025, 33 municipalities have been included in this register nationwide. Of these, 22 municipalities are located in the Opolskie Province, where German is the auxiliary language. The largest number of speakers of an auxiliary language is in municipalities of the Opolskie Province, as well as in the Pomorskie and Podlaskie Provinces. In a municipality included in the Official Register, an allowance for knowledge of the auxiliary language used in that municipality may be granted to employees working in the municipal office, in auxiliary units of the municipality and in municipal budgetary units and establishments'. The rules for granting this allowance and its amount are laid down in the regulations on the remuneration of local government employees. Knowledge of the auxiliary language must be proven by means of a certificate or diploma. Research conducted in 2019 - A query of 71 municipalities in the Opolskie Province (all) The following question was sent out to the municipalities : 'Does German have the status of an auxiliary language in your municipality? If yes - since when? If yes - please provide information on what proportion of the cases reported to you by clients/residents are dealt with in the auxiliary language (German) (the data can be given in figures or percentages)'. The responses, emailed by the vast majority of municipalities providing their residents with the possibility to handle official matters in an auxiliary language, show that few people take advantage of this. For example: - the municipality of Dobrzeń Wielki, which was entered in the Official Register of municipalities where an auxiliary language is used on 22 April 2009, the response stated: 'At present, the number of cases handled [...] in German is negligible (less than 1%)'; - the reply from Izbicko, where a person was hired at the Municipal Office in March 2006 to provide customer service in German (this employee also handled cooperation with German partners), stated: 'There are rare cases of applications (2-3 per year) submitted to the Civil Registry Office in German'.
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¹⁶ <https://www.gov.pl/web/mniejszosci-narodowe-i-etniczne/urzedowy-rejestr-gmin-w-ktorych-jest-uzywany-jezyk-pomocniczy2>

- the municipality of Kolonowskie, entered in the Official Register of Municipalities on 22 September 2006, explained that 'As far as the number of cases handled in the auxiliary language is concerned, it is small (a few per year). These are usually handled verbally';
- in Walce, it was 'on average, one case per year';
- in Bierawa it was annually around 2% of cases;
- in Chrzastowice, this happened 'sporadically', i.e. 2-6 cases per year;
- in Jemielnica, it was 2-3 cases per year;
- in the municipality of Komprachcice, where German as an auxiliary language was introduced in May 2009 and additional names of localities in German were adopted in December 2009, 'In the period of 2009-2019, no case was handled in German, because no one asked for a case to be handled in German';
- in Ujazd, where German has had the status of an auxiliary language since 2006, 'There are very few cases handled in German, e.g. in the case of the Civil Registry Office, there have been about 5 over the whole period';
- in the municipality of Dobrodzień, where German has had the status of an auxiliary language since 2008, 15-20 cases per year were handled until 2019;
- in the municipalities of Prószków, Biała, Murów and Tarnów Opolski, there were no cases dealt with in the auxiliary language at all;
- the municipalities of Popielów and Cisek indicated that, although there is no auxiliary language, the office can and does serve German-speaking clients if necessary. 'The Popielów Municipal Office employs clerks who speak German, so if the need arises, clients can have their matters handled in this language'.

b) The Act of 6 January 2005 *on National and Ethnic Minorities and the Regional Language* provides for the possibility to use - in addition to official names of localities and physiographic objects and street names - additional traditional names in the minority language. An additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language may be established at the request of the municipal council if the number of residents of the locality belonging to a minority is not less than 20% of the total number of residents of the locality, or if more than half of the residents of the locality participating in the public consultations are in favour of establishing an additional name in a minority language. Additional names in the minority language may be used alongside official names of localities.

The replacement of information boards with the names of localities or physiographic objects within a municipality with boards containing additional names of designated localities or physiographic objects in a minority or regional language is done on the basis of an agreement concluded between the municipal office and the Minister of Interior and Administration. Under the agreement, the Minister entrusts the municipality with the task of replacing the aforementioned boards in connection with the establishment of an additional name in the national or ethnic minority language or regional language.

The first entry in the Register of Municipalities¹⁷ was made on 22 December 2006 for the municipality of Radłów. As of September 2025, the Register of municipalities in which names in a minority language³ is used includes 66 municipalities and 1,282 localities.

2024

In the budget of the MIA for 2024, an amount of PLN 123,000.00 was planned for the replacement of information boards with the names of localities or physiographic objects with boards containing the additional names of these localities or physiographic objects in a minority or regional language. In March and April 2024, letters requesting confirmation of the validity of the cost estimates for the replacement of the boards submitted with the applications or, alternatively, update of the estimates, were sent to the municipalities of Strzelce Opolskie, Zawadzkie and Rudnik. The municipalities indicated have completed the formalities in this regard. A framework model agreement has been agreed at the MIA for the task of replacing information boards with ones that included additional names of localities in a minority or regional language. Subsequently, the MIA has approached several times the municipalities of Strzelce Opolskie, Rudnik, Zawadzkie and Władysławowo to send data and information enabling the preparation of agreements on the replacement of information boards in these areas in connection with the establishment of additional names of Localities in German or Kashubian, as appropriate. The municipalities of Zawadzkie and Rudnik did not respond to these letters by the deadline. Accordingly, the MIA has concluded agreements with the municipalities that have completed the formalities.

On 25 November 2024, an agreement was concluded with the municipality of Władysławowo for the implementation of a task involving the replacement of information boards with the names of the villages Rozewie and Tupadły with boards containing additional names established for both villages in the Kashubian language. The value of the agreement was PLN 27,836.00.

Official name in Polish	Additional name in Kashubian
Rozewie	Rozewié
Tupadły	Tëpadla

In November 2024, an agreement was also concluded with the municipality of Strzelce Opolskie for the implementation of a task involving the replacement of information boards with the names of 3

¹⁷ <https://www.gov.pl/web/mniejszosci-narodowe-i-etniczne/rejestr-gmin-na-ktorych-obszarze-sa-uzywane-nazwy-w-jezyku-mniejszosci2>

localities with boards with additional names in German established for these localities. The value of the agreement was PLN 11,670.24.

Official name in Polish	Additional name in German
Jędrynie	Jendrin
Rozmierz	Rosmierz
Warmątowice	Warmuntowitz

2025

As of the beginning of February 2025, applications for inclusion in the Register of municipalities in which names in a minority language are used or for the establishment of additional names of localities relating to the following municipalities were still pending:

- a) Pietrowice Wielkie Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2016. The application concerned the establishment of additional traditional names in German for 11 localities.
- b) Zawadzkie Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2017. The application concerned the establishment of an additional traditional name in German for 1 locality.
- c) Rudnik Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2017. The application concerned the establishment of additional traditional place names for 15 villages in the German language.
- d) Puck Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2021. The application concerned the establishment of additional traditional names in Kashubian for 35 localities.
- e) Rumia Municipality - the application was received by the MIA on 22 August 2024. The application concerned the entry of the municipality in the Register and the establishment of the name for 1 town, Rumia.

In the budget of the MIA for 2025, an amount of PLN 200,000.00 was planned for the replacement of information boards with the names of localities or physiographic objects with boards containing the additional names of these localities or physiographic objects in a minority or regional language.

The Zawadzkie Municipality was added to the Register of municipalities in which names of localities in a minority language are used in February 2025. In addition, the following additional name of a locality has been added to the Register:

Official name in Polish	Additional name in German
Żędowice	Sandowitz

The Pietrowice Wielkie Municipality was added to the Register of municipalities in which names of localities in a minority language are used in March 2025. In addition, the following additional names of localities were included in the Register:

Official name of a locality or physiographic object	Additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language
Amandów	Amandhof
Cyprzanów	Jasnowitz
Gródczanki	Ratsch
Kornice	Kornitz
Krowiarki	Polnisch Krawarn
Lekartów	Lekartow
Maków	Makau
Pawłów	Pawlau
Pietrowice Wielkie	Gross Peterwitz
Sambrowice	Schammerwitz
Żerdziny	Schardzin

	The Rumia Municipality was entered in the Register in June 2025. The following additional name of a locality was therefore entered in the Register:	
	Official name of a locality or physiographic object	Additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language
	Rumia	Rëmiô
	In August 2025, the Rudnik Municipality was added to the Register. In addition, additional names of localities were included in the Register:	
	Official name of a locality or physiographic object	Additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language
	Brzeźnica	Bresnitz
	Czerwęćice	Czerwentzütz
	Dolędzin	Dollendzin
	Gamów	Gammau
	Jastrzębie	Habicht
	Lasaki	Lassoki
	Modzurów	Mosurau
	Ponięćice	Ponientzütz
	Rudnik	Rudnik
	Strzybnik	Silberkopf
	Sławienko	Ehrenfeld
	Sławików	Sławikau

	Szonowice		Schonowitz										
	A draft agreement to commission the municipality of Rudnik to replace the information boards with the names of the above-mentioned localities was sent in August 2025. According to the cost estimate provided by the said municipality in May 2025, the cost of replacing the information boards will amount to PLN 69,167.62. However, the localities of Grzegorzowice and Ligota Książęca were not included in the Register due to the negative opinion of the Commission for Names of Localities and Physiographic Objects. In the Puck Municipality, by its resolution no. 28/IV/2025 of 28 April 2025, the Commission gave a positive opinion on the establishment of 24 names in the Kashubian language for places located in that municipality, and it gave a negative opinion on 11 names. The Puck Municipality and 24 localities located therein were entered in the Register on 22 September 2025 c. Ensure sufficient funding for the maintenance and development of a weekly newspaper in Belarusian. <table><tr><td>1.</td><td>Advisory Board of NIWA Weekly</td><td>Publication of the socio-cultural weekly NIWA in the Belarusian language</td><td>PLN 445,000</td><td>PLN 448,000</td><td>PLN 450,000</td><td>PLN 460,000</td></tr></table> d. Draw-up, in co-operation with the speakers, an action plan on the implementation of the Charter for Belarusian. In Polish education law, the languages of all national and ethnic minorities and the Kashubian regional language have the same status. However, due to regional variations, dispersion across the country or the number of users, the forms of support for the teaching of these languages can vary considerably. Funding for minority/regional language teaching is systemically provided by the government and transferred to local authorities in the form of an increased education subsidy (currently the amount allocated to education needs).						1.	Advisory Board of NIWA Weekly	Publication of the socio-cultural weekly NIWA in the Belarusian language	PLN 445,000	PLN 448,000	PLN 450,000	PLN 460,000
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2.3 Czech	a. Take steps to develop teaching in/of Czech at all levels, including by providing the adequate teacher training and textbooks.												

	In other situations, each student has the right to learn a minority language in the form of additional classes of that language (3 hours per week). With regard to the support for teachers in 2019, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 28 May 2019 <i>on teacher training centres</i>¹⁸ oblige school superintendents to: - include, as appropriate, in the plan of the methodological counselling network in a given province, methodological counselling for teachers employed in schools where a national or ethnic minority language or regional language is taught; - cooperate with organisations of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the creation of the above-mentioned methodological counselling network. In 2023, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of Education and Science of 14 September 2023 amending the Regulation on the <i>standard of education preparing for the teaching profession</i>¹⁹ enabled universities to provide training for regional language teachers in accordance with the demand expressed by the Committee on National and Ethnic Minorities of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, i.e. also during first-cycle programme studies. Kashubian language teacher training is provided by the University of Gdańsk. Adequately to the changes in the way teachers are trained, the questions of qualifications for teaching or conducting classes in kindergartens, schools, groups or branches that enable students belonging to national minorities, ethnic minorities or communities speaking a regional language to maintain their sense of national, ethnic or linguistic identity have been regulated. In addition to measures concerning languages of national minorities and ethnic minorities as well as regional languages, initiatives were also taken in 2024 concerning regional education and the Silesian language. In 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 20 July 2018 - <i>Higher Education and Science Law</i>²⁰, the Minister of Education commissioned and funded: - the preparation and delivery of a two-semester postgraduate course for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, for at least 25 professionally active teachers; this course was delivered - in the academic year 2024/2025 - by the University of Silesia in Katowice;
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¹⁸ Journal of Laws of 2023, item 2738, as amended.

¹⁹ Journal of Laws, item 2003.

²⁰ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended.

	- the provision of packages of methodical materials and teaching aids in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature for teachers participating in the above-mentioned postgraduate course and for at least 500 schools and kindergartens conducting classes in regional education; - the creation of a freely accessible Internet platform with methodological materials and teaching aids for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature. The implementation of the above tasks is supported by a nationwide teacher training establishment, i.e. the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw, to which the Minister of Education commissioned and financed the preparation and dissemination of methodological materials for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, teaching aids and translations. As part of the performance of the above task, the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw - in the period from 11 October 2024 to 31 December 2024 - carried out the following activities: - four classroom training courses entitled 'Silesia - History, Culture, Language', aimed at popularising cultural heritage focused on cultivating customs and learning about the Upper Silesian region. The training courses were attended by 199 participants, i.e. teachers-consultants, methodological advisers and teachers interested in the topic of the training; - two online training courses entitled 'How to Conduct Regional Education Classes Using Quests?'. The participants learnt about the methodology for creating quests, acquired the skills needed to conduct classes using this technique and had individual consultations with the instructors; - lectures and workshops, visiting museums and places of cultural heritage in Upper Silesia, and watching a theatre play entitled 'Mianujom mie Hanka', which enabled participants to acquire knowledge about the region and the diversity of Silesian history and culture; - methodological materials on literature, art and customs shaping everyday life and the specific characteristics of the regional language have been posted on the website of the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw for general access and use by teachers when planning and conducting regional education classes. The teaching of a minority language, a regional language, a minority's own history and culture and the geography of the country with whose cultural area the minority identifies is carried out on the basis of curricula approved for use in a school by the school principal.
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	Pursuant to Article 22aa of the Act of 7 September 1991 <i>on the Education System</i>²¹, a teacher may decide to implement a curriculum with the use of a textbook, educational material or exercise material, or without these teaching aids. The selection of a textbook or educational material that replaces a textbook and exercise materials for educational classes is made by a team of teachers teaching the specific classes. If a textbook is selected to implement a curriculum, this selection is made from among the textbooks approved for school use. The minister responsible for education approves a textbook for school use after obtaining positive opinions from textbook experts²². Textbooks approved for school use that are in line with the current core curriculum are included in the lists published on the website of the Ministry of National Education. Textbooks, including textbooks for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, are approved for school use at the request of an entity (publisher) holding the author's economic rights for the textbook. Most textbooks for teaching a minority language, the history and culture of a minority are written gradually, usually by publishers associated with or representing minority communities in Poland. Pursuant to Article 68 of the Act of 27 October 2017 <i>on the Financing of Educational Tasks</i>²³, textbooks and supporting books for the education of students within the scope necessary to sustain a sense of national, ethnic and linguistic identity may be subsidised from the state budget from the part at the disposal of the minister competent for education and upbringing. Due to the high unit price of textbooks for minorities (high cost of preparation combined with low circulation), the Ministry of National Education finances all costs related to the preparation, writing and publication of textbooks and supplementary books for the education of students declaring membership in national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language. Subsidies are available for textbooks that have been approved for school use by the minister responsible for education and were included in the list of textbooks intended for general education for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, as well as for so-called supplementary books (e.g. exercise books, subject dictionaries, method books) which are not subject to approval for school use. According to the rules laid down by the Ministry of National Education, textbooks for teaching the language of the national minority, the history and culture and geography of the country with whose
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²¹ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 750, as amended.

²² Article 22an(1) of the Act on the *Education System*.

²³ Journal of Laws of 2025, item 439.

territory the national minority identifies, are financed first, and supplementary books are subsidised second. The textbooks and supplementary books are distributed free of charge to the relevant school superintendent's offices and then to school libraries or inter-school teaching teams, as ordered by school principals. This system guarantees adequate distribution of and access to free textbooks and supplementary books for successive year groups of students attending minority or regional language classes.

In 2023-2024, the following textbooks and supplementary books for national minorities were funded:

Publication year	National or ethnic minority	Number of titles	Amount	Publisher/entity performing the contract
2023	Kashubian-speaking community	2 titles	PLN 286,800.00	Kashubian-Pomeranian Association
	Lithuanian	5 titles	PLN 423,300.00	Wydawnictwo "Aušra" Sp. z o.o.
	German	3 titles	PLN 42,774.32	Wydawnictwo Lektor Klett
	Slovak	1 title	PLN 26,700.00	Main Board of the Society of Slovaks in Poland
	Belarusian	1 title	PLN 116,000.00	Association for Children and Young People Learning the Belarussian Language AB-BA
2024	German	3 titles	PLN 42,304.00	Wydawnictwo Lektor Klett
	Lithuanian	2 titles	PLN 218,650.00	Wydawnictwo "Aušra" Sp. z o.o.

	Ukrainian	1 title	PLN 122,700.00	PROSVITA Foundation	
	Kashubian-speaking community	2 titles	PLN 293,500.00	Kashubian-Pomeranian Association	
	Slovak	1 title	PLN 28,500.00	Main Board of the Society of Slovaks in Poland	
	Belarusian	2 titles (reprint)	PLN 44,547.00	Association for Children and Young People Learning the Belarussian Language AB-BA	
Textbooks and supplementary books funded by the Minister are made public on the Integrated Education Platform, allowing students and teachers to access electronic versions of these materials as well.					
The list of textbooks approved for school use is published on the website of the Ministry of National Education, under the tab https://podreczniki.men.gov.pl/podreczniki/2 .					
In 2025, the MNE has financed or is planning to finance the following textbooks and supplementary books for national minorities, ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language:					
Publication year	National or ethnic minority/regional language	List of titles	Estimated amount/amount spent	Publisher/entity performing the contract	

	2025	German	1) 'Niko 1'. German language textbook for the German minority 2) 'Niko 2'. German language textbook for the German minority 3) 'Niko 3'. German language textbook for the German minority	PLN 46,968.00 (contract completed)	Wydawnictwo Lektor Klett	
		Kashubian-speaking community	1) Supplementary book for the regional Kashubian language 'Z kaszëbsczim w swiat' [With Kashubian into the world] by Danuta Pioch (1st stage of education) 2) Supplementary book for the regional Kashubian language 'Przewodnik literacki' [Literary guide] by Adela Kuk-Kalinowska (1st and 2nd stages of education)	PLN 102,000.00 PLN 131,000.00	Kashubian-Pomeranian Association	

		Ukrainian	1) Supplementary book: Ukrainian studies exercise book '<i>Podróż po Ukrainie część 5 dla klasy VII szkoły podstawowej</i>' [Journey in Ukraine part 5 for grade 7 of elementary school], authors: Marek Syrnyk, Natalia Bogdanets'-Biloskalenko, Yulia Shumeyko, Olena Horoshkina 2) Supplementary book: Two parts of the exercise book for grade 1 of elementary school, authors: Marek Syrnyk, Natalia Bogdanets'-Biloskalenko, Yulia Shumeyko	PLN 131,200.00 (contract completed) PLN 129,700.00	PROSVITA Foundation	
		Lithuanian	1) Pradinio ugdymo vadovėlis III klasei, 1 dalis. Textbook for early childhood education for grade 3, part 1. Author: Gražina Karaneckienė	PLN 119,700.00 (contract completed) PLN 123,000.00	Wydawnictwo "Aušra" Sp. z o.o.	

			2) Pradinio ugdymo vadovėlis III klasei, 2 dalis. Textbook for early childhood education for grade 3, part 2. Author: Gražina Karaneckienė 3) Supplementary book: 'Mokausi ir augu'. Pratybų sąsiuvinis II klasei, 1 dalis. Exercise book for early childhood education for grade 2, part 1. Author: Gražina Karaneckienė	PLN 111,300.00		
		Lemko	A supplementary textbook for the study of the Lemko language 'Preselyly nas musowo'. Letters of Lemkos from 1947-1948. Volumes 1-3 (2nd and 3rd stage of education)	PLN 77,000.00	KYCZERA Song and Dance Ensemble	
		Slovak	Supplementary textbook - Renáta Milčáková, <i>Słownik obrazkowy polsko słowacki</i> [Polish-Slovak	PLN 30,000.00	Main Board of the Society of Slovaks in Poland	

		Picture Dictionary] for elementary school students (1st and 2nd stage of education)		
	Belarusian	Textbook for teaching the Belarusian language for grade 7 of elementary school 'Żywoje Słowa' [Living words] by Alina Wawrzeniuk	PLN 129,900.00 (textbook in the process of being approved for school use)	Association for Children and Young People Learning the Belarusian Language AB-BA
b. Take measures to encourage the use of Czech in the media (broadcasting media, online and print media, audio-visual works). a) National and ethnic minorities and regional language users in the public media <i>[Material prepared on the basis of materials of the National Broadcasting Council available to the MIA]</i> According to Article 21(1a) (8a) of the Broadcasting Act, one of the tasks of public broadcasting entities fulfilling the public service mission is to take into account the needs of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the programme offer. The joint discussions of the National Broadcasting Council, public broadcasters, representatives of organisations bringing together members of these communities and the Joint Commission of the Government and National and Ethnic Minorities has resulted in the development of uniform criteria for the qualification of programmes meeting the expectations of different minority groups. They were finally proposed by the National Broadcasting Council and accepted by the Joint Commission when it published the <i>Position on programmes for national and ethnic minorities and programmes in the regional language in public radio and television</i> on 24 February 2010. The document sets out the conditions that programmes qualified by public broadcasters for this type of offer should meet. According to the <i>Position</i>, programmes that				

	public service broadcasters intend to address national and ethnic minorities should fulfil all of the following conditions: • they should be entirely devoted to issues concerning national minorities, ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language; • they should enable representatives of a national or ethnic minority not only to take part in the programme, but also to speak about themselves and their issues; • a specific national or ethnic minority or community speaking a regional language should be the explicit addressee of such programmes; • they should be delivered in a language of an national or ethnic minority or in a regional language; • they should be prepared by a team comprising representatives of a national minority, ethnic minority or community speaking a regional language concerned. Public broadcasters were also obliged to comply with the quality criteria for these programmes, i.e., they are to exercise all journalistic care, professionalism and integrity in their production. On the basis of the annual reporting documentation submitted by the broadcasters, the National Broadcasting Council verifies each year the correctness of the qualification of such programmes and analyses the content of the offer and evaluates it in terms of quantity and quality. If any of the indicated programmes do not meet the criteria contained in the aforementioned <i>Position</i>, they are not qualified by the Council for this category of programmes. The verifications conducted by the Council to date indicate that broadcasters generally qualify programmes correctly for this type of offer and that errors occurred incidentally. This mode of operation has been closely linked to the way in which this type of offer is funded. When allocating subscription funds for the next calendar year to companies that had programmes for national and ethnic minorities in their planned programme offer, the National Broadcasting Council allocates 100% of the subscription funds to cover the costs indicated by the broadcasters for the creation and dissemination of such programmes. Characteristics of the offer implemented between 2020 and 2024 in the public media The detailed characteristics of the offer addressed to national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language presented below were drawn up by the National Broadcasting Council on the basis of an analysis of the public broadcasters' annual reports on their programme and financial plans approved annually by the Council in this respect in the years 2020-2024.
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III. Telewizja Polska SA

In the years 2020-2024, programmes for individual national and ethnic minorities were broadcast - although not systematically (consistently, every year) in each programme - in 11 local branches of Telewizja Polska SA, i.e. the **Białystok**, **Gdańsk**, Katowice, Gorzów Wielkopolski, Kielce, Kraków, Olsztyn, Opole, Rzeszów, Szczecin and **Wrocław** Branches and in the common band of TVP3 Regionalna. The programme offer, i.e. the titles of the programmes broadcast periodically (mainly once a week) was constant. More often than not, their titles were left in place for subsequent years, while the content of the programmes was changed to address the current events affecting this audience. Each minority was represented in individual programmes constituting part of programme cycles, usually broadcast once a week, in the form of news and current affairs magazines. This offer, addressed to national and ethnic minorities living in Poland, consisted of the following series of programmes broadcast between 2020 and 2024:

Belarusian minority:

- **Tydzień Białoruski** [Belarusian Week] (broadcast on TVP3 **Białystok**) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in the Belarusian language, presenting issues relating to the social and cultural life of Belarusians living in the Podlaskie Province.

Lithuanian minority:

- *Panorama Litewska* [Lithuanian Panorama] (broadcast on TVP3 **Białystok**) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Lithuanian, presenting issues concerning the social and cultural life of Lithuanians living in the Podlaskie Province.
- *Pomerania ethnica* (broadcast on TVP3 Szczecin) - an information programme; broadcast in the languages of minorities living in Western Pomerania, including Lithuanians, it addresses social issues and cultural events of minority communities in the region.

	German minority: ➤ <i>Schlesien Journal</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Katowice and TVP3 Opole) - a news and current affairs magazine for the German minority living in Silesia and the Opole region, broadcast in German with subtitles in Polish; it presents social, political, economic and cultural events concerning the German minority living in these regions. ➤ <i>Pomerania ethnica</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Szczecin) - an information programme; broadcast in the languages of minorities living in Western Pomerania, including the German minority, it addresses social issues and cultural events of minority communities in the region. Roma minority: ➤ <i>My Romowie</i> [We the Roma people] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a magazine for the Roma minority, dealing with the social and cultural life of the Roma people living in the Podlaskie Province and the social problems of the Roma people in Poland; created in cooperation with representatives of Roma communities in the Podlaskie Province. The magazine is broadcast in Polish due to the lack of systematisation of the Roma language and the fact that the Roma people commonly speak Polish. Materials showing Roma rituals and songs by Roma bands have been broadcast in the Romani language. Russian minority: ➤ <i>Wiadomości Rosyjskie</i> [Russian News] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, addressed to the Russian minority living in the Podlaskie Province, broadcast in Russian; it discusses current social and political problems and presents cultural events organised by the Russian minority in the region. ➤ <i>Syberyjski Bard zaprasza</i> [Siberian bard invites] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a magazine addressed to the Russian minority, dealing with the social and cultural life of Russians living both in the Podlaskie Poland and other parts of Poland, including the issue of new emigration of Russians to Poland, broadcast in Russian. Tatar minority:
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	➤ <i>Tatarskie wieści</i> [Tatar news] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a magazine for the Tatar minority, dealing with the social and cultural life of the Tatars living in the Podlaskie Province, created in cooperation with representatives of the Tatar community in the Podlaskie Province. The magazine is broadcast in Polish, as the Tatar minority has for a long time spoken Polish on a daily basis. Ukrainian minority: ➤ <i>Telenowyny</i> [Television news] (broadcast on TVP3 Regionalna in the common band) - a magazine containing informative, journalistic and educational elements concerning the Ukrainian community living in Poland, broadcast in Ukrainian. It presents historical themes and information on Polish-Ukrainian relations; it often includes commentaries by guest speakers on current political and cultural events organised by the Ukrainian minority. ➤ <i>Przegląd Ukraiński</i> [Ukrainian Review] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, addressed to the Ukrainian minority living in the Podlaskie Province, broadcast in Ukrainian; it discusses socio-cultural issues concerning this minority. ➤ <i>Pomerania ethnica</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Szczecin) - an information programme; broadcast in the languages of minorities living in Western Pomerania, including the Ukrainian minority, it addresses social issues and cultural events of minority communities in the region. ➤ <i>Ukraińskie Wieści</i> [Ukrainian News] (broadcast on TVP3 Olsztyn) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it presents issues of social and cultural life, as well as the current problems of the Ukrainian minority living in Warmia and Mazury. It presents the traditions, customs and social activities organised by this community and informs about events in Ukraine and the cooperation between Ukraine and the Warmia and Mazury region. ➤ <i>Daleko od domu</i> [Away from home] (broadcast on TVP3 Katowice) - a programme created in Ukrainian and Polish to integrate the Ukrainian minority into Polish society, introducing Poles to Ukrainian culture and tradition. Kashubian minority: ➤ <i>Tedë Jo</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Gdańsk) - a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Kashubian, with subtitles in Polish; addressed to the Kashubians living in Pomerania. It deals with the broadly defined life of this community: its culture, language, customs and history.
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- *Farwe Kaszeb* (broadcast on TVP3 **Gdańsk**) - a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Kashubian with subtitles in Polish; it addresses the contemporary life of the Kashubian community in Pomerania.
- *Reportaże dla społeczności kaszubskiej* [Reportages for the Kashubian community] (broadcast on TVP3 **Gdańsk**) - reportages addressed to Kashubians, dealing with a wide range of issues concerning the life of this community and created in their language with subtitles in Polish.

IV. Regional public radio

Between 2020 and 2024, the regional radio stations distributed - similarly to the television programmes - fixed program series, created in the languages of national and ethnic minorities and regional languages spoken by local communities. They were present in eleven of the radio station's programmes, namely: Radio **Białystok**, Radio **Gdańsk**, Radio Katowice, Radio Koszalin, Radio Kraków, Radio Olsztyn, Radio Opole, Radio Rzeszów, Radio Szczecin, Radio **Wrocław** and Radio Zachód.

The programme offer in 2020-2024 for the different national and ethnic minorities and the communities speaking a regional language consisted mainly - as in the case of the television offer - of news and current affairs magazines focusing on the regional problems of the minorities living in the respective province. This offer consisted of the following programme series broadcast in the period of 2020-2024:

Belarusian minority:

- *Pod Znakiem Pogoni* [Under the Pahonia emblem] (broadcast on Radio **Białystok**) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Belarusian; it addresses the problems of the Belarusian minority living in Poland and Podlasie.
- *Duchowe Spotkania* [Spiritual encounters] (broadcast on Radio **Białystok**) - a religious programme dedicated to the affairs of Orthodox believers in Podlasie. The programme is created in Belarusian and Ukrainian.
- *Przed wyjściem do cerkwi* [Before going to church] (broadcast on Radio **Białystok**) - a religious programme addressed to Orthodox believers living in Podlasie, of a journalistic and educational nature.
- *Pożadlanaja Pieśnia* (broadcast on Radio **Białystok**) - a music programme with commentary broadcast in Belarusian; it presents both folk and contemporary music of this minority.

	Lithuanian minority: ➤ <i>Głos polskich Litwinów</i> [Voice of the Polish Lithuanians] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Lithuanian, addressing current problems of the Lithuanian minority living in the region. Lemko minority: ➤ <i>Sami Swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław) - a news programme for various minorities: Lemko, Ukrainian, German and Armenian, broadcast in the languages of these minorities. It addresses political, social and cultural topics in a regional context. ➤ <i>Kermesz</i> (broadcast on Radio Kraków) - a magazine with current news about the life of these communities and a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian, intended for the Lemko and Ukrainian minorities living in Małopolska. Created and run by representatives of these minorities. It presents the traditions and rituals of these communities, as well as the products of their material and spiritual culture. German minority: ➤ <i>Pojednanie i Przyszłość</i> [Reconciliation and future] (broadcast on Radio Katowice) - a journalistic programme produced in German, edited by the Katowice-based 'Reconciliation and Future' minority organisation; topics include the traditions and culture of the German minority living in Silesia; it presents the achievements of representatives of German culture, science and art born in Silesia. ➤ <i>Praesent</i> (broadcast on Radio Katowice) - a programme produced by the Socio-Cultural Association of Germans of the Silesian Province, based in Racibórz; it has a journalistic character; it contains reports on events, interviews and commentary on the life and activities of the German minority communities in the region; it is broadcast in German. ➤ <i>Allensteiner Welle</i> (broadcast on Radio Olsztyn) - a programme broadcast in German, it has an informative and journalistic character and focuses on the problems of the German minority in Warmia and Mazury.
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	➤ <i>Die Musik, Hudba, Zene</i> (broadcast on Radio Opole) - a music programme featuring contemporary German music with commentary broadcast in the German language. ➤ <i>Czas mniejszości</i> [Minority time] (broadcast on Radio Opole) - a programme of a journalistic nature, broadcast in German; it presents the problems of the various German minority communities living in the Opole region. ➤ <i>Wiadomości niemieckojęzyczne/Magazyn niemieckojęzyczny</i> [German-language news/German-language magazine] (broadcast on Radio Opole) - programmes in the form of news services, presenting the affairs of the region and the German minority, including reports on events, statements by minority activists and interventions. ➤ <i>Sami Swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław) - a news programme for various minorities: Lemko, Ukrainian, German and Armenian, broadcast in the languages of these minorities. It addresses political, social and cultural topics in a regional context. Armenian minority: ➤ <i>Sami swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław), addressed to various minorities living in the region, including Armenians; see the description above for programme's content. Roma minority: ➤ <i>Serwis Romski</i> [Roma service] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news programme; it includes coverage of current events in the region that may be of interest to Roma people. ➤ <i>Magazyn Romski</i> [Roma magazine] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news and current affairs programme addressing current issues concerning this minority living in the region. ➤ <i>Szlakiem taborów</i> [On the caravan trail] (broadcast on Radio Zachód) - a journalistic and educational programme. The purpose of the programme is to popularise the history, traditions, customs and culture of the Roma people among the inhabitants of the Lubuskie Province, as well as to increase Roma participation in the region's social life and to overcome their reluctance to attend school.
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	Slovak minority: ➤ <i>Pramen - Magazyn słowacki</i> [Pramen - Slovak magazine] (broadcast on Radio Kraków) - a Slovak language magazine broadcast in 2020 for the Slovak minority living in Małopolska. It was produced and conducted by journalists from these minorities. It provided knowledge about the life of this community and documented the voices of older generations, witness accounts of historical events, manifestations of disappearing rituals, customs, and products of spiritual and material culture. In 2021 and 2022, Radio Kraków did not broadcast any programmes for the Slovak minority due to staff shortages (the existing presenters resigned and the minority representatives did not recommend any replacements, despite the efforts of Radio Kraków SA). ➤ '<i>Na slovíčko'/'Na słówko</i>' [For a word] (broadcast in 2023 on Radio Kraków) - a programme for the Slovak minority living in the Małopolska region and all those interested in Slovakia who have a sufficient understanding of the Slovak language; the programme is broadcast entirely in Slovak. It was intended to integrate the Slovak minority living in Małopolska, as well as people who have any links with the country. From 2024, the programme for the Slovak minority was not broadcast under the above title, but was part of the programme entitled <i>Audycja dla mniejszości - magazyn</i> [Programme for minorities - a magazine], which consisted of content for the Lemko and Ukrainian minorities but also for the Slovak minority. The programme was created in cooperation with the Slovak Association in Poland. Ukrainian minority: ➤ <i>Przed wyjściem do cerkwi</i> [Before going to church] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a religious programme on issues of the Orthodox Church, broadcast in Belarusian and Ukrainian. ➤ <i>Ukraińska Dumka</i> [Ukrainian song] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it addresses various current issues of the Ukrainian community living in the region. ➤ <i>Serwis Ukraiński</i> [Ukrainian service] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news programme, broadcast in Ukrainian; it presents current events concerning the Ukrainian community living in the region. ➤ <i>Magazyn Ukraiński</i> [Ukrainian Magazine] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it focuses on current socio-political and cultural issues
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	concerning the communities linked to the Ukrainian minority living in the region; it also deals with contemporary problems faced by Ukraine. ➤ <i>Od Niedzieli do Niedzieli</i> [From Sunday to Sunday] (broadcast on Radio Olsztyn) - a programme edited by members of the Social and Cultural Association of Ukrainians in Poland; it is a news and current affairs magazine; in addition to discussing problems concerning the Ukrainian community in the region, it also includes a news service on Ukraine. ➤ <i>Wiadomości dla Ukraińców</i> [News for Ukrainians] (broadcast on Radio Rzeszów) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it contains up-to-date information on the activities of the Ukrainian community in the Podkarpacie region and comments on current events in the Ukrainian minority community in the Podkarpacie region. ➤ <i>Skrynia - magazyn</i> [Skrynia - magazyn] (broadcast on Radio Rzeszów) - a programme of a journalistic nature; addressed to the inhabitants of south-eastern Poland of Ukrainian origin. It has a magazine format, because in addition to journalistic elements, it also broadcasts current information on the life of the Ukrainian community living in Poland and a historical calendar. Reports of exhibitions, scientific conferences, concerts and meetings of this community are also broadcast. The programme is illustrated with Ukrainian music (from folk to pop and rock) and features Ukrainian performers and composers. The magazine has been broadcast on Radio Rzeszów since 1959. ➤ <i>Posydeńki</i> (broadcast on Radio Szczecin) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian, focusing on presenting the culture, customs and everyday problems of the Ukrainian minority living in the region, also including information on the most important political events in Ukraine. ➤ <i>Sami Swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław), addressed to various minorities living in the region, including Ukrainians; see the description above for programme's. ➤ <i>Gawędy o Ukrainie - Besidy pro Ukrainu</i> [Talks about Ukraine](broadcast on Radio Zachód) - produced in the form of a magazine; a news and current affairs programme; it focuses on the life of Ukrainians in the Lubuskie Province and their history in the region; it also includes current news from Ukraine. ➤ <i>Kermesz</i> (broadcast on Radio Kraków) - a programme with current news about the life of these communities and a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian, intended for the Lemko and Ukrainian minorities living in Małopolska. Created and run by representatives of these minorities. It presents the traditions and rituals of these communities, as well as the products of their material and spiritual culture.
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	Kashubian regional language: ➤ <i>Kleka</i> (broadcast on Radio Gdańsk) - a news programme, broadcast in Kashubian, focusing on current social, political and cultural issues of the Kashubian community in the region. ➤ <i>Magazyn Kaszubski</i> [Kashubian magazine] (broadcast on Radio Gdańsk) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Kashubian; it deals with contemporary economic and culture issues concerning the Kashubian community; it presents the work of the creators of Kashubian culture. ➤ <i>Pogoda po Kaszubsku</i> [Weather in Kashubian] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a weather forecast in Kashubian for the region and Poland. ➤ <i>Magazyn Kaszubski</i> [Kashubian magazine] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a programme of a journalistic nature, broadcast in Kashubian. It addresses issues concerning Kashubian culture in the region but also the identity of this ethnic group. Important scientific and cultural events concerning the achievements of this community are presented ➤ <i>Serwis Kaszubski</i> [Kashubian service] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news programme; it presents current topics on culture, politics and Kashubian life in the region; it presents announcements of important entertainment events with the participation of the Kashubian community. ➤ <i>Pogadanka o języku kaszubskim</i> [Kashubian language talk] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - radio lessons in the Kashubian language. Number of hours of the offer implemented in 2020-2024 Telewizja Polska SA In 2020-2024, the minority offer disseminated in the regional programmes of Telewizja Polska S.A. occupied, on average, between approximately 1% and 1.5% of the annual programmes of each branch broadcasting minority programmes on a regular basis. The table below illustrates the annual number of hours of programmes for national and ethnic minorities broadcast systematically (i.e. in each year under analysis) in the 6 programmes of the company TVP SA in the years 2020-2024.
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No.	TVP SA - programme name	Annual number of hours offered to national and ethnic minorities and to communities speaking a regional language in 2020-2024 (rounded up to the nearest whole hour)				
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1.	TVP3 Białystok	76	85	90	103	100
2.	TVP3 Gdańsk	28	31	40	34	12
3.	TVP3 Katowice	9	26	40	18	11
4.	TVP3 Olsztyn	12	15	32	15	8
(5)	TVP3 Opole	10	10	10	10	15
6.	TVP3 Regionalna - common band	4	4	6	4	4
	Total	139	171	218	184	150

In the period in question, the richest offer in terms of hours of programmes for minorities was provided by two local TVP SA centres: first and foremost TVP3 **Białystok**, with the largest number of hours allocated to this type of offer, and secondly, although with a significantly lower number of hours, TVP3 **Gdańsk**. In the other stations - as the data in the table above indicate - programmes for national and ethnic minorities occupied far fewer hours in the successive years analysed. There were also stations (such as TVP3 Szczecin) in which the offer for minorities was broadcast very irregularly, i.e. in one year (2020) a minimum number of hours was allocated to it, in the next three years (2021, 2022, 2023) no such programmes were broadcast at all, and in the last of the years under analysis (2024) the broadcasting of this type of programme was resumed, although - which must be emphasised - in a minimal amount.

Regional broadcasting companies

In 2020-2024, slightly more time than in TVP SA's regional stations was taken up by the offer for minorities distributed in regional radio programmes, i.e. on average between approximately 1.3% and 2% of the annual programmes of each company broadcasting programmes for minorities. The table below illustrates the annual number of hours of programmes for national and ethnic minorities broadcast by regional public radio stations:

No.	Name of regional radio station	Annual number of hours offered to national and ethnic minorities and to communities speaking a regional language in 2020-2024 (rounded up to the nearest whole hour)				
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1.	Radio Białystok SA	291	287	291	287	286
2.	Radio Gdańsk SA	388	618	712	716	704
3.	Radio Katowice SA	48	45	45	45	46
4.	Radio Koszalin SA	87	114	157	168	168
(5)	Radio Kraków SA	65	87	88	87	88
6.	Radio Olsztyn SA*	48	186	199	186	185
7.	Radio Opole SA	79	66	64	66	68
8.	Radio Rzeszów SA	191	189	195	189	204
9.	Radio Szczecin SA	48	48	61	51	48
10.	Radio Wrocław SA	38	38	54	37	38
11.	Radio Zachód SA	17	17	23	18	18
	Total	1,300	1,695	1,889	1,850	1,853

Radio Olsztyn also broadcasts a separate daily programme for the Ukrainian minority from a transmitter in **Miłki** near **Giżycko** at 99.6 FM. Programmes created in the Ukrainian language at a constant annual level (approximately 140 hours) are broadcast in this band.

During the period in question, the richest offer in terms of hours of programmes for minorities was provided by:

- Radio **Gdańsk** SA - over 600 to over 700 hours per year in the last 4 years (2021-2024) of the period under analysis;
- Radio **Białystok** SA - nearly 300 hours were devoted to this type of offer in each year of the analysed period.

Further places, but also with a large number of hours allocated to programmes for minorities, were taken by:

- Radio Rzeszów SA and Radio Olsztyn SA - in each year of the period under analysis, nearly 200 hours were devoted to this type of offer, and Radio Rzeszów SA even exceeded this annual number of hours in 2024,
- Radio Koszalin SA - steadily increased the number of hours allocated to this offer from 2021 onwards, approaching more than 160 hours in 2024.

In 2020-2024, the following companies allocated the fewest hours to programmes for minorities: Radio Katowice SA, Radio Szczecin SA, Radio **Wrocław** SA and Radio Zachód SA.

Funding of the offer

The funding of the offer for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language created by public media companies has been provided on the same basis for many years (since 2013). The National Broadcasting Council, on the basis of an analysis of the programme and financial plans submitted to it by public media companies for a given calendar year, transfers to them subscription funds covering 100% of the costs indicated by the companies for the creation and dissemination of this type of offer. Only those companies that have such programmes scheduled receive these funds. After the end of each calendar year, the Council - on the basis of the companies' reports on the implementation of the programme and financial plans approved for a given year - verifies whether a given company has implemented the number of hours of programmes for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language as declared in the aforementioned plans and whether the programmes met the criteria for this type of programmes contained in the aforementioned *Position* of the Joint Commission of the Government and Minorities (...). If the Council finds that the plan has not been fulfilled in this regard, in the following calendar year, when the subscription fee is distributed, the respective company has its subscription funds reduced by an amount equivalent to the cost of the programme hours that were not broadcast. It should be added that the companies spend not only the subscription funds, but also their own funds (e.g. from advertising revenues) and subsidies from the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage (at a time when public media companies are in liquidation) to create this offer. It should be emphasised that the funds allocated to cover the costs of the offer for minorities in TVP SA's regional branches are allocated by the company's governing bodies.

b) Media content for national and ethnic minorities and users of regional languages is created not only as part of the activities of public broadcasters, but also with the support of the Minister of Interior and Administration.

It is made possible by the support of the minister competent for national and ethnic minorities provided to magazines, television programmes and radio programmes, as well as online programmes, broadcasts or podcasts through grants awarded annually. Many radio stations have been run and television and radio programmes have been broadcast systematically in this way for many years.

In 2023-2025, the minister responsible for national and ethnic minorities provided grants to national and ethnic minority and regional language users organisations for a total of PLN 3,199,559.00 for tasks concerning the promotion of audiovisual works produced in a regional language or in the languages of national and ethnic minorities. The table below provides details of the grants issued for this purpose.

Funding of tasks related to the promotion of audiovisual works produced in regional or minority languages by the Minister of Interior and Administration in 2023-2025

Organisation name	Programme name	2023	2024	2025	Minority
TUTAKA Foundation	Tutaka podcast	PLN 22,800.00	PLN 22,574.00	PLN 30,000.00	Belarusian
Puck Region Association	Radio Kaszebe	PLN 300,000.00	PLN 310,000.00	PLN 335,000.00	
	Skarby Kaszub [Treasures of Kashubia] (from	PLN 70,000.00	PLN 68,000.00	PLN 72,800.00	

	Kashubian-Pomeranian Association	2024 as Kashubian-Pomeranian Television)				Kashubian language
	Good Energy Foundation* - the organisation is not an entity working for the benefit of the Kashubian community. It was only the producer of the documentary entitled 'Kaszubi' [Kashubians]	Documentary film 'Kaszubi' [Kashubians]	PLN 50,000.00	not applicable	not applicable	
	Ministry for National and Ethnic Minorities in the Diocese of Opole	Multimedia Bible musings	PLN 12,800.00	not applicable	not applicable	
	Socio-Cultural Association of Germans of the Silesian	Production of German-				

	Province in Racibórz	language radio programmes	PLN 78,747.00	PLN 91,347.00	PLN 100,000.00	German
	Association of German Social and Cultural Associations in Poland	Production of the German-language programme Musikschachtel -Abgekanzelt	PLN 40,600.00	PLN 42,120.00	PLN 75,000.00	
		Production of the German-language programme TV Schlesien Journal	60,000.00 PLN	62,771.00 PLN	100,000.00 PLN	
	'RUSKA BURSA' Association	Lemko radio LEM.fm together with the news website www.lem.fm	320,000.00 PLN	335,000.00 PLN	335,000.00 PLN	Lemko
		Lemko online television - LEMKO TV	PLN 16,000.00	PLN 18,000.00	PLN 28,000.00	

	Lemko Tower Association	Radio Lemko - Lemko online radio	PLN 46,000.00	PLN 53,500.00	PLN 47,000.00	
	Russkij Dom Association (Our House Association from 2024)	Podcasts in Russian - audio recordings series 'Rosyjski akcent w historii Polski' [Russian accent in Poland's history]	PLN 8,500.00	PLN 9,500.00	PLN 9,000.00	Russian
		Multimedia recordings in the series entitled 'Historia i kultura Rosjan w Polsce' [History and culture of Russians in Poland]	9,000.00 PLN	9,500.00 PLN	11,000.00 PLN	
		total	PLN 1,034,447.00	PLN 1,022,312.00	PLN 1,142,800.00	
The table below shows the funding of national and ethnic minority newspapers and magazines published with the support of the Minister of Interior and Administration. These publishers have been operating continuously in recent years, receiving annual, but continuous, funding for their activities.						

	These include weekly (including Ukrainian and Belarusian ones), biweekly, monthly, bimonthly and quarterly magazines.						
	No.	Organisation name	Periodical name	Grant awarded			
				2022	2023	2024	2025
	1.	Union of Ukrainians in Poland	Publication of the weekly magazine Nasze Słowo	PLN 445,000	PLN 460,000	PLN 461,600	PLN ²⁴ 505,000
	2.	Union of Ukrainians of Podlasie	Publication of the magazine Nad Buhom i Narwoju	PLN 109,500	PLN 118,000	PLN 124,500	PLN 134,500
	3.	St. Kasimir Lithuanian Society in Sejny	Publication of the quarterly magazine Saltinis	PLN 32,000	PLN 34,100	PLN 34,100	PLN 35,500
	4.	Association of Lithuanians in Poland	Publication of 24 issues of the biweekly magazine Ausra	PLN 325,000	PLN 370,000	PLN 406,000	PLN 422,000
	5.	Association of Lithuanians in Poland	Publication of the bimonthly magazine Ausrele for the children of the Lithuanian minority in Poland	PLN 34,000	PLN 36,000	(combined with Ausra)	(combined with Ausra)
	6.	Social and Cultural Society of Jews in Poland	Publication of the monthly magazine Słowo Żydowskie / Dos Yiddish Wort	PLN 260,000	PLN 295,000	PLN 300,000	PLN 320,000

²⁴ Task name: Periodicals of the UUP

	7.	German Cultural and Social Association in Wrocław	Publication of the magazine Niederschlesische Informationen	PLN 6,960	PLN 7,000	PLN 10,200	PLN 12,240
	8.	Olsztyn Association of the German Minority	Publication of the periodical Allensteiner Nachrichten	PLN 8,200	PLN 10,000	PLN 17,500	PLN 15,500
	9.	Mazurian Association Polish-German Union in Olsztyn	Publishing of the monthly magazine Masurische Storchenpost [Mazurian Stork Post]	PLN 23,000	PLN 25,000	PLN 27,000	PLN 25,000
	10.	Socio-Cultural Association of Germans of the Silesian Province in Racibórz	Publishing, editing and distributing the magazine Oberschlesische Stimme	PLN 55,000	PLN 60,000	PLN 60,000	PLN 62,000
	11.	Association of German Social and Cultural Associations in Poland	Publication of the weekly magazine of Germans in Poland Wochenblatt.pl	PLN 380,000	PLN 400,000	PLN 400,000	PLN ²⁵ 455,000
	12.	Union of German Associations of Warmia and Mazury	Information and cultural monthly of the German minority Mitteilungsblatt	PLN 22,000	PLN 28,000	PLN 34,886	PLN 40,000

²⁵ The weekly Wochenblatt has been replaced by a monthly magazine and a website as part of the measure

	13.	Advisory Board of NIWA Weekly	Publication of the socio-cultural weekly NIWA in the Belarusian language	PLN 445,000	PLN 448,000	PLN 450,000	PLN 460,000
	14.	Association of Belarusian Journalists	Publishing the Belarusian socio-cultural monthly Czasopis together with the website Czasopis.pl	PLN 177,000	PLN 180,000	PLN 180,000	PLN 180,000
	15.	Union of Polish Karaites	Publication of Karaite periodicals: Awazymyz and Karaite Almanac	PLN 27,000	PLN 27,000	PLN 27,000	PLN 30,000
	16.	Armenian Cultural Society	Publication of four issues of the Bulletin of the Armenian Cultural Society	PLN 12,000	PLN 12,800	PLN 11,600	PLN 17,000
	17.	Armenian-Polish Social Committee	Publication of the Armenian magazine Munetik	–	PLN 50,000	PLN 56,000	PLN 70,000
	18.	Polish Armenian Heritage and Culture Foundation	The bilingual magazine of the Armenian national minority Awedis	PLN 44,800	PLN 50,066	PLN 52,000	PLN 59,000
	19.	Society of Slovaks in Poland	Publication of the magazine Zivot	PLN 240,000	PLN 243,000	PLN 243,000	PLN 235,000

	20.	Lemko Association	The bi-monthly magazine Besida	PLN 30,000	PLN 33,000	–	PLN ²⁶ 49,000
	21.	Union of Polish Roma	Publication of the Roma newspaper Romano Atmo – Cygańska Dusza	PLN 125,000	PLN 130,000	PLN 150,000	PLN 150,000
	22.	Association of Roma in Poland	Publication of the socio-cultural quarterly Dialog-Pheniben	PLN 48,500	PLN 50,000	PLN 52,000	PLN 52,000
	23.	Muslim Religious Union in the Republic of Poland	Cultural and social quarterly Przegląd Tatarski	PLN 32,500	PLN 32,500	PLN 33,400	PLN 33,500
	24.	Russkij Dom Association	Publishing a cultural and informational review in Russian Zdravstvujte!	PLN 38,500	PLN 41,500	PLN 43,000	PLN 43,000
c. Draw up, in co-operation with the speakers, an action plan on the implementation of the Charter for Czech. In Polish education law, the languages of all national and ethnic minorities and the Kashubian regional language have the same status. However, due to regional variations, dispersion across the country or the number of users, the forms of support for the teaching of these languages can vary considerably. Funding for minority/regional language teaching is systemically provided by the government and transferred to local authorities in the form of an increased education subsidy (currently the amount allocated to education needs). With regard to the support for teachers in 2019, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 28 May 2019 on teacher training centres²⁷ oblige school superintendents to:							

²⁶ Task entitled 'Biblioteka Besidy – Czasopisma' [Besida library - periodicals]

²⁷ Journal of Laws of 2023, item 2738, as amended.

	- include, as appropriate, in the plan of the methodological counselling network in a given province, methodological counselling for teachers employed in schools where a national or ethnic minority language or regional language is taught; - cooperate with organisations of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the creation of the above-mentioned methodological counselling network. In 2023, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of Education and Science of 14 September 2023 amending the Regulation on the <i>standard of education preparing for the teaching profession</i>²⁸ enabled universities to provide training for regional language teachers in accordance with the demand expressed by the Committee on National and Ethnic Minorities of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, i.e. also during first-cycle programme studies. Kashubian language teacher training is provided by the University of Gdańsk. Adequately to the changes in the way teachers are trained, the questions of qualifications for teaching or conducting classes in kindergartens, schools, groups or branches that enable students belonging to national minorities, ethnic minorities or communities speaking a regional language to maintain their sense of national, ethnic or linguistic identity have been regulated. In addition to measures concerning languages of national minorities and ethnic minorities as well as regional languages, initiatives were also taken in 2024 concerning regional education and the Silesian language. In 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 20 July 2018 - <i>Higher Education and Science Law</i>²⁹, the Minister of Education commissioned and funded: - the preparation and delivery of a two-semester postgraduate course for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, for at least 25 professionally active teachers; this course was delivered - in the academic year 2024/2025 - by the University of Silesia in Katowice; - the provision of packages of methodical materials and teaching aids in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature for teachers participating in the above-mentioned
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²⁸ Journal of of Laws, item 2003.

²⁹ Journal of of Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended.

	postgraduate course and for at least 500 schools and kindergartens conducting classes in regional education; - the creation of a freely accessible Internet platform with methodological materials and teaching aids for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature. The implementation of the above tasks is supported by a nationwide teacher training establishment, i.e. the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw, to which the Minister of Education commissioned and financed the preparation and dissemination of methodological materials for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, teaching aids and translations. As part of the performance of the above task, the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw - in the period from 11 October 2024 to 31 December 2024 - carried out the following activities: - four classroom training courses entitled 'Silesia - History, Culture, Language', aimed at popularising cultural heritage focused on cultivating customs and learning about the Upper Silesian region. The training courses were attended by 199 participants, i.e. teachers-consultants, methodological advisers and teachers interested in the topic of the training; - two online training courses entitled 'How to Conduct Regional Education Classes Using Quests?'. The participants learnt about the methodology for creating quests, acquired the skills needed to conduct classes using this technique and had individual consultations with the instructors; - lectures and workshops, visiting museums and places of cultural heritage in Upper Silesia, and watching a theatre play entitled 'Mianujom mie Hanka', which enabled participants to acquire knowledge about the region and the diversity of Silesian history and culture; - methodological materials on literature, art and customs shaping everyday life and the specific characteristics of the regional language have been posted on the website of the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw for general access and use by teachers when planning and conducting regional education classes. The teaching of a minority language, a regional language, a minority's own history and culture and the geography of the country with whose cultural area the minority identifies is carried out on the basis of curricula approved for use in a school by the school principal. Pursuant to Article 22aa of the Act of 7 September 1991 <i>on the Education System</i>³⁰, a teacher may decide to implement a curriculum with the use of a textbook, educational material or
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³⁰ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 750, as amended.

	exercise material, or without these teaching aids. The selection of a textbook or educational material that replaces a textbook and exercise materials for educational classes is made by a team of teachers teaching the specific classes. If a textbook is selected to implement a curriculum, this selection is made from among the textbooks approved for school use. The minister responsible for education approves a textbook for school use after obtaining positive opinions from textbook experts³¹. Textbooks approved for school use that are in line with the current core curriculum are included in the lists published on the website of the Ministry of National Education. Textbooks, including textbooks for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, are approved for school use at the request of an entity (publisher) holding the author's economic rights for the textbook. Most textbooks for teaching a minority language, the history and culture of a minority are written gradually, usually by publishers associated with or representing minority communities in Poland. Pursuant to Article 68 of the Act of 27 October 2017 <i>on the Financing of Educational Tasks</i>³², textbooks and supporting books for the education of students within the scope necessary to sustain a sense of national, ethnic and linguistic identity may be subsidised from the state budget from the part at the disposal of the minister competent for education and upbringing. Due to the high unit price of textbooks for minorities (high cost of preparation combined with low circulation), the Ministry of National Education finances all costs related to the preparation, writing and publication of textbooks and supplementary books for the education of students declaring membership in national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language. Subsidies are available for textbooks that have been approved for school use by the minister responsible for education and were included in the list of textbooks intended for general education for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, as well as for so-called supplementary books (e.g. exercise books, subject dictionaries, method books) which are not subject to approval for school use. According to the rules laid down by the Ministry of National Education, textbooks for teaching the language of the national minority, the history and culture and geography of the country with whose territory the national minority identifies, are financed first, and supplementary books are subsidised second. The textbooks and supplementary books are
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³¹ Article 22an(1) of the Act on the *Education System*.

³² Journal of Laws of 2025, item 439.

	distributed free of charge to the relevant school superintendent's offices and then to school libraries or inter-school teaching teams, as ordered by school principals. This system guarantees adequate distribution of and access to free textbooks and supplementary books for successive year groups of students attending minority or regional language classes. In 2023-2024, the following textbooks and supplementary books for national minorities were funded:
2.4 German	a. Reverse the measures reducing the teaching of German as a minority language and make education in German available at pre-school, primary and secondary levels, including by providing adequate teacher training and textbooks. One of the first decisions taken in 2024 by the Minister of Education was to take measures to eliminate the different educational situation of minority students. Education in minority languages (Belarusian, German, Kashubian, Lemko and Ukrainian) at kindergarten, elementary school and secondary school level can be provided when a minimum of 7 students (children in kindergarten) at a grade level in a school or kindergarten wish to take advantage of this form of education. Declarations by parents of children/students to this effect oblige the school or kindergarten principal to look for teachers with the appropriate qualifications to carry out these activities. With regard to the support for teachers in 2019, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 28 May 2019 <i>on teacher training centres</i>³³ oblige school superintendents to: - include, as appropriate, in the plan of the methodological counselling network in a given province, methodological counselling for teachers employed in schools where a national or ethnic minority language or regional language is taught; - cooperate with organisations of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the creation of the above-mentioned methodological counselling network.

³³ Journal of Laws of 2023, item 2738, as amended.

	In 2023, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of Education and Science of 14 September 2023 amending the Regulation on the <i>standard of education preparing for the teaching profession</i>³⁴ enabled universities to provide training for regional language teachers in accordance with the demand expressed by the Committee on National and Ethnic Minorities of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, i.e. also during first-cycle programme studies. Kashubian language teacher training is provided by the University of Gdańsk. Adequately to the changes in the way teachers are trained, the questions of qualifications for teaching or conducting classes in kindergartens, schools, groups or branches that enable students belonging to national minorities, ethnic minorities or communities speaking a regional language to maintain their sense of national, ethnic or linguistic identity have been regulated. In addition to measures concerning languages of national minorities and ethnic minorities as well as regional languages, initiatives were also taken in 2024 concerning regional education and the Silesian language. In 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 20 July 2018 - <i>Higher Education and Science Law</i>³⁵, the Minister of Education commissioned and funded: - the preparation and delivery of a two-semester postgraduate course for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, for at least 25 professionally active teachers; this course was delivered - in the academic year 2024/2025 - by the University of Silesia in Katowice; - the provision of packages of methodical materials and teaching aids in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature for teachers participating in the above-mentioned postgraduate course and for at least 500 schools and kindergartens conducting classes in regional education; - the creation of a freely accessible Internet platform with methodological materials and teaching aids for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature. The implementation of the above tasks is supported by a nationwide teacher training establishment, i.e. the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw, to which the Minister of Education commissioned and financed the preparation and dissemination of methodological materials for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, teaching aids and translations. As part of the performance of the above task, the Centre for Education Development in
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³⁴ Journal of Laws, item 2003.

³⁵ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended.

	Warsaw - in the period from 11 October 2024 to 31 December 2024 - carried out the following activities: - four classroom training courses entitled 'Silesia - History, Culture, Language', aimed at popularising cultural heritage focused on cultivating customs and learning about the Upper Silesian region. The training courses were attended by 199 participants, i.e. teachers-consultants, methodological advisers and teachers interested in the topic of the training; - two online training courses entitled 'How to Conduct Regional Education Classes Using Quests?'. The participants learnt about the methodology for creating quests, acquired the skills needed to conduct classes using this technique and had individual consultations with the instructors; - lectures and workshops, visiting museums and places of cultural heritage in Upper Silesia, and watching a theatre play entitled 'Mianujom mie Hanka', which enabled participants to acquire knowledge about the region and the diversity of Silesian history and culture; - methodological materials on literature, art and customs shaping everyday life and the specific characteristics of the regional language have been posted on the website of the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw for general access and use by teachers when planning and conducting regional education classes. The teaching of a minority language, a regional language, a minority's own history and culture and the geography of the country with whose cultural area the minority identifies is carried out on the basis of curricula approved for use in a school by the school principal. Pursuant to Article 22aa of the Act of 7 September 1991 <i>on the Education System</i>³⁶, a teacher may decide to implement a curriculum with the use of a textbook, educational material or exercise material, or without these teaching aids. The selection of a textbook or educational material that replaces a textbook and exercise materials for educational classes is made by a team of teachers teaching the specific classes. If a textbook is selected to implement a curriculum, this selection is made from among the textbooks approved for school use. The minister responsible for education approves a textbook for school use after obtaining positive opinions from textbook experts³⁷. Textbooks approved for school use that are in line with the current core curriculum are included in the lists published on the website of the Ministry of National
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³⁶ Journal of of Laws of 2024, item 750, as amended.

³⁷ Article 22an(1) of the Act on the *Education System*.

	Education. Textbooks, including textbooks for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, are approved for school use at the request of an entity (publisher) holding the author's economic rights for the textbook. Most textbooks for teaching a minority language, the history and culture of a minority are written gradually, usually by publishers associated with or representing minority communities in Poland. Pursuant to Article 68 of the Act of 27 October 2017 <i>on the Financing of Educational Tasks</i>³⁸, textbooks and supporting books for the education of students within the scope necessary to sustain a sense of national, ethnic and linguistic identity may be subsidised from the state budget from the part at the disposal of the minister competent for education and upbringing. Due to the high unit price of textbooks for minorities (high cost of preparation combined with low circulation), the Ministry of National Education finances all costs related to the preparation, writing and publication of textbooks and supplementary books for the education of students declaring membership in national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language. Subsidies are available for textbooks that have been approved for school use by the minister responsible for education and were included in the list of textbooks intended for general education for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, as well as for so-called supplementary books (e.g. exercise books, subject dictionaries, method books) which are not subject to approval for school use. According to the rules laid down by the Ministry of National Education, textbooks for teaching the language of the national minority, the history and culture and geography of the country with whose territory the national minority identifies, are financed first, and supplementary books are subsidised second. The textbooks and supplementary books are distributed free of charge to the relevant school superintendent's offices and then to school libraries or inter-school teaching teams, as ordered by school principals. This system guarantees adequate distribution of and access to free textbooks and supplementary books for successive year groups of students attending minority or regional language classes.
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³⁸ Journal of Laws of 2025, item 439.

	In 2023-2024, the following textbooks and supplementary books for national minorities were funded:				
	Publication year	National or ethnic minority	Number of titles	Amount	Publisher/entity performing the contract
	2023	Kashubian-speaking community	2 titles	PLN 286,800.00	Kashubian-Pomeranian Association
		Lithuanian	5 titles	PLN 423,300.00	Wydawnictwo "Aušra" Sp. z o.o.
		German	3 titles	PLN 42,774.32	Wydawnictwo Lektor Klett
		Slovak	1 title	PLN 26,700.00	Main Board of the Society of Slovaks in Poland
		Belarusian	1 title	PLN 116,000.00	Association for Children and Young People Learning the Belarussian Language AB-BA
	2024	German	3 titles	PLN 42,304.00	Wydawnictwo Lektor Klett
		Lithuanian	2 titles	PLN 218,650.00	Wydawnictwo "Aušra" Sp. z o.o.
		Ukrainian	1 title	PLN 122,700.00	PROSVITA Foundation

		Kashubian-speaking community	2 titles	PLN 293,500.00	Kashubian-Pomeranian Association
		Slovak	1 title	PLN 28,500.00	Main Board of the Society of Slovaks in Poland
		Belarusian	2 titles (reprint)	PLN 44,547.00	Association for Children and Young People Learning the Belarussian Language AB-BA
	Textbooks and supplementary books funded by the Minister are made public on the Integrated Education Platform, allowing students and teachers to access electronic versions of these materials as well. The list of textbooks approved for school use is published on the website of the Ministry of National Education, under the tab https://podreczniki.men.gov.pl/podreczniki/2. In 2025, the MNE has financed or is planning to finance the following textbooks and supplementary books for national minorities, ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language:				
	Publication year	National or ethnic minority/regional language	List of titles	Estimated amount/amount spent	Publisher/entity performing the contract
	2025	German	1) 'Niko 1'. German language textbook for the German minority 2) 'Niko 2'. German language textbook	PLN 46,968.00 (contract completed)	Wydawnictwo Lektor Klett

		for the German minority 3) 'Niko 3'. German language textbook for the German minority		
	Kashubian-speaking community	1) Supplementary book for the regional Kashubian language 'Z kaszëbsczim w swiat' [With Kashubian into the world] by Danuta Pioch (1st stage of education) 2) Supplementary book for the regional Kashubian language 'Przewodnik literacki' [Literary guide] by Adela Kuk-Kalinowska (1st and 2nd stages of education)	PLN 102,000.00 PLN 131,000.00	Kashubian-Pomeranian Association
	Ukrainian	1) Supplementary book: Ukrainian studies exercise book ' <i>Podróż po Ukrainie część 5 dla klasy VII szkoły podstawowej</i> [Journey in Ukraine	PLN 131,200.00 (contract completed)	PROSVITA Foundation

			part 5 for grade 7 of elementary school], authors: Marek Syrnyk, Natalia Bogdanets'-Biloskalenko, Yulia Shumeyko, Olena Horoshkina 2) Supplementary book: Two parts of the exercise book for grade 1 of elementary school, authors: Marek Syrnyk, Natalia Bogdanets' Biloskalenko, Yulia Shumeyko	PLN 129,700.00		
		Lithuanian	1) Pradinio ugdymo vadovėlis III klasei, 1 dalis. Textbook for early childhood education for grade 3, part 1. Author: Gražina Karaneckienė 2) Pradinio ugdymo vadovėlis III klasei, 2 dalis. Textbook for early childhood education for grade 3, part 2. Author:	PLN 119,700.00 (contract completed) PLN 123,000.00 PLN 111,300.00	Wydawnictwo "Aušra" Sp. z o.o.	

			Gražina Karaneckienė 3) Supplementary book: 'Mokausi ir augu'. Pratybų sąsiuvinis II klasei, 1 dalis. Exercise book for early childhood education for grade 2, part 1. Author: Gražina Karaneckienė			
		Lemko	A supplementary textbook for the study of the Lemko language 'Preselyly nas musowo'. Letters of Lemkos from 1947-1948. Volumes 1-3 (2nd and 3rd stage of education)	PLN 77,000.00	KYCZERA Song and Dance Ensemble	
		Slovak	Supplementary textbook - Renáta Milčáková, <i>Słownik obrazkowy polsko słowacki</i> [Polish-Slovak Picture Dictionary] for elementary school students (1st and 2nd stage of education)	PLN 30,000.00	Main Board of the Society of Slovaks in Poland	

		Belarusian	Textbook for teaching the Belarusian language for grade 7 of elementary school 'Żywoje Słowa' [Living words] by Alina Wawrzeniuk	PLN 129,900.00 (textbook in the process of being approved for school use)	Association for Children and Young People Learning the Belarusian Language AB-BA
	b. Take concrete measures to implement the ratified provisions of Article 10 regarding German in all those local and regional administrative units where the speakers are traditionally present in sufficient numbers, irrespective of the 20% threshold. Article 9 of the Act on National and Ethnic Minorities gives representatives of minorities the right to use the minority language before the municipal authorities as a so-called auxiliary language. An auxiliary language may be used in those municipalities where the number of residents belonging to the minority in question constitutes at least 20% of the total population of the municipality. This means that minority representatives have the right to: '(1) address municipal authorities in the auxiliary language in written or oral form; (2) obtain, upon express request, a reply also in the auxiliary language in written or oral form'. Municipalities in which members of a minority can use an auxiliary language must be entered in the Official Register of Municipalities³⁹, which is kept by the minister responsible for national minorities and religious denominations. A municipality is entered in the official register on the basis of an application by the municipal council supported by a resolution to that effect by the municipal council. Between 2006 and 2025, 33 municipalities have been included in this register nationwide. Of these, 22 municipalities are located in the Opolskie Province, where German is the auxiliary language. The largest number of speakers of an auxiliary language is in municipalities of the Opolskie Province, as well as in the Pomorskie and Podlaskie Provinces. In a municipality included in the Official Register, an allowance for knowledge of the auxiliary language used in that municipality may be granted to employees working in the municipal office, in auxiliary units of the municipality and in municipal budgetary units and establishments'. The rules for granting this allowance and its amount are laid down in the regulations on the remuneration of				

³⁹ <https://www.gov.pl/web/mniejszosci-narodowe-i-etniczne/urzedowy-rejestr-gmin-w-ktorych-jest-uzywany-jezyk-pomocniczy2>

	local government employees. Knowledge of the auxiliary language must be proven by means of a certificate or diploma. Research conducted in 2019 - A query of 71 municipalities in the Opolskie Province (all) The following question was sent out to the municipalities : 'Does German have the status of an auxiliary language in your municipality? If yes - since when? If yes - please provide information on what proportion of the cases reported to you by clients/residents are dealt with in the auxiliary language (German) (the data can be given in figures or percentages)'. The responses, emailed by the vast majority of municipalities providing their residents with the possibility to handle official matters in an auxiliary language, show that few people take advantage of this. For example: - the municipality of Dobrzeń Wielki, which was entered in the Official Register of municipalities where an auxiliary language is used on 22 April 2009, the response stated: 'At present, the number of cases handled [...] in German is negligible (less than 1%)'; - the reply from Izbicko, where a person was hired at the Municipal Office in March 2006 to provide customer service in German (this employee also handled cooperation with German partners), stated: 'There are rare cases of applications (2-3 per year) submitted to the Civil Registry Office in German'. - the municipality of Kolonowskie, entered in the Official Register of Municipalities on 22 September 2006, explained that 'As far as the number of cases handled in the auxiliary language is concerned, it is small (a few per year). These are usually handled verbally'; - in Walce, it was 'on average, one case per year'; - in Bierawa it was annually around 2% of cases; - in Chrzastowice, this happened 'sporadically', i.e. 2-6 cases per year; - in Jemielnica, it was 2-3 cases per year; - in the municipality of Komprachcice, where German as an auxiliary language was introduced in May 2009 and additional names of localities in German were adopted in December 2009, 'In the period of 2009-2019, no case was handled in German, because no one asked for a case to be handled in German';
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	- in Ujazd, where German has had the status of an auxiliary language since 2006, 'There are very few cases handled in German, e.g. in the case of the Civil Registry Office , there have been about 5 over the whole period'; - in the municipality of Dobrodzień, where German has had the status of an auxiliary language since 2008, 15-20 cases per year were handled until 2019; - in the municipalities of Prószków, Biała, Murów and Tarnów Opolski, there were no cases dealt with in the auxiliary language at all; - the municipalities of Popielów and Cisek indicated that, although there is no auxiliary language, the office can and does serve German-speaking clients if necessary. 'The Popielów Municipal Office employs clerks who speak German, so if the need arises, clients can have their matters handled in this language'. b) The Act of 6 January 2005 <i>on National and Ethnic Minorities and the Regional Language</i> provides for the possibility to use - in addition to official names of localities and physiographic objects and street names - additional traditional names in the minority language. An additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language may be established at the request of the municipal council if the number of residents of the locality belonging to a minority is not less than 20% of the total number of residents of the locality, or if more than half of the residents of the locality participating in the public consultations are in favour of establishing an additional name in a minority language. Additional names in the minority language may be used alongside official names of localities. The replacement of information boards with the names of localities or physiographic objects within a municipality with boards containing additional names of designated localities or physiographic objects in a minority or regional language is done on the basis of an agreement concluded between the municipal office and the Minister of Interior and Administration. Under the agreement, the Minister entrusts the municipality with the task of replacing the aforementioned boards in connection with the establishment of an additional name in the national or ethnic minority language or regional language.
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The first entry in the Register of Municipalities⁴⁰ was made on 22 December 2006 for the municipality of Radłów. As of September 2025, the Register of municipalities in which names in a minority language³ is used includes 66 municipalities and 1,282 localities.

2024

In the budget of the MIA for 2024, an amount of PLN 123,000.00 was planned for the replacement of information boards with the names of localities or physiographic objects with boards containing the additional names of these localities or physiographic objects in a minority or regional language.

In March and April 2024, letters requesting confirmation of the validity of the cost estimates for the replacement of the boards submitted with the applications or, alternatively, update of the estimates, were sent to the municipalities of Strzelce Opolskie, Zawadzkie and Rudnik. The municipalities indicated have completed the formalities in this regard. A framework model agreement has been agreed at the MIA for the task of replacing information boards with ones that included additional names of localities in a minority or regional language. Subsequently, the MIA has approached several times the municipalities of Strzelce Opolskie, Rudnik, Zawadzkie and Władysławowo to send data and information enabling the preparation of agreements on the replacement of information boards in these areas in connection with the establishment of additional names of Localities in German or Kashubian, as appropriate. The municipalities of Zawadzkie and Rudnik did not respond to these letters by the deadline. Accordingly, the MIA has concluded agreements with the municipalities that have completed the formalities.

On 25 November 2024, an agreement was concluded with the municipality of Władysławowo for the implementation of a task involving the replacement of information boards with the names of the villages Rozewie and Tupadły with boards containing additional names established for both villages in the Kashubian language. The value of the agreement was PLN 27,836.00.

Official name in Polish	Additional name in Kashubian
Rozewie	Rozewié
Tupadły	Tëpadla

⁴⁰ <https://www.gov.pl/web/mniejszosci-narodowe-i-etniczne/rejestr-gmin-na-ktorych-obszarze-sa-uzywane-nazwy-w-jezyku-mniejszosci2>

In November 2024, an agreement was also concluded with the municipality of Strzelce Opolskie for the implementation of a task involving the replacement of information boards with the names of 3 localities with boards with additional names in German established for these localities. The value of the agreement was PLN 11,670.24.

Official name in Polish	Additional name in German
Jędrynie	Jendrin
Rozmierz	Rosmierz
Warmątowice	Warmuntowitz

2025

As of the beginning of February 2025, applications for inclusion in the Register of municipalities in which names in a minority language are used or for the establishment of additional names of localities relating to the following municipalities were still pending:

- a) Pietrowice Wielkie Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2016. The application concerned the establishment of additional traditional names in German for 11 localities.
- b) Zawadzkie Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2017. The application concerned the establishment of an additional traditional name in German for 1 locality.
- c) Rudnik Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2017. The application concerned the establishment of additional traditional place names for 15 villages in the German language.
- d) Puck Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2021. The application concerned the establishment of additional traditional names in Kashubian for 35 localities.
- e) Rumia Municipality - the application was received by the MIA on 22 August 2024. The application concerned the entry of the municipality in the Register and the establishment of the name for 1 town, Rumia.

In the budget of the MIA for 2025, an amount of PLN 200,000.00 was planned for the replacement of information boards with the names of localities or physiographic objects with boards containing the additional names of these localities or physiographic objects in a minority or regional language.

The Zawadzkie Municipality was added to the Register of municipalities in which names of localities in a minority language are used in February 2025. In addition, the following additional name of a locality has been added to the Register:

Official name in Polish	Additional name in German
Żędowice	Sandowitz

The Pietrowice Wielkie Municipality was added to the Register of municipalities in which names of localities in a minority language are used in March 2025. In addition, the following additional names of localities were included in the Register:

Official name of a locality or physiographic object	Additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language
Amandów	Amandhof
Cyprzanów	Jasnowitz
Gródczanki	Ratsch
Kornice	Kornitz
Krowiarki	Polnisch Krawarn
Lekartów	Lekartow
Maków	Makau
Pawłów	Pawlau
Pietrowice Wielkie	Gross Peterwitz

	Sambrowice	Schammerwitz
	Żerdziny	Schardzin
	The Rumia Municipality was entered in the Register in June 2025. The following additional name of a locality was therefore entered in the Register:	
	Official name of a locality or physiographic object	Additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language
	Rumia	Rëmiô
	In August 2025, the Rudnik Municipality was added to the Register. In addition, additional names of localities were included in the Register:	
	Official name of a locality or physiographic object	Additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language
	Brzeźnica	Bresnitz
	Czerwęcice	Czerwentzütz
	Dolędzin	Dollendzin
	Gamów	Gammau
	Jastrzębie	Habicht
	Lasaki	Lassoki
	Modzurów	Mosurau
	Ponięcice	Ponientzütz
	Rudnik	Rudnik

	Strzybnik	Silberkopf
	Sławienko	Ehrenfeld
	Sławików	Sławikau
	Szonowice	Schonowitz
A draft agreement to commission the municipality of Rudnik to replace the information boards with the names of the above-mentioned localities was sent in August 2025. According to the cost estimate provided by the said municipality in May 2025, the cost of replacing the information boards will amount to PLN 69,167.62. However, the localities of Grzegorzowice and Ligota Książęca were not included in the Register due to the negative opinion of the Commission for Names of Localities and Physiographic Objects. In the Puck Municipality, by its resolution no. 28/IV/2025 of 28 April 2025, the Commission gave a positive opinion on the establishment of 24 names in the Kashubian language for places located in that municipality, and it gave a negative opinion on 11 names. The Puck Municipality and 24 localities located therein were entered in the Register on 22 September 2025 c. Identify ways to reintroduce bilingual place name signs in the localities merged with the city of Opole and ensure that German may be used in contacts with the administrative authorities in charge of the respective localities. In 2016, the Opole City Council submitted a request to the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration, via the Opole Province Governor, to change the boundaries of the city of Opole by incorporating parts of the municipalities of Dobrzeń Wielki, Dąbrowa, Komprachcice, and Prószków into the city limits. In the aforementioned request, the Opole City Council pointed to, among other things, the high degree of: - functional connection of these areas with Opole, - urbanization, restrictions on agricultural activity, and the process of blurring the boundaries between Opole and neighboring towns.		

As a result of the entry into force of the Regulation of the Council of Ministers of July 19, 2016, on establishing the boundaries of certain municipalities and cities, granting certain localities the status of a city, and changing the name of a municipality (Journal of Laws, item 1134), new administrative boundaries were established, including those of the municipalities of Dobrzeń Wielki, Komprachcice, and Prószków, thereby changing the territory of these municipalities. As a result of these changes, some of the localities located within their territories found themselves within the administrative boundaries of the City of Opole, including nine localities entered in the Register of Municipalities, in whose territory names in minority languages are used.

In 2016, the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration received 23 applications from local government bodies at the commune level concerning the merger of communes, the establishment of the boundaries of certain communes and towns, the granting of town status to certain localities, and the change of commune names.

When making decisions regarding changes to municipal boundaries, the Council of Ministers is guided by statutory provisions and selects the most optimal solutions. Each proposal concerning changes to municipal boundaries is analyzed separately. In the case of the proposal to change the boundaries of the city of Opole, despite the negative results of consultations in the municipalities covered by the proposal and the negative opinions of the municipal councils, the Council of Ministers decided to incorporate parts of the municipalities of Dobrzeń Wielki, Dąbrowa, Prószków, and Komprachcice into the city of Opole, guided primarily by the premise of developing the city of Opole, which had exhausted its development potential within its existing boundaries. The intended effect of incorporating new areas into the city of Opole was to strengthen its potential and increase its competitiveness, thereby contributing to the long-term development of the city and the Opole region. The intention was to ensure the development of the entire region, including rural areas, small towns, and larger cities.

All the municipalities and localities referred to above are still entered in the Register of municipalities in whose territory minority language names are used.

It should be noted that the Act of January 6, 2005, on national and ethnic minorities and regional languages (Journal of Laws of 2017, item 823, as amended) does not, in any of its provisions, establish an obligation to use additional traditional names of localities in the minority language in the case of a municipality being entered in the aforementioned Register. The Act provides for such a possibility, but it is up to the competent local government authorities to decide whether to exercise this right. The Minister of Internal Affairs and

	Administration, as well as the Council of Ministers, has no influence on the sovereign decisions of local government authorities in this regard. d. Promote awareness and tolerance in Polish society as a whole vis-à-vis the German language and the culture it represents, as an integral part of the cultural heritage of Poland. With regard to the above issue, the Republic of Poland carries out many activities to promote awareness and tolerance in the Polish society with regard to regional languages or national and ethnic minorities. Examples of such activities include: a) Supporting national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language within the framework of subject-specific and targeted grants provided by the Department for Religious Denominations and National and Ethnic Minorities of the MIA According to law⁴¹, public authorities are obliged, among other things, to take appropriate measures to promote activities aimed at the protection, preservation and development of the cultural identity of minorities and the preservation and development of regional languages. The Minister of the Interior and Administration, who is the minister responsible for religious denominations as well as national and ethnic minorities, annually awards targeted and subject-specific grants for the implementation of tasks aimed at sustaining and developing the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities and at preserving and developing the regional language. Targeted grants may be awarded for the performance of the following tasks: • activities of cultural institutions, the artistic movement and creativity of minorities or communities speaking a regional language, and art events of major importance for the culture of a minority or for the preservation and development of a regional language; • publishing books, magazines, periodicals and pamphlets in minority languages, in a regional language or in Polish, in printed form and in other image and sound recording techniques; • supporting television and radio programmes made by minorities or communities speaking a regional language; • protecting sites relating to the culture of a minority or a regional language; • clubhouse activities; • operating libraries and keeping documentation on the cultural and art life of minorities or libraries and documentation concerning a regional language; • education for children and young people carried out in various forms; • promoting knowledge about minorities or a regional language;
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⁴¹ Act of 6 January 2005 on National and Ethnic Minorities and the Regional Language, Journal of Laws of 2017, item 823, Article 18 (1) and Article 20 (2).

	- renovation of buildings intended to preserve the cultural identity of minorities or to preserve and develop a regional language. Subject-specific subsidies (for ongoing activities) may be awarded to: - minority organisations that are non-governmental organisations referred to in Article 3 (2) of the Act of 24 April 2003 <i>on public benefit activity and voluntary work</i>⁴², or entities referred to in Article 3 (3) of the Act <i>on public benefit activity</i>; - cultural institutions of major importance for the culture of a minority or the preservation and development of a regional language, with the proviso that they may be awarded to entities that have had legal personality for at least three years. Subject-specific grants are awarded to entities carrying out at least one of the following tasks: - activities of cultural institutions, the artistic movement and creativity of minorities or communities speaking a regional language, and art events of major importance for the culture of a minority or for the preservation and development of a regional language; - publishing books, magazines, periodicals and pamphlets in minority languages, in a regional language or in Polish, in printed form and in other image and sound recording techniques; - supporting television and radio programmes made by minorities or communities speaking a regional language; - protecting sites relating to the culture of a minority or a regional language; - clubhouse activities; - operating libraries and keeping documentation on the cultural and art life of minorities or libraries and documentation concerning a regional language; - education for children and young people carried out in various forms. In 2022-2024, the Minister of the Interior and Administration allocated funds of: 2022 – PLN 18,419,000.00 2023 - PLN 18,419.,00,00 2024 - PLN 18,419.,00,00 For the implementation of the aforementioned tasks in 2025, the Minister of Interior and Administration has the amount of PLN 21,419,000.00. b) The establishment and activities of the Institute for Linguistic Diversity of the Republic of Poland, established by the Order of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage of 25 April 2024 On 25 April 2024, by order of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage, the Institute for Linguistic Diversity of the Republic of Poland⁴³, based in Warsaw, was established.
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⁴² Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1491.

⁴³ Hereinafter referred to as 'Institute'.

	The establishment of the aforementioned institution and its activities are related to and result primarily from: - the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages⁴⁴; - the Act of 6 January 2005 <i>on National and Ethnic Minorities and Regional Languages</i>⁴⁵; - the Act of 19 August 2011 <i>on the Sign Language and Other Means of Communication</i>⁴⁶; - the statutes of 25 April 2024 granted by order of the Minister of Culture and Cultural Heritage⁴⁷. The Institute's activities and support programmes will include national and ethnic minority languages, the regional language (regional languages in the future), the visual and spatial language, colloquial languages (dialects of the Polish language) spoken in Poland today. The Institute's main tasks focus on: - promoting knowledge of the linguistic diversity of Poland; - promoting multilingualism and protecting language rights; - supporting communities, non-governmental organisations and institutions working to preserve and develop linguistic diversity; - documenting linguistic cultural heritage; - preparing recommendations and guidelines for language policy at the national and European levels. The Institute's activities focus on supporting minority languages and cultures, which serves to preserve the cultural diversity and has a positive impact on the richness of Polish culture. One of the Institute's most important tools for achieving this goal is the grant programme. Its support will be given to tasks promoting, studying or cultivating the varieties of the Polish language as well as national and ethnic minority languages, regional languages, Polish sign language and migrants' languages spoken in Poland today. The programme is intended for entities carrying out cultural activities and undertaking activities aimed at the preservation and development of minority cultures and languages. Designated recipients include cultural institutions, non-governmental organisations, churches, religious associations, and rural women's clubs. the objectives of the grant programme include:
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⁴⁴ Journal of Laws of 2009, no. 137, item 1121.

⁴⁵ Journal of Laws of 2017, item 823.

⁴⁶ Journal of Laws of 2023, item 20.

⁴⁷ Official Gazette of the MCNH, item 50.

	- promoting multilingualism and cultural diversity by popularising knowledge of national and ethnic minority languages, regional languages, the Polish sign language and other - local and regional - language varieties present in Poland today; - supporting cultural activities important for the preservation and development of national, ethnic, local or regional identity; - building awareness that language is not only a means of communication, but also the foundation of cultural identity, and a unique way of seeing and interacting with the world; - preserving, supporting and developing linguistic diversity and documenting Poland's linguistic heritage. The Institute's activities are not only aimed at preserving and documenting linguistic heritage, but also at linking tradition, social memory and local history to everyday life. With this in mind, the programme offers the opportunity to apply for grants for a variety of activities including: - artistic endeavours - festivals, reviews, exhibitions, concerts, performances, etc., in which language is the dominant form of expression, presenting artistic and cultural content important for cultural identity that strengthens the sense of connection, identification and awareness of social groups; - educational activities, including those intended for trainers and teachers, in particular workshops, webinars, e-learning courses, video blogs and podcasts to communicate knowledge of languages, the dynamics of their development and their impact on contemporary culture; - meetings, symposia and conferences on languages, as well as publication of conference materials; - developing archives, repositories and portals that document, collect and disseminate knowledge about languages and the culture associated with them; - preparing educational materials for language learning; - promotional campaigns and social campaigns highlighting the values of multilingualism and cultural diversity. c) Activities subsidised from the budget of the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage 1) Representatives of national and ethnic minorities can apply to the Programmes of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage, under which it is possible to fund projects contributing to the maintenance of the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities or the preservation and development of the regional language. As there are now more than 30 programmes of the MCNH, with all applicants subject to the same rules, this is not a measure dedicated directly and exclusively to minorities. Selected examples of tasks aimed at national and ethnic minorities subsidised in the years 2023 - 2025 from the programmes of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage, which serve to strengthen efforts to promote awareness and tolerance in the Polish society as a whole with regard to regional or minority languages and the cultures they represent Kashubian minority 2024
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	Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - 23rd Kashubian Dictation 'Królewionka w Pałacu' [The princess in the palace] (Kashubian-Pomeranian Association - PLN 20,000) 2023 Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - On the Kashubian Trail - a Regional Workshop (Cultural Centre in Krokowa - PLN 20,000) Lemko minority 2025 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - Substantive development and printing of the album 'Łemkowskie krywulki - niematerialne dziedzictwo polskich Karpat' [Lemko krywulki - Intangible Heritage of the Polish Carpathians] (Foundation for Intangible Cultural Heritage in Poland, PLN 35,000) - Festival of Lemko culture and traditions 'Od Rusal do Jana' [From Rusaly to Jan] (Society for the Development of the Lemko Culture Museum, PLN 25,000) - 43rd Łemkowska Watra [Lemko bonfire] (Lemko Association in Gorlice, PLN 50,000) - 28th International Folklore Festival 'Świat pod Kyczerą' [The World under Kyczera] (Lemko Song and Dance Ensemble 'Kyczera', PLN 115,000) 2024 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - 42nd Łemkowska Watra [Lemko bonfire] (Lemko Association in Gorlice, PLN 90,000) - 27th International Folklore Festival 'Świat pod Kyczerą' [The World under Kyczera] (Lemko Song and Dance Ensemble 'Kyczera', PLN 80,000) 2023 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - Encounters with Lemko culture - welcoming Lemko Summer in Lubin and the Chocianów Municipality (Holy Trinity Orthodox Parish in Lubin, PLN 34,000) - Foundation for the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Poland (Lemko 'krywulka'-making craft - entry on the national list of intangible cultural heritage. Description, documentation, evaluation, PLN 25,000) - 26th International Folklore Festival 'Świat pod Kyczerą' [The World under Kyczera] (Lemko Song and Dance Ensemble 'Kyczera', PLN 100,000) Roma minority 2025 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - Development of the traditional Roma culture portal E-Drom.pl (Dom Kultury Foundation, PLN 25,000) 2023 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - Development of the traditional Roma culture portal E-Drom.pl (Dom Kultury Foundation, PLN 20,000)
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	Tatar minority 2025 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - 'Tartar Day' - festival of Bukówiec traditions (MANU Association of Bukówiec Residents, PLN 35,000) Jewish minority 2025 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - Hitchhiking Through the World of Judaism (Shtetl Mszana Dolna Foundation, PLN 55,000) 2023 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - Lelów - a place where cultures meet (Municipal Cultural Centre, PLN 95,000) 2. Activities of cultural institutions subordinate to the MCNH for the benefit of national and ethnic minorities carried out in 2023 - 2025. It should be noted that some of the activities described in the following material from the MCNH go beyond the scope of the Act of 6 January 2005 on National and Ethnic Minorities and the Regional Language. Museum of the Second World War in Gdańsk - Education and Integration Project: 'Bridges of Culture - Integration Workshop for Ukrainians'. The aim is to promote the integration of the Ukrainian community into the local community by organising artistic, culinary and historical workshops. The project aims to bring Poles and Ukrainians closer, facilitate mutual understanding and build bridges of friendship and cooperation. Classes and workshops take place at the headquarters of the Museum of the Second World War in Gdańsk, but at educational institutions and refugee centres in the Tricity and the surrounding area. Their topics cover: permanent and temporary exhibitions of the Museum, national holidays of Poland and Ukraine, holiday customs of both countries and current educational projects of the Museum. Activities implemented since 2022: - 'Cinema in Ukrainian' series. Cinema screenings, combined with art workshops, are an excellent opportunity to learn something new through play. The activities allow one to forget the personal trauma and the horror of war experienced. The participants create their own versions of the main animation characters using a variety of materials and techniques such as plasticine, paper, paints, crayons, scissors, glue and many others. The programme includes the latest family films with a Ukrainian voiceover, as well as classic animations from years ago that awaken childhood memories in adults and are a special attraction for the youngest viewers. Activities implemented since 2022. In 2024, nearly 1,000 people participated in both projects. - Screening of the film '20 Days in Mariupol', directed by Mstyslav Chernov, 94 min., 2023, Ukraine, documentary. A shocking cinematic indictment of Russia: a record of the extermination of Mariupol made by journalists who risked their lives by staying in the besieged city until the end. The film, which won the Pulitzer Prize and the Academy Award (Oscar) in the Best Documentary Feature Film category. Two screenings were held in April 2024, combined with a discussion.
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- Screening of the film 'It will rain tomorrow', directed by Sebastian Hermano Karaśkiewicz, Poland. A full-length feature film produced by the 'Aby chciało się chcieć' Foundation. Its action covers the period of 1930-1951 and tells the story of the relationship between Kashubians, Poles and Germans living in the region side by side. The fate of the characters shows the changes that the Second World War brought about in these relationships. We observe the various attitudes of and the dilemmas faced by the inhabitants of Pomerania (e.g. the requirement to sign the German nationality list). The screening in April 2024 was followed by a conversation with the filmmakers.

- The 'DROM' performance staged on 26 May 2024 at Długi Targ in Gdańsk by the Migro Theatre as part of the 3rd edition of the Festival of Lost Culture. DROM is a poetic and philosophical story about the wanderings and history of the Roma people - an ethnic group that inhabits almost every country in the world, and about which we know so little. The year 2024 marked the 80th anniversary of the liquidation of the so-called Gypsy camp (Zigeunerlager) at the Auschwitz II - Birkenau concentration camp. That year also marked the 60th anniversary of the end of the Great Migration of the Roma caravans in Poland. The performance was a kind of tribute to the Sinti and Roma people.

- A concert to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Extermination of Sinti and Roma people. The purpose of the event, organised by the Harangos Roma Educational Association, was to pay tribute to the victims and to remember the tragic story of 2 August 1944, when the Germans began the liquidation of the so-called Gypsy camp (Zigeunerlager) at Auschwitz-Birkenau II. The concert featured moving songs that refer to Roma culture and the memory of the past. In addition, a photograph exhibition showing the life of the Sinti and Roma communities was organised. The concert took place in October 2024 with a large participation of members of the Roma community.

- A special screening of the documentary 'Nie chcemy innej ziemi' [We don't want another land], directed by Basel Adra, Hamdan Ballal, Yuval Abraham and Rachel Szor, 2024, Palestine, Norway. Nominated for the Academy Award (Oscar), the film portrays the decades-long legal battle of the inhabitants of Masafer Yatta in the West Bank to preserve their village. The screening was followed by a discussion with invited experts, during which the participants discussed the current situation of the people of the West Bank, the Israeli-Palestinian relations in a historical and political context, as well as the current situation in the Middle East. The event took place in February 2025 and enjoyed high interest of the public [including representatives of Palestinian and Israeli organisations].

- A theatre performance 'To, co pozostało' [What remains], directed by Daria Sudomir, performed by the museum's youth theatre group. During the Second World War, facing major historical events, young people try to find their way. 'What Remains' is a story about growing up in a time that knew no mercy, and characters searching for meaning, love, friendship and a place to feel at home. The plot takes place in occupied Warsaw, the working-class district of Piotrków Trybunalski, the forests of Kielce inhabited by guerillas and the Kashubian countryside. Four performances were held in May 2025, which enjoyed high interest [nearly 1,000 spectators in total].

- A discussion on the collective publication titled 'Granica polsko-niemiecka na pomorzu (1920–1939): historia – pamięć – ślady w przestrzeni' [The Polish-German border in Pomerania (1920–1939): history - memory - traces in space] edited by Prof. Cezary Obracht-Prondzyński. The event,

	scheduled for 12 June this year as part of the next instalment of the 'Spotkania z historią' [Meetings with history] series, will be attended by the book's editor and Michał Matheja from the German Minority Research Centre, which published the book. Stutthof Museum in Sztutowo The Stutthof Museum in Sztutowo implemented the project Secret Military Organisation 'Gryf Pomorski' in the years 2023-2024 on the 80th anniversary of the imprisonment in the Stutthof concentration camp. 'Gryf Pomorski' is one of the most important symbols of the Kashubians' memory of the Second World War and their resistance. Polish History Museum in Warsaw The 'Patriotism of Tomorrow' programme enables the funding of projects aimed at upholding Polish traditions and respect for the heritage of other nations as well as ethnic and religious groups living in Poland and the former Polish - Lithuanian Commonwealth. Accordingly, in the various editions of the programme, it was possible to implement initiatives involving the documentation of the history, culture and collective memory of national and ethnic minorities, as long as they fell within the framework of broadly defined historical and civic education. Wawel Royal Castle - State Art Collections Museum classes in the Ukrainian language. A programme of museum classes for groups with Ukrainian participants, based on the principles of inclusivity and integration. It is designed for two types of youth groups: firstly, for groups comprising only Ukrainian speakers (e.g. preparatory branches, community centres and other groups that consist of only people of Ukrainian origin); secondly, for mixed, Polish-Ukrainian groups (primarily school groups). <u>Museum of King Jan III's Palace in Wilanów</u> 2022-2023, task entitled 'Wystawa czasowa "Sarmacki splendor Orientu. Sztuka Wschodu w służbie pamięci Rzeczypospolitej Obojga Narodów"' [Temporary exhibition 'Sarmatian splendour of the Orient. Art of the East in the service of the Memory of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth'], in which the activity 'Dokumentacja audiowizualna dziedzictwa niematerialnego Tatarów polsko-litewskich' [Audio-video documentation of the intangible heritage of the Polish-Lithuanian Tatars] was carried out in cooperation with the Wilanów Academy Association and under the substantive direction of Prof. Andrzej Drozd of the Warsaw University. The professor wrote the guidelines for the audiovisual documentation of the intangible heritage of the Polish-Lithuanian Tatars (as part of a field interview), and on the basis of these guidelines documentation tours were carried out in the areas of Poland and Lithuania inhabited by the Tatar minority, combined with the recording of users of the Tatar language, forms of religious rituals - prayers, songs and services, and documentation of architecture - mosques with their furnishings, cemeteries, houses, as well as archival material in selected localities. In total, the museum acquired more than a dozen hours of recordings.
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	2023-2024 - the King John III's Palace Museum in Wilanów co-organised the 17th International Congress of Turkish Art in Warsaw. The Museum carried out the task 'Wieloletni projekt dokumentacyjno-wystawienniczy, poświęcony dziełom dawnego rękopiśmiennictwa Tatarów polsko-litewskich - etap końcowy' [Multiannual documentation and exhibition project, dedicated to the old manuscripts of the Polish-Lithuanian Tatars - final stage], which included the activity 'Oto Światłość Wielka i Klucz Rajski. Hymny z tatarskich zaścianków króla Sobieskiego' [Behold the great light and the key to paradise. Hymns from the Tatar villages of King Sobieski], as part of which a temporary exhibition was prepared under the same title, dedicated to the intangible heritage of the Polish-Lithuanian Tatars, the historical culture and writings of the Tatars of the former Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and the phenomenon of the ancient writings of the Polish-Lithuanian Tatars linked to old Polish religious literature. The exhibition was curated by Prof. Andrzej Drozd. The main part of the exhibition consisted of Tatar manuscripts from the collection of the Lithuanian National Museum in Vilnius, from the period until World War II, forming part of the library of the Vilnius Muslim religious community. The exhibition was also prepared based on the collections of Polish institutions and private individuals, including those belonging to the Polish Tatar and Karaite minorities. The exhibition was visited, among others, by groups of representatives of the Tatar minority from Poland (Kruszyniany, Gdańsk) and Ukraine (Crimean Tatars, a group under the care of representatives of the Polish Institute in Kyiv). The exhibition space was also used to record materials for a forthcoming documentary film directed by S. Chazbijewicz on the sources of the culture of the Polish-Lithuanian Tatars, and for promotional purposes the exhibition premises were also made available to Karolina Cicha, a composer and singer who sings traditional Tatar songs in the original language. During the events of the 17th International Congress of Turkish Art, held at the Wilanów Palace Museum, a demonstration of Tatar culinary art, prepared by invited members of the Lithuanian Tatar community, was also presented to congress participants and visitors. Thanks to cooperation agreements with the University of Warsaw and the Faculty of Oriental Studies of the University of Warsaw, the Museum is now a partner in efforts to include the intangible heritage of the Polish-Lithuanian Tatars in the UNESCO National List. National Institute of Museums Three grant programmes run by the National Institute of Museums make it possible to apply for funding for projects contributing to the maintenance of the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities or the preservation and development of a regional language.
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	An example of a project carried out within the framework of the NIM's own programme entitled 'Halls of Memory' is the support provided in 2024 to the Municipal and Commune Cultural Centre in Wilamowice for the task entitled 'Inventory and extension of the collection of Wilamowice costumes of the MCCC in Wilamowice and creation of a Wilamowice Costume Hall'. Along with the Wilamowice language, the local costume has been the most important distinguishing feature of the residents of Wilamowice and a symbol of their ethnic identity. The purpose of the task was not only to save the costume from oblivion by collecting original and unique exhibits, but also to provide the town's residents wishing to create their own copies with access to knowledge about the costume through consultations, the possibility of using costume cut-outs and exhibits in digitised form. These activities were therefore focused not only on the past, but also on the present (through the collection of contemporary items), as well as on the future of the costume, through the substantive support to those who will want to wear it in the future. Wojciech Kętrzyński Northern Institute Below is a list of examples of events organised or prepared and presented outside the Institute by the staff of the Wojciech Kętrzyński Northern Institute in Olsztyn in 2023-2025 in relation the designated area of activity (sustaining the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities, preservation and development of the regional language). - 12 June 2023 - a meeting with film director and screenwriter Dominik Wessely, <i>Porozmawiajmy jeszcze raz o pojednaniu polsko-niemieckim</i> [Let's talk about German-Polish reconciliation again] - Wojciech Kętrzyński Northern Institute in Olsztyn (hereinafter referred to as WKNI); - 29 February 2024 - a meeting with Joanna Wańkowska-Sobiesiak about the book entitled <i>Niepamięć. Żydzi Warmii i Mazur wczoraj, dawno i dziś</i> <i>Reportaże z wypraw do miejsc zapomnianych</i> [Oblivion. The Jews of Warmia and Mazury yesterday, long ago and today. Reportages from expeditions to forgotten places] - WKNI; - 25 April 2024 - a meeting with Joanna Wańkowska-Sobiesiak about the book entitled <i>Żydzi na Warmii</i> [Jews in Warmia] - WKNI; - 20 June 2024 - Dr Emilia Figura-Osełkowska <i>Das Kulturleben im ehemaligen Allenstein - Im Kino</i> [Cultural life in former Allenstein - At the cinema] (a field lecture in German) - start at the Copernicus House in Olsztyn; - 16 October 2024 - a meeting with Prof. Dorota Krystyna Rembiszewska on her book <i>Dziewiętnastowieczne materiały gwarowe z obszaru Warmii, Mazur i terenów sąsiednich. Część I</i> [Nineteenth-century dialect materials from the territory of Warmia, Mazury and neighbouring areas. Part I] - led by Dr Iza Matusiak-Kempa, a professor at the University of Warmia and Mazury - WKNI. Alf Kowalski Miedzyrzec Regional Museum The Alf Kowalski Miedzyrzec Regional Museum has been cooperating with representatives of the Lemko minority living in the Międzyrzecz District for more than ten years, with a view to maintaining the cultural identity of this ethnic minority. In 2024, two events were organised with the participation of Lemkos, which contributed to maintaining the cultural identity of this ethnic minority:
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	- On 7 January 2024, a meeting was organised at the Museum premises for 81 people, with the aim of joint carol singing by Greek Catholics - Lemkos from Miedzyrzecz and surrounding villages, led by Fr. Ernest Sekulski, parish priest of the Greek-Catholic Parish of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Miedzyrzecz. At the meeting, in addition to singing carols, the Christmas traditions of this ethnic minority were presented. - On 11 June 2024, a meeting with a Lemko, Mr Stefan Furtak, entitled 'Łemkowie w Miedzyrzeczu - wspomnienia z rodzinnego domu' [Lemkos in Miedzyrzecz - memories from his family home] was organised at the Museum. The meeting was attended by 70 people, mainly Lemkos from Miedzyrzecz and surrounding villages. In 2025, one event were organised with the participation of Lemkos, which contributed to maintaining the cultural identity of this ethnic minority: - On 11 January 2025, a meeting was organised at the Museum premises for 70 people, with the aim of joint carol singing by Greek Catholics - Lemkos from Miedzyrzecz and surrounding villages, led by Fr. Ernest Sekulski, parish priest of the Greek-Catholic Parish of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Miedzyrzecz. At the meeting, in addition to singing carols, Fr. Ernest Sekulski gave a lecture entitled 'Opowieść o Bożym Narodzeniu' [The Christmas Story]. These activities were carried out as part of the museum's statutory activities, funded by the two organisers' subject grants. Museum - Castle in Łańcut The functioning of the Museum's Department of Orthodox Church Art (cultural heritage of the historic Przemyśl eparchy) with its permanent exhibition, substantive and conservation facilities, should be considered as a permanent support for the cultural activities of the Ukrainian national minority in the Republic of Poland. The Museum's collection contains historical artefacts constituting part of the cultural heritage of the Ukrainian national minority. It is a separate collection of sacred, Orthodox church art functioning as the Museum's Department of Orthodox Church Art. It comprises a permanent exhibition open to the public as well as storage facilities. The collection contains 2,500 movable artefacts, including around 1,000 icons (15th - 20th centuries), sculptures, arts and crafts, and a 250-volume collection of old Cyrillic prints. The listed monuments are in a good state of preservation. Since 1960, they have been under constant conservation care, and optimum conditions for display and storage (proper constant temperature and air humidity) have been ensured. The exhibits on display are described with information in Polish, Ukrainian and English. All information boards providing the substantive descriptions of the collections and maps in the exhibition also contain texts in these languages. The Department employs two substantive workers, both of whom speak the Ukrainian language. Remembrance Museum of Land of Oświęcim Residents
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From September 2024 to May 2025, the Remembrance Museum of Land of Oświęcim Residents, together with partners: Małopolska Centre for Professional Development of Teachers - Oświęcim Branch and St. Maximilian Centre in Harmęże implemented another, 3rd edition of the project entitled 'Akademia Dziedzictwa Pamięci' [Memorial Heritage Academy]. This edition, attended by 56 teachers, representatives of NGOs and other interested parties, focused on the issues of learning about and protecting the cultural and ethnic identity of our region. Visits to various places provided an opportunity to learn about Jewish culture: a lecture combined with a walk in the Jewish Cemetery in Chrzanów, and a lecture entitled 'Śladami żydowskiej przeszłości Oświęcimia' [Following the traces of Oświęcim's Jewish past] combined with a visit to the Chewra Lomedi Misznajot Synagogue in Oświęcim. Roma culture was explored during a visit to the Ethnographic Museum, Branch of the Tarnów Region Museum, which collects objects related to Roma life and culture. The Museum of Wilamów Culture provided an insight into the customs and language of the residents of Wilamów. The Wilamów language has been included by UNESCO on the list of languages 'at a serious risk of extinction'. Also, in this 3rd edition, during an educational trip to the Museum of Cieszyn Silesia, the participants became acquainted with the cultural richness of Cieszyn and Cieszyn Silesia - a place where history and cultures intersect.

National Museum in Kielce

Temporary exhibition entitled '*Śląsk. Panorama dziedzictwa*' [Silesia. A panorama of heritage]; duration: (13 June 2023 – 31 December 2023). The exhibition had an educational character and is aimed to familiarise the visitors with Silesia as a neighbouring region. The idea behind the exhibition was to show examples of Silesia's shared multicultural material heritage - from the Middle Ages up to and including the post-war period - as well as exhibits characterising each of its sub-regions, including those located beyond Poland's borders. The context of the historical experience of continuity is emphasised by showing the traditions of specific places, institutions and craft and industrial establishments. Educational activities familiarising the participants with the most numerous regional minority in Poland - the Silesians. The strong identity of this group, resulting from its specific history as well as its location at the meeting point of national borders and cultures, is characterised by a strongly developed sense of regional identity. An important element of that identity is language. During the activities, the participants listened to the Silesian dialect and then took part in the staging of dialogues in Silesian. An exhibition focusing on cultural and national diversity through which a diverse audience was reached. The exhibition brought Silesia closer as a neighbouring multicultural region, which remains present in the local perspective, but is still little known.

Kazimierz Pułaski Museum in Warka

	In the years 2023-2025, while contributing to nurturing the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities in Poland, the Kazimierz Pułaski Museum in Warka has allowed visitors to explore the institution and its collections through an audio guide and the free Movi Guide mobile application for smartphones with a Ukrainian language version. In addition to the Ukrainian language version, the system is intended for Polish- and English-speaking tourists. In 2025, the Warka museum finalised the work on and submitted for printing the publication entitled 'Napoleon Orda. Ze zbiorów Muzeum im. Kazimierza Pułaskiego' [Napoleon Orda. From the collection of the Kazimierz Pułaski Museum], a catalogue of lithographs made according to drawings by Napoleon Orda and exhibited at the Museum from December 2022 to June 2023. The publication (as well as the earlier exhibition on the content of which it was based) is in the Polish and Ukrainian languages due to the presentation of places related to Polish [but also Ukrainian] culture, which are currently located in Ukraine. Task entitled 'Napoleon Orda. Ze zbiorów Muzeum im. Kazimierza Pułaskiego' [Napoleon Orda. From the collection of the Kazimierz Pułaski Museum], which included the above-mentioned exhibition, was co-financed by the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage. Part of one of the permanent exhibitions ('Warka - miasto dotknięte historią' [Warka - a city touched by history]) of the Museum focuses on the Jewish community that once lived in Warka. The Museum also makes it possible to learn about the Jewish community in Warka through its online 'Baza Wiedzy o Warce' [Warka knowledge base]. Sandomierz Castle Museum In the years 2023-2025, the Sandomierz Castle Museum has prepared: - in 2023 - free tickets to the Museum for Ukrainian citizens as part of the 'Solidarity with Ukraine' campaign - the campaign ended at the end of 2023; - promotion of the exhibition entitled 'Sandomierzowskie ślady Jarosława Iwaszkiewicza' [Sandomierz traces of Jarosław Iwaszkiewicz] in Belarusian - a radio broadcast by Polish Radio - January 2025. 'Memory and Future' Centre As part of the project entitled 'Ocalone Dziedzictwa. Regionalne Izby Pamięci' [Saved legacies. Regional Halls of Memory], the Centre supports entities that run halls of memory and preserve local cultural heritage in them, including to a large extent the presence of cultural, ethnic, national and religious minorities in the area. The institution cooperates in the organisation of projects to educate and popularise this heritage, carries out inventory and digitisation activities for the permanent preservation of unique collections and intangible heritage, provides training in the preservation and popularisation of various manifestations of minority cultures (language, traditions, clothes, music, etc.) - both in local communities and on a national scale. As a result, the heritage of broadly defined minorities is becoming visible and perceived as an important part of Poland's cultural heritage. The Centre's 'Świadkowie historii' [Witnesses to History] programme is permanently carried out to record oral history accounts of representatives of minorities. In the years prior to the period covered
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by the enquiry, projects were carried out with a deliberate focus on the experience of ethnic, cultural and religious minorities; such memories are now recorded as part of the Centre's ongoing activities and made available in the Oral History Archive.

Centre for Social Archiving

In 2023, the Centre for Social Archiving (CSA) organised the 5th Congress of Social Archives, entitled 'Historia na głosy' [History's different voices]. The Congress hosted a group of social archivists from Ukraine (as part of CSA's cooperation with Fundacja Dobra Wola). Events from the main programme of the Congress (opening of the Congress, presentations of artistic and cultural projects, debate on the topic 'When stories become history', conclusion) were translated into Ukrainian. Ukrainian speakers were able to participate both in-person and online.

In 2025, the CSA is a partner in the project entitled 'Dziedzictwo Ukraińców w Polsce: co dalej? W stronę raportu o stanie dziedzictwa kulturowego mniejszości ukraińskiej w Polsce' [The heritage of Ukrainians in Poland: what next? Towards a report on the state of the cultural heritage of the Ukrainian minority in Poland], carried out by the Faculty of International and Political Studies of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. The aim of the project is to identify the state of Ukrainian cultural heritage, diagnose the problems and challenges relevant to it, document this heritage and develop recommendations for further action. The Centre for Social Archiving will hold a webinar on the documentation of social heritage as part of the project.

The Centre for Social Archiving carries out ongoing activities to support organisations running social archives, which include training, consultation and provision of digital tools for describing and publishing their collections (Open Archiving System and Social Collections website). These organisations include entities dealing with national minorities (German, Armenian, Ukrainian) and ethnic minorities (Lemko).

3. Knowledge of minorities

Below you will find brief information on selected activities of cultural institutions subordinate to the MCNH, in which the presentation of knowledge on national and ethnic minorities in Poland is included in the permanent exhibition and educational offer. These activities help intensify the efforts to promote awareness and tolerance in Polish society as a whole with regard to, among other things, regional or minority languages and the cultures they represent.

National Museum in Gdańsk

As part of its statutory and project activities, the Department of Ethnography of the Museum cooperates with ethnic groups living in Eastern Pomerania - Kashubians, Kociewiaks, inhabitants of Żuławy, Powiśle and Bory Tucholskie, but also with national minorities - Ukrainians, Belarusians and Tartars. Each year, themed days are organised as part of the Summer Ethnographic Fair held in the Museum's garden: Kashuby Day, Kociewie Day, Żuławy and Powiśle Day, to which regional bands, artists and craftswomen are invited. In addition, the Department of Ethnography of the

	Museum is the headquarters of the Association of Folk Artists in Gdańsk, looks after the Association's archives and organises its members' conventions. Institute for Linguistic Diversity of the Republic - The 'Linguistic Diversity' grant programme, which was announced in 2025 (the pilot edition has been completed). Under the programme, it was possible to apply for support for cultural activities important for the preservation and development of national, ethnic, local or regional identity, especially that for which language is the primary form of expression. The applicants could apply for funds for artistic events - festivals, reviews, exhibitions, concerts, performances, etc., in which language is the dominant form of expression, presenting artistic and cultural content important for the cultural identity and strengthening the sense of connection, identification and awareness of social groups; educational activities such as workshops, webinars, e-learning courses, video blogs and podcasts to communicate knowledge about languages, the dynamics of their development and their impact on contemporary culture; meetings, symposia, conferences dedicated to languages; development of archives, repositories and portals that document, collect and popularise knowledge about languages and the culture associated with them; preparation of educational materials for language learning, i.e. materials that replace or complement textbooks, in paper or electronic form, e.g. workbooks, board games, digital games, applications; promotional campaigns, social activities demonstrating the value of multilingualism and cultural diversity. The programme's budget amounted to PLN 1,500,000. A total of 266 applications were submitted, of which 33 were awarded funding. The following amounts were allocated for the support for projects designed to support the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities and preserve and develop a regional language, listed in the Act of 6 January on national and ethnic minorities and the regional language: Kashubian language - PLN 126,300, Lemko language - PLN 100,100, Armenian language - PLN 58,500. It is important to note that the grant programme is a competition in which the highest rated applications receive funding. It does not have a separate mechanism to guarantee the award of a grant to a minority as defined in the aforementioned Act, and the quality of the projects determines whether they receive a grant. This is therefore different from the grant programme of the Ministry of the Interior and Administration, which systemically supports the social groups in question. - A series of webinars on linguistic diversity organised with the Mazovian Local Government Centre for the Education of Teachers in Warsaw. It is intended to support the STEAM education model, which is related to the participation of children, young people and teachers in the broadly defined world of culture. The topics of the webinars are regional dialects in the context of their related culture and art of the community and the region in which they are used. The webinars are conducted by academic teachers and linguistic and cultural experts. A pilot programme is being implemented this year, which the Institute is planning to develop in other provinces. A webinar on the Kashubian language is planned for this edition (November 2025). - In 2025, in collaboration with the Studnia O. Foundation, as part of the International Storytelling Art Festival, the Institute announced the competition entitled 'Opowieść. Siła różnorodności' [Story.
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	The power of diversity]. The aim of this activity is to create a space for storytelling in minority languages/dialects. The competition is designed for anyone who is passionate about storytelling and does so in regional varieties of Polish, a national or ethnic minority language, a regional language or the Polish sign language. - Publishers. Editorial work was carried out on the book entitled 'Gwarno. O różnorodności językowej w Polsce' [Gwarno. On linguistic diversity in Poland] (working title) by Martyna Skibińska, published in cooperation with the publishing house Dwie Siostry in Warsaw. This is a popular science book for children aged 8 and older. The introduction includes reflections on the role of language in communication and culture, and discusses the concept of linguistic diversity. The key part of the book is a description of selected languages and dialects currently spoken in Poland. The following languages are described: Belarusian, Czech, Yiddish, Karaite, Kashubian, Lithuanian, Lemko, German, Armenian, Roma, Slovak, Silesian, Tatar, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, Wilamów and the Polish sign language; as well as the following dialects: Krakow, Kurpie, Podhale, Poznań, Świętokrzyskie, Warsaw, Wielkopolskie and Przemyśl 'bałak'. The illustrations for the book were prepared by Agnieszka Probola. - The Institute designed a study to gain knowledge about the presence and functioning of linguistic and cultural communities in Poland. The study will include, among other things, an analysis of the presence of measures for linguistic diversity in national and regional strategic documents, the location of centres of linguistic/cultural activity, and the identification of community leaders in minority groups. Ultimately, the study is intended to determine the situation of individual languages and identify the necessary and most urgent actions that need to be taken. The results of the study will form the basis for the preparation of effective and precise intervention programmes (grant programme, scholarships, publications, promotion) aimed at protecting, preserving and documenting linguistic diversity and safeguarding linguistic rights. The project will be implemented by the University of Gdańsk. E. Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute Information on the programmes or activities conducted by the Jewish Historical Institute (JHI) in the years 2023 -2025, which have enabled funding projects that contribute to maintaining the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities or preserving and developing the regional language. - Yiddish course - Yiddish classes have been held from autumn 2017 until now. During the week, 2 groups are taught: on Mondays the advanced group (3 participants), and on Fridays the intermediate group (4 participants). The only participants are employees of the JHI. - Purim ball - co-organised every year on the occasion of Purim by the JHI together with other Jewish institutions and organisations: 11 March 2023, 23 March 2024, 15 March 2025. - Hanukkah concerts - the programme includes excerpts from Georg Friedrich Händel's oratorio Judah Maccabaeus HWV 63 performed by the orchestra and choir of the National Philharmonic conducted by Maciej Tomaszewicz: 7 December 2023.
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- The meeting '100. jorcajt Reginy Lilentalowej. O dziedzictwie pionierki, etnografki i publicystki' [Regina Lilentalowa's 100th anniversary. On the legacy of the pioneer, ethnographer and publicist]
- the participants of the discussion included Regina Lilentalowa's granddaughter Dorota Liliental, Dr. Adam Czyżewski and Prof. Marcin Wodziński, 5 December 2024.

POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews

The POLIN Museum conducts a range of activities involving national and ethnic minorities, with a particular focus on projects concerning the identity of the Jewish minority. It also carries out educational activities on the history and culture of the Roma, Ukrainian and Belarusian minorities. It is worth mentioning that some of these projects were carried out as part of the 'Jewish Cultural Heritage (JCH) programme, the 'Education and Innovation Development' (EID) programme, as well as with the support of the Foundation 'Erinnerung, Verantwortung und Zukunft' (EVZ Foundation - 'Remembrance, Responsibility and Future').

Treblinka Museum

The celebrations have been organised annually, also in 2023-2025:

- 14 June - National Day of Remembrance for the Victims of German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camps;
- 2 August - anniversary of the outbreak of the revolt of the prisoners of the Treblinka death camp;
- September - patriotic and religious events at the Execution Site;
- a meeting of the Polish and Israeli youth - on 20 November 2024, representatives of both countries once again met to commemorate and pay tribute to those murdered at the Treblinka II extermination camp. More than 300 participants from Israel and Poland attended the event, with the young people participating together in educational and integration workshops.
- publishing books, magazines, periodicals and pamphlets in minority languages or in Polish, in printed form and in other image and sound recording techniques; articles by the Museum's staff: 'Zagłada ludności żydowskiej, polskiej i romskiej w obozie zagłady Treblinka II w relacjach świadków' [The extermination of the Jewish, Polish and Roma population in the Treblinka II extermination camp in the accounts of witnesses] [in:] *Formy zniewolenia na okupowanych przez Niemcy ziemiach polskich (1939–1945). Obozy, getta, więzienia (2023)* [Forms of enslavement in German-occupied Polish territories (1939-1945). Camps, ghettos, prisons (2023)]; 'Medal Zasłużony dla Muzeum Treblinka' [Medal of merit for the Treblinka Museum] [in:] *Romano Atmo 3 2023 (105)* (Roma quarterly); 'Pamięć o Zagładzie zapisana w wierszach' [Memory of the Holocaust written in poems], Treblinka Museum 2023, the authors included a person of Roma origin;
- running libraries and documenting the cultural and artistic life of minorities; the Treblinka Museum's library offers books in German, Czech, Russian and Hebrew on the history of World War II and the Treblinka II extermination camp and Treblinka I labour camp;
- education of children and young people in various forms; the educational activities and workshops carried out at the Treblinka Museum include the history, culture and Holocaust of national and ethnic

	minorities. Since 2024, the Treblinka Museum has been organising activities jointly with the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews as part of the latter's programme entitled 'Muzeum w pudełku' [Museum in a Box]. Visitors to Treblinka have the opportunity to learn about the culture and history of Polish Jews - promoting knowledge of minorities; during tours guided by museum guides, publications issued, an audio guide made available at the Treblinka II extermination camp - a free app for smartphones in Hebrew and German - and an audio guide - Treblinka I Labour Camp - available in German, translation into German of the catalogue of the exhibition entitled 'W 80. rocznicę śmierci Henryka Goldszmita/Janusza Korczaka' [On the 80th anniversary of the death of Henryk Goldszmit/Janusz Korczak]; - other tasks to achieve the objectives referred to in paragraph 1, in particular implemented under multiannual programmes: cooperation with the Polish Roma Association in Oświęcim, the Union of Polish Roma with its seat in Szczecinek, the Central Council of Roma in Białystok and the Foundation Towards Dialogue. In cooperation with one of these organisations, a publication entitled 'Romowie. Historia i poezja. Zagłada Romów, wiersze Romów Europejskich' [Roma people. History and poetry. The extermination of the Roma, poems by European Roma people]. Esther Rachel and Ida Kamińska Jewish Theatre - Centre for Yiddish Culture This institution is jointly managed by the City of Warsaw and the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage (under an unlimited contract). In 2025, the grant from the MCNH for the Jewish Theatre, according to the UB plan, is PLN 3,620,000. The institution is the only Jewish Theatre in Poland and one of only two permanent theatres in Europe staging plays in Yiddish. Since July 2012, in accordance with its statute, the Theatre has also operated the Yiddish Culture Centre (JCC), whose activities in 2023- 2024 were as follows: - In 2023, the JCC carried out 1,228 hours of educational and artistic activities, workshops and lectures as part of the University of the Third Age, the Jewish Open University, the Educational and Cultural Programme and Yiddish and Hebrew language courses. A total of 3,789 people took part in all activities. The activities had a classroom, online and hybrid form. - In 2024, the JCC carried out 1,310 hours of educational and artistic activities, workshops and lectures as part of the University of the Third Age, the Jewish Open University, the Educational and Cultural Programme and Yiddish and Hebrew language courses. The educational offer of activities for seniors was expanded, with the introduction of, among other things, psychological workshops, art therapy and film club sessions, information technology classes and additional trips to activate seniors. In March 2024, the JCC launched a new project entitled 'Kinderwelt' [Children's world] - a place for family education and sensory activities for infants, turning children at a young age into culture recipients. A total of 4,555 people took part in all these activities. The activities had a classroom, online and hybrid form. National Library
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- Between 2023 and 2025, the National Library collected publications of national and ethnic minorities and in regional languages, coming both from the obligatory deposit and from bibliophile auction purchases. The collections of the National Library received publications published in Poland by and for national and ethnic minorities, including: Besida (quarterly of the Main Association of Lemkos), Awedis: posłaniec niosący dobrą nowinę: czasopismo ormiańskie (Polish Armenian Culture and Heritage Foundation); Život: kultúrno - spoločenský časopis' (Association of Slovaks in Poland), Przegląd Tatarski (Muslim Religious Union in the Republic of Poland), Naše Slovo (Union of Ukrainians in Poland) and many other titles of both periodicals and non-serial printed publications. The National Library's staff catalogued the collections for perpetual storage and to make them available to all interested parties in the Library's reading rooms. A number of activities aimed at the protection, preservation and development of the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities and the preservation and development of the regional language were also carried out by the National Library through the Digital National Library Polona.pl. The materials published in the digital library include text and iconographic documents bearing witness to the functioning of national minorities in the territories of Poland, such as the Belarusian 'Z belaruskaga paletku: adnadrēka: Vil'nā, Traven', the iconographic documents 'Typy z Jaremcza' and the pre-war publications 'O języku Ormian Polskich' [On the language of the Polish Armenians], Głosownia gwary ormiańskiej w Kutach Jana Hanusza' [Voice of the Armenian dialect in Kut by Jan Hanusz] and 'Kwestya alfabetu litewskiego w państwie rosyjskiem i jej rozwiązanie Jana Niecisława Baudouina de Courtenay' [The question of the Lithuanian alphabet in the Russian state and its solution by Jan Niecisław Baudouin de Courtenay].

Silesian Institute

Since 2019, the Silesian Institute has been implementing an interdisciplinary research programme to analyse the presence of minority languages in public spaces. The project combines political science, linguistics and historical and sociological perspectives. The research focuses on the use of minority languages in everyday life, official systems, the press and the education system. The result is three volumes of scientific monographs and a series of international conferences. The project documents the changing position of minority languages, showing their importance in shaping local identity and language policy in Poland and Europe.

Dictionary of Silesian dialects - 18 volumes (up to letter M), the last volume published in 2024. 'Słownik gwar śląskich' [The dictionary of Silesian dialects] is a long-term research project carried out by the Linguistic Research Laboratory of the Silesian Institute. Its aim is the documentation and scientific study of the lexis of Silesian dialects. The project is based on a unique file of more than one million fiches, collected over several decades. The dictionary records the meanings, forms, geographical occurrences and etymology of words, also taking into account phraseologisms and proverbs, and provides quotations to illustrate the use of words (often in phonetic spelling). It is a

	tool for researchers, teachers and language enthusiasts. By May 2024, 18 volumes covering letters A to M had been published. From the very beginning, the work on the creation of the 'Dictionary of Silesian Dialects' has focused not only on the acquisition of lexicographical material, but primarily on its consolidation, ordering, description and cataloguing. The work on the dictionary was led in turn by eminent linguists: Prof. S. Bąk, Prof. S. Rospond, Prof. F. Pluta and Prof. Bogusław Wyderka. Today, the 'Dictionary of Silesian Dialects' is compiled by a four-person team of dialectologists consisting of Dr Agata Haas, Dr Małgorzata Iżykowska, Dr Krzysztof Kleszcz and Dr Marzena Muszyńska. This multi-volume lexicon notes and describes a huge number of individual words characteristic of the Silesian dialects and shows their diversity in terms of semantics, word formation and phonetics. The material collected at the Laboratory is compiled according to an established methodology in such a way that it can also be used by people without philological training. The 'Dictionary of Silesian Dialects' helps to preserve and promote the unique vocabulary characteristic of the region and the richness of Silesian dialects and their great diversity. It provides a better understanding of the local identity, history and traditions of the people of Silesia. - Multilingualism of national and ethnic minorities in Poland and Central and Eastern Europe: conditions, practices, policies - planned measure. The project would investigate the conditions and practices of multilingualism in national and ethnic minority communities in Poland and compare them with selected countries in Central and Eastern Europe (Lithuania, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary and Balkan countries). State language policies, educational practices, the attitude of families and local communities towards the minority language and the extent of the presence of minority languages in public and media spaces would be analysed. The project would involve field research, i.e. interviews with representatives of minority communities (teachers, parents, local leaders) and analysis of programme documents and statistical data. The project would help identify patterns of support for (or disappearance of) multilingualism and the factors favouring its preservation. - Policies in favour of national and ethnic minorities in Poland after 2005: analysis of implementation, effects and challenges - planned measures. The aim of the project would be to conduct a comprehensive analysis of public policies towards national and ethnic minorities in Poland after 2005 - i.e. after the enactment of the Act on National and Ethnic Minorities and the Regional Language. The research would focus on evaluating the implementation of national programmes (e.g. programmes for the Roma community, grant funds) and activities at the local level. Public documents, financial data, performance reports and expert interviews with minority and administrative representatives would be analysed. - Cultural heritage of minorities in Poland - protection, transmission, presence in public space - planned measure. The project would address the preservation, transmission and presence of the cultural heritage of national and ethnic minorities in Poland in contemporary public space. The
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	analysis would cover the activities of state institutions, NGOs and minority communities themselves for the protection of heritage - both tangible (historical monuments, museums, archives) and intangible (language, music, customs, historical memory). The research would include case studies relating to the Lemko, German, Karaite and Tatar communities, among others. The result would be an interactive map of minority heritage projects in Poland, a scientific publication and proposals for cultural and educational policies. Podlasie Museum in Białystok The Historical Museum is particularly active in maintaining the cultural identity of the Polish Tatars. We are the custodians of the largest collection of memorabilia related to this ethnic group in Poland. The collection is being actively developed, and each expansion of the collection is particularly promoted. This resource, enriched by scholarly studies prepared by the museum staff, is used frequently and regularly by researchers of Tatar culture from Polish and European research centres, the media, Polish diplomatic missions and, last but not least, by visitors to the museum. For many years, the museum has cooperated with the Union of Tatars of the Republic of Poland and the Muslim Religious Union in the Republic of Poland. At the end of 2025, both organisations will celebrate the hundredth anniversary of their founding. The Podlasie Museum in Białystok, counting on the support of the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage, is planning to organise exhibitions and cultural events related to these anniversaries. Between 2023 and 2025, we engaged in a lively dialogue with representatives of the Tatar community, taking part in events and celebrations it organised and seeking new grounds for cooperation. We are regular visitors to the Summer Academy of Knowledge about Tatars. The materials we make available and the consultations we provide result in several publications and papers presented at scientific conferences every year. Museum of Two Nations in Bielsko Podlaskie / Branch of the Podlasie Museum in Białystok The Museum of Both Nations in Bielsko Podlaskie collects artefacts that are an extremely important part of the culture and traditions of national minorities, including Belarusian and Ukrainian, living in the Bielsko district. These include museum artefacts from the folk towel collection acquired through many years of searches, field research and donations. The ethnographic collection also includes elements of old folk costumes and textiles that are important for national minorities, which we use during museum activities for the Ukrainian or Belarusian minorities, as well as for schools and kindergartens with Belarusian as the language of instruction. Students who are members of the Union of Podlasie Ukrainians and individuals also benefit from the activities. The museum also supports the activities of artists, including folk artists, of national minorities by carrying out research on textile and costume design for them. It is systematically developing a collection of works by well-known artists from national minorities. Its collections include works by Małgorzata Dmítruk, Sławomir Rybak, Oleg Kobzar and Mirosław Zdrajkowski, whose work was inspired by the collection of folk towels from the collections of the Museum of Two Nations. Museum of Icons in Supraśl / Branch of the Podlasie Museum in Białystok
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Another institution worth mentioning is the Museum of Icons in Supraśl, whose activities focus the culture of Poland's eastern neighbours. The museum promotes icon and church art associated with the Orthodox Church, both regionally and in a broader historical context. The Museum's permanent multimedia exhibition presents various works of Orthodox church art. Among the artefacts on display are works related to Podlasie, as well as the former territories of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, the Old Believers (a religious minority separated from the Orthodox Church), and other manifestations of icon art. The section of the exhibition devoted to relics of Podlasie churches presents priceless 16th-century post-Byzantine frescoes from the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Supraśl Monastery, as well as other important monuments of Orthodox church art and works from the region. An important part of the permanent exhibition is one of the richest collections of old rite icons in the country, which delight with their diversity resulting from many iconographic traditions. The artefacts from the former territory of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth include icons from temples dating from the 16th to 18th centuries. In addition to ancient iconography, in Prof. J. Nowosielski's Room, the museum presents the master's works as well as contemporary icons with references to the tradition of icon art.

In 2023-2024, the Museum of Icons purchased monuments of Orthodox church art with funds from a grant received from the MCNH under the National Institute of Museums' own programme entitled 'Rozbudowa zbiorów muzealnych' [Expansion of Museum Collections] for a total of PLN 234,000 (grant amount PLN 184,578.08). The Museum of Icons is also expanding its collection by purchasing artefacts as part of its internal collection policy, financed from the institution's own funds.

Central Prisoners-of-War Museum

The Central Prisoners-of-War Museum (CPWM) is systematically preserving and digitising archival documents from the Wehrmachtauskunftsstelle für Kriegerverluste und Kriegsgefangene group from the year 1939-1945 and creating a database on their basis. The task aims to restore and preserve the unique files of the museum's archive, which are at risk of irreversible damage due to high paper acidification, and to digitise them and make the information they contain available. These documents constitute the most important and often the only available source of information in Poland concerning the individual fate of Polish prisoners of war during World War II, including representatives of national and ethnic minorities such as Belorussian, Czech, Lithuanian, German, Armenian, Russian, Slovak, Ukrainian and Jewish. The documents provide a basis for making information available to descendants of families of Polish prisoners of war, including representatives of national minorities.

In 2023, the CPWM has joined in the organisation of the 80th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. As part of this project, from 19 April to 30 June, the Museum presented in Opole a temporary exhibition entitled 'They were neighbours: human choices and behaviour in the face of the Holocaust', prepared by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC, and held a series of workshops for secondary school students.

	In connection with the reconstruction of the headquarters of the CPWM in Łambinowice and the dismantling of the permanent exhibitions that existed there, the Museum undertook work on a new exhibition, including one dedicated to the post-war labour camp in Łambinowice for the German population and people recognised as Germans. Research queries, collection of materials and work on the concept for this exhibition are planned for 2025. In 2026, the Museum is planning to prepare a graphic design for the exhibition. Ultimately, the exhibition prepared in Polish, German and English will be accompanied by an educational programme designed for schools in the Opolskie Province (including those teaching German as a minority language). The CPWM is carrying out research, including scientific queries in state and family archives planned for 2025, on the subject of 'Jews - soldiers of the Polish Armed Forces in the captivity of the Wehrmacht and the NKVD', which is expected to culminate in the preparation of a scientific publication and a temporary exhibition devoted to this subject. The CPWM regularly supports (also as a partner) and participates in the commemoration of the Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Upper Silesian Tragedy (the last Sunday of January - 26 January this year), organised by the Social and Cultural Society of Germans in Opole Silesia. The ceremonies take place at the Cemetery of Victims of the Labour Camp in Łambinowice and are accompanied by scientific meetings, film screenings, seminars and, for example, presentations of exhibitions initiated by the CPWM. On 22 January 2025, the CPWM, in cooperation with the Opole Board of Education and the Silesian Institute in Opole, organised an educational conference in Łambinowice entitled 'The Upper Silesian Tragedy of 1945 in school education'. Apart from the desire to provide a historical overview of the dramatic events that are nowadays referred to as the Upper Silesian Tragedy, the aim of the conference was to discuss the practical side of education on this topic and to discuss ways of conveying this difficult knowledge to students. As part of the meeting, the participants took part, among other things, in demonstration workshops conducted using the innovative Avatar method. e. Draw up, in co-operation with the speakers, an action plan on the implementation of the Charter for German. In Polish education law, the languages of all national and ethnic minorities and the Kashubian regional language have the same status. However, due to regional variations, dispersion across the country or the number of users, the forms of support for the teaching of these languages can vary considerably. Funding for minority/regional language teaching is systemically provided by the government and transferred to local authorities in the form of an increased education subsidy (currently the amount allocated to education needs).
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	With regard to the support for teachers in 2019, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 28 May 2019 <i>on teacher training centres</i>⁴⁸ oblige school superintendents to: - include, as appropriate, in the plan of the methodological counselling network in a given province, methodological counselling for teachers employed in schools where a national or ethnic minority language or regional language is taught; - cooperate with organisations of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the creation of the above-mentioned methodological counselling network. In 2023, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of Education and Science of 14 September 2023 amending the Regulation on the <i>standard of education preparing for the teaching profession</i>⁴⁹ enabled universities to provide training for regional language teachers in accordance with the demand expressed by the Committee on National and Ethnic Minorities of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, i.e. also during first-cycle programme studies. Kashubian language teacher training is provided by the University of Gdańsk. Adequately to the changes in the way teachers are trained, the questions of qualifications for teaching or conducting classes in kindergartens, schools, groups or branches that enable students belonging to national minorities, ethnic minorities or communities speaking a regional language to maintain their sense of national, ethnic or linguistic identity have been regulated. In addition to measures concerning languages of national minorities and ethnic minorities as well as regional languages, initiatives were also taken in 2024 concerning regional education and the Silesian language. In 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 20 July 2018 - <i>Higher Education and Science Law</i>⁵⁰, the Minister of Education commissioned and funded: - the preparation and delivery of a two-semester postgraduate course for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, for at least 25 professionally active
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⁴⁸ Journal of Laws of 2023, item 2738, as amended.

⁴⁹ Journal of Laws, item 2003.

⁵⁰ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended.

	teachers; this course was delivered - in the academic year 2024/2025 - by the University of Silesia in Katowice; - the provision of packages of methodical materials and teaching aids in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature for teachers participating in the above-mentioned postgraduate course and for at least 500 schools and kindergartens conducting classes in regional education; - the creation of a freely accessible Internet platform with methodological materials and teaching aids for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature. The implementation of the above tasks is supported by a nationwide teacher training establishment, i.e. the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw, to which the Minister of Education commissioned and financed the preparation and dissemination of methodological materials for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, teaching aids and translations. As part of the performance of the above task, the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw - in the period from 11 October 2024 to 31 December 2024 - carried out the following activities: - four classroom training courses entitled 'Silesia - History, Culture, Language', aimed at popularising cultural heritage focused on cultivating customs and learning about the Upper Silesian region. The training courses were attended by 199 participants, i.e. teachers-consultants, methodological advisers and teachers interested in the topic of the training; - two online training courses entitled 'How to Conduct Regional Education Classes Using Quests?'. The participants learnt about the methodology for creating quests, acquired the skills needed to conduct classes using this technique and had individual consultations with the instructors; - lectures and workshops, visiting museums and places of cultural heritage in Upper Silesia, and watching a theatre play entitled 'Mianujom mie Hanka', which enabled participants to acquire knowledge about the region and the diversity of Silesian history and culture; - methodological materials on literature, art and customs shaping everyday life and the specific characteristics of the regional language have been posted on the website of the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw for general access and use by teachers when planning and conducting regional education classes.
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	The teaching of a minority language, a regional language, a minority's own history and culture and the geography of the country with whose cultural area the minority identifies is carried out on the basis of curricula approved for use in a school by the school principal. Pursuant to Article 22aa of the Act of 7 September 1991 <i>on the Education System</i>⁵¹, a teacher may decide to implement a curriculum with the use of a textbook, educational material or exercise material, or without these teaching aids. The selection of a textbook or educational material that replaces a textbook and exercise materials for educational classes is made by a team of teachers teaching the specific classes. If a textbook is selected to implement a curriculum, this selection is made from among the textbooks approved for school use. The minister responsible for education approves a textbook for school use after obtaining positive opinions from textbook experts⁵². Textbooks approved for school use that are in line with the current core curriculum are included in the lists published on the website of the Ministry of National Education. Textbooks, including textbooks for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, are approved for school use at the request of an entity (publisher) holding the author's economic rights for the textbook. Most textbooks for teaching a minority language, the history and culture of a minority are written gradually, usually by publishers associated with or representing minority communities in Poland. Pursuant to Article 68 of the Act of 27 October 2017 <i>on the Financing of Educational Tasks</i>⁵³, textbooks and supporting books for the education of students within the scope necessary to sustain a sense of national, ethnic and linguistic identity may be subsidised from the state budget from the part at the disposal of the minister competent for education and upbringing. Due to the high unit price of textbooks for minorities (high cost of preparation combined with low circulation), the Ministry of National Education finances all costs related to the preparation, writing and publication of textbooks and supplementary books for the education of students declaring membership in national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language. Subsidies are available for textbooks that have been approved for school use by the minister responsible for education and were included in the list of textbooks intended for general education for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language,
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⁵¹ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 750, as amended.

⁵² Article 22an(1) of the Act on the *Education System*.

⁵³ Journal of Laws of 2025, item 439.

as well as for so-called supplementary books (e.g. exercise books, subject dictionaries, method books) which are not subject to approval for school use.

According to the rules laid down by the Ministry of National Education, textbooks for teaching the language of the national minority, the history and culture and geography of the country with whose territory the national minority identifies, are financed first, and supplementary books are subsidised second. The textbooks and supplementary books are distributed free of charge to the relevant school superintendent's offices and then to school libraries or inter-school teaching teams, as ordered by school principals. This system guarantees adequate distribution of and access to free textbooks and supplementary books for successive year groups of students attending minority or regional language classes.

In 2023-2024, the following textbooks and supplementary books for national minorities were funded:

2023	3 titles	PLN 42,774.32	Wydawnictwo Klett	Lektor
2024	3 titles	PLN 42,304.00	Wydawnictwo Klett	Lektor
2025	1) 'Niko 1'. German language textbook for the German minority 2) 'Niko 2'. German language textbook for the German minority 3) 'Niko 3'. German language textbook for the German minority	PLN 46,968.00 (contract completed)	Wydawnictwo Klett	Lektor

2.5 Karaim	a. Draw up, in co-operation with the minority, an action plan on the revitalisation of Karaim and for the implementation of the Charter for this language. In Polish education law, the languages of all national and ethnic minorities and the Kashubian regional language have the same status. However, due to regional variations, dispersion across the country or the number of users, the forms of support for the teaching of these languages can vary considerably. Funding for minority/regional language teaching is systemically provided by the government and transferred to local authorities in the form of an increased education subsidy (currently the amount allocated to education needs). With regard to the support for teachers in 2019, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 28 May 2019 <i>on teacher training centres</i>⁵⁴ oblige school superintendents to: - include, as appropriate, in the plan of the methodological counselling network in a given province, methodological counselling for teachers employed in schools where a national or ethnic minority language or regional language is taught; - cooperate with organisations of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the creation of the above-mentioned methodological counselling network. In 2023, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of Education and Science of 14 September 2023 amending the Regulation on the <i>standard of education preparing for the teaching profession</i>⁵⁵ enabled universities to provide training for regional language teachers in accordance with the demand expressed by the Committee on National and Ethnic Minorities of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, i.e. also during first-cycle programme studies. Kashubian language teacher training is provided by the University of Gdańsk. Adequately to the changes in the way teachers are trained, the questions of qualifications for teaching or conducting classes in kindergartens, schools, groups or branches that enable students belonging to national minorities, ethnic minorities or communities speaking a regional language to maintain their sense of national, ethnic or linguistic identity have been regulated.
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⁵⁴ Journal of Laws of 2023, item 2738, as amended.

⁵⁵ Journal of Laws, item 2003.

	In addition to measures concerning languages of national minorities and ethnic minorities as well as regional languages, initiatives were also taken in 2024 concerning regional education and the Silesian language. In 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 20 July 2018 - <i>Higher Education and Science Law</i>⁵⁶, the Minister of Education commissioned and funded: - the preparation and delivery of a two-semester postgraduate course for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, for at least 25 professionally active teachers; this course was delivered - in the academic year 2024/2025 - by the University of Silesia in Katowice; - the provision of packages of methodical materials and teaching aids in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature for teachers participating in the above-mentioned postgraduate course and for at least 500 schools and kindergartens conducting classes in regional education; - the creation of a freely accessible Internet platform with methodological materials and teaching aids for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature. The implementation of the above tasks is supported by a nationwide teacher training establishment, i.e. the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw, to which the Minister of Education commissioned and financed the preparation and dissemination of methodological materials for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, teaching aids and translations. As part of the performance of the above task, the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw - in the period from 11 October 2024 to 31 December 2024 - carried out the following activities: - four classroom training courses entitled 'Silesia - History, Culture, Language', aimed at popularising cultural heritage focused on cultivating customs and learning about the Upper Silesian region. The training courses were attended by 199 participants, i.e. teachers-consultants, methodological advisers and teachers interested in the topic of the training; - two online training courses entitled 'How to Conduct Regional Education Classes Using Quests?'. The participants learnt about the methodology for creating quests, acquired the skills needed to conduct classes using this technique and had individual consultations with the instructors;
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⁵⁶ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended.

	- lectures and workshops, visiting museums and places of cultural heritage in Upper Silesia, and watching a theatre play entitled 'Mianujom mie Hanka', which enabled participants to acquire knowledge about the region and the diversity of Silesian history and culture; - methodological materials on literature, art and customs shaping everyday life and the specific characteristics of the regional language have been posted on the website of the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw for general access and use by teachers when planning and conducting regional education classes. The teaching of a minority language, a regional language, a minority's own history and culture and the geography of the country with whose cultural area the minority identifies is carried out on the basis of curricula approved for use in a school by the school principal. Pursuant to Article 22aa of the Act of 7 September 1991 <i>on the Education System</i>⁵⁷, a teacher may decide to implement a curriculum with the use of a textbook, educational material or exercise material, or without these teaching aids. The selection of a textbook or educational material that replaces a textbook and exercise materials for educational classes is made by a team of teachers teaching the specific classes. If a textbook is selected to implement a curriculum, this selection is made from among the textbooks approved for school use. The minister responsible for education approves a textbook for school use after obtaining positive opinions from textbook experts⁵⁸. Textbooks approved for school use that are in line with the current core curriculum are included in the lists published on the website of the Ministry of National Education. Textbooks, including textbooks for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, are approved for school use at the request of an entity (publisher) holding the author's economic rights for the textbook. Most textbooks for teaching a minority language, the history and culture of a minority are written gradually, usually by publishers associated with or representing minority communities in Poland. Pursuant to Article 68 of the Act of 27 October 2017 <i>on the Financing of Educational Tasks</i>⁵⁹, textbooks and supporting books for the education of students within the scope necessary to sustain a sense of national, ethnic and linguistic identity may be subsidised from the state budget from the part at the disposal of the minister competent for education and upbringing.
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⁵⁷ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 750, as amended.

⁵⁸ Article 22an(1) of the Act on the *Education System*.

⁵⁹ Journal of Laws of 2025, item 439.

	Due to the high unit price of textbooks for minorities (high cost of preparation combined with low circulation), the Ministry of National Education finances all costs related to the preparation, writing and publication of textbooks and supplementary books for the education of students declaring membership in national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language. Subsidies are available for textbooks that have been approved for school use by the minister responsible for education and were included in the list of textbooks intended for general education for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, as well as for so-called supplementary books (e.g. exercise books, subject dictionaries, method books) which are not subject to approval for school use. According to the rules laid down by the Ministry of National Education, textbooks for teaching the language of the national minority, the history and culture and geography of the country with whose territory the national minority identifies, are financed first, and supplementary books are subsidised second. The textbooks and supplementary books are distributed free of charge to the relevant school superintendent's offices and then to school libraries or inter-school teaching teams, as ordered by school principals. This system guarantees adequate distribution of and access to free textbooks and supplementary books for successive year groups of students attending minority or regional language classes. b. Take steps to develop teaching in/of Karaim, based on the existing initiatives. In other situations, each student has the right to learn a minority language in the form of additional classes of that language (3 hours per week).
2.6. Kashub	a. Make education in Kashub available at pre-school, primary and secondary levels, including by providing adequate teacher training and textbooks. Education in minority languages (Belarusian, German, Kashubian, Lemko and Ukrainian) (Belarusian) at kindergarten, elementary school and secondary school level can be provided when a minimum of 7 students (children in kindergarten) at a grade level in a school or kindergarten wish to take advantage of this form of education. Declarations by parents of children/students to this effect oblige the school or kindergarten principal to look for teachers with the appropriate qualifications to carry out these activities.

	In 2023-2024, the following textbooks and supplementary books for national minorities were funded:		
	2023	2 titles	PLN 286,800.00
	2024	2 titles	PLN 293,500.00
	2025	1) Supplementary book for the regional Kashubian language 'Z kaszëbsczim w swiat' [With Kashubian into the world] by Danuta Pioch (1st stage of education)	1) Supplementary book for the regional Kashubian language 'Z kaszëbsczim w swiat' [With Kashubian into the world] by Danuta Pioch (1st stage of education)
With regard to the support for teachers in 2019, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 28 May 2019 <i>on teacher training centres</i>⁶⁰ oblige school superintendents to: - include, as appropriate, in the plan of the methodological counselling network in a given province, methodological counselling for teachers employed in schools where a national or ethnic minority language or regional language is taught; - cooperate with organisations of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the creation of the above-mentioned methodological counselling network. In 2023, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of Education and Science of 14 September 2023 amending the Regulation on the <i>standard of education preparing for the teaching profession</i>⁶¹ enabled universities to provide training for regional language teachers in accordance with the demand expressed by the Committee on National and Ethnic Minorities of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, i.e. also during first-cycle programme studies. Kashubian language teacher training is provided by the University of Gdańsk. Adequately to the changes in the way teachers are trained, the questions of qualifications for teaching or conducting classes in kindergartens, schools, groups or branches that enable students			

⁶⁰ Journal of Laws of 2023, item 2738, as amended.

⁶¹ Journal of Laws, item 2003.

	belonging to national minorities, ethnic minorities or communities speaking a regional language to maintain their sense of national, ethnic or linguistic identity have been regulated. In addition to measures concerning languages of national minorities and ethnic minorities as well as regional languages, initiatives were also taken in 2024 concerning regional education and the Silesian language. In 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 20 July 2018 - <i>Higher Education and Science Law</i>⁶², the Minister of Education commissioned and funded: - the preparation and delivery of a two-semester postgraduate course for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, for at least 25 professionally active teachers; this course was delivered - in the academic year 2024/2025 - by the University of Silesia in Katowice; - the provision of packages of methodical materials and teaching aids in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature for teachers participating in the above-mentioned postgraduate course and for at least 500 schools and kindergartens conducting classes in regional education; - the creation of a freely accessible Internet platform with methodological materials and teaching aids for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature. The implementation of the above tasks is supported by a nationwide teacher training establishment, i.e. the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw, to which the Minister of Education commissioned and financed the preparation and dissemination of methodological materials for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, teaching aids and translations. As part of the performance of the above task, the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw - in the period from 11 October 2024 to 31 December 2024 - carried out the following activities: - four classroom training courses entitled 'Silesia - History, Culture, Language', aimed at popularising cultural heritage focused on cultivating customs and learning about the Upper Silesian region. The training courses were attended by 199 participants, i.e. teachers-consultants, methodological advisers and teachers interested in the topic of the training; - two online training courses entitled 'How to Conduct Regional Education Classes Using Quests?'. The participants learnt about the methodology for creating quests, acquired the skills needed to conduct classes using this technique and had individual consultations with the instructors; - lectures and workshops, visiting museums and places of cultural heritage in Upper Silesia, and watching a theatre play entitled 'Mianujom mie Hanka', which enabled participants to acquire knowledge about the region and the diversity of Silesian history and culture; - methodological materials on literature, art and customs shaping everyday life and the specific characteristics of the regional language have been posted on the website of the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw for general access and use by teachers when planning and conducting regional education classes.
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⁶² Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended.

	The teaching of a minority language, a regional language, a minority's own history and culture and the geography of the country with whose cultural area the minority identifies is carried out on the basis of curricula approved for use in a school by the school principal. Pursuant to Article 22aa of the Act of 7 September 1991 <i>on the Education System</i>⁶³, a teacher may decide to implement a curriculum with the use of a textbook, educational material or exercise material, or without these teaching aids. The selection of a textbook or educational material that replaces a textbook and exercise materials for educational classes is made by a team of teachers teaching the specific classes. If a textbook is selected to implement a curriculum, this selection is made from among the textbooks approved for school use. The minister responsible for education approves a textbook for school use after obtaining positive opinions from textbook experts⁶⁴. Textbooks approved for school use that are in line with the current core curriculum are included in the lists published on the website of the Ministry of National Education. Textbooks, including textbooks for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, are approved for school use at the request of an entity (publisher) holding the author's economic rights for the textbook. Most textbooks for teaching a minority language, the history and culture of a minority are written gradually, usually by publishers associated with or representing minority communities in Poland. Pursuant to Article 68 of the Act of 27 October 2017 <i>on the Financing of Educational Tasks</i>⁶⁵, textbooks and supporting books for the education of students within the scope necessary to sustain a sense of national, ethnic and linguistic identity may be subsidised from the state budget from the part at the disposal of the minister competent for education and upbringing. Due to the high unit price of textbooks for minorities (high cost of preparation combined with low circulation), the Ministry of National Education finances all costs related to the preparation, writing and publication of textbooks and supplementary books for the education of students declaring membership in national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language. Subsidies are available for textbooks that have been approved for school use by the minister responsible for education and were included in the list of textbooks intended for general education for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, as well as for so-called supplementary books (e.g. exercise books, subject dictionaries, method books) which are not subject to approval for school use. According to the rules laid down by the Ministry of National Education, textbooks for teaching the language of the national minority, the history and culture and geography of the country with whose territory the national minority identifies, are financed first, and supplementary books are subsidised second. The textbooks and supplementary books are distributed free of charge to the relevant
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⁶³ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 750, as amended.

⁶⁴ Article 22an(1) of the Act on the *Education System*.

⁶⁵ Journal of Laws of 2025, item 439.

	school superintendent's offices and then to school libraries or inter-school teaching teams, as ordered by school principals. This system guarantees adequate distribution of and access to free textbooks and supplementary books for successive year groups of students attending minority or regional language classes. In 2023-2024, the following textbooks and supplementary books for national minorities were funded:				
	Publication year	National or ethnic minority	Number of titles	Amount	Publisher/entity performing the contract
	2023	Kashubian-speaking community	2 titles	PLN 286,800.00	Kashubian-Pomeranian Association
		Lithuanian	5 titles	PLN 423,300.00	Wydawnictwo "Aušra" Sp. z o.o.
		German	3 titles	PLN 42,774.32	Wydawnictwo Lektor Klett
		Slovak	1 title	PLN 26,700.00	Main Board of the Society of Slovaks in Poland
		Belarusian	1 title	PLN 116,000.00	Association for Children and Young People Learning the Belarussian Language AB-BA
	2024	German	3 titles	PLN 42,304.00	Wydawnictwo Lektor Klett
		Lithuanian	2 titles	PLN 218,650.00	Wydawnictwo "Aušra" Sp. z o.o.
		Ukrainian	1 title	PLN 122,700.00	PROSVITA Foundation

		Kashubian-speaking community	2 titles	PLN 293,500.00	Kashubian-Pomeranian Association
		Slovak	1 title	PLN 28,500.00	Main Board of the Society of Slovaks in Poland
		Belarusian	2 titles (reprint)	PLN 44,547.00	Association for Children and Young People Learning the Belarussian Language AB-BA
	Textbooks and supplementary books funded by the Minister are made public on the Integrated Education Platform, allowing students and teachers to access electronic versions of these materials as well. The list of textbooks approved for school use is published on the website of the Ministry of National Education, under the tab https://podreczniki.men.gov.pl/podreczniki/2. In 2025, the MNE has financed or is planning to finance the following textbooks and supplementary books for national minorities, ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language:				
	Publication year	National or ethnic minority/regional language	List of titles	Estimated amount/amount spent	Publisher/entity performing the contract
	2025	German	1) 'Niko 1'. German language textbook for the German minority 2) 'Niko 2'. German language textbook	PLN 46,968.00 (contract completed)	Wydawnictwo Lektor Klett

		for the German minority 3) 'Niko 3'. German language textbook for the German minority		
	Kashubian-speaking community	1) Supplementary book for the regional Kashubian language 'Z kaszëbsczim w swiat' [With Kashubian into the world] by Danuta Pioch (1st stage of education) 2) Supplementary book for the regional Kashubian language 'Przewodnik literacki' [Literary guide] by Adela Kuk-Kalinowska (1st and 2nd stages of education)	PLN 102,000.00 PLN 131,000.00	Kashubian-Pomeranian Association
	Ukrainian	1) Supplementary book: Ukrainian studies exercise book ' <i>Podróż po Ukrainie część 5 dla klasy VII szkoły podstawowej</i> [Journey in Ukraine	PLN 131,200.00 (contract completed)	PROSVITA Foundation

			part 5 for grade 7 of elementary school], authors: Marek Syrnyk, Natalia Bogdanets'-Biloskalenko, Yulia Shumeyko, Olena Horoshkina 2) Supplementary book: Two parts of the exercise book for grade 1 of elementary school, authors: Marek Syrnyk, Natalia Bogdanets' Biloskalenko, Yulia Shumeyko	PLN 129,700.00		
		Lithuanian	1) Pradinio ugdymo vadovėlis III klasei, 1 dalis. Textbook for early childhood education for grade 3, part 1. Author: Gražina Karaneckienė 2) Pradinio ugdymo vadovėlis III klasei, 2 dalis. Textbook for early childhood education for grade 3, part 2. Author:	PLN 119,700.00 (contract completed) PLN 123,000.00 PLN 111,300.00	Wydawnictwo "Aušra" Sp. z o.o.	

			Gražina Karaneckienė 3) Supplementary book: 'Mokausi ir augu'. Pratybų sąsiuvinis II klasei, 1 dalis. Exercise book for early childhood education for grade 2, part 1. Author: Gražina Karaneckienė			
		Lemko	A supplementary textbook for the study of the Lemko language 'Preselyly nas musowo'. Letters of Lemkos from 1947-1948. Volumes 1-3 (2nd and 3rd stage of education)	PLN 77,000.00	KYCZERA Song and Dance Ensemble	
		Slovak	Supplementary textbook - Renáta Milčáková, <i>Słownik obrazkowy polsko słowacki</i> [Polish-Slovak Picture Dictionary] for elementary school students (1st and 2nd stage of education)	PLN 30,000.00	Main Board of the Society of Slovaks in Poland	

		Belarusian	Textbook for teaching the Belarusian language for grade 7 of elementary school 'Żywoje Słowa' [Living words] by Alina Wawrzeniuk	PLN 129,900.00 (textbook in the process of being approved for school use)	Association for Children and Young People Learning the Belarusian Language AB-BA
	b. Take concrete measures to implement the ratified provisions of Article 10 regarding Kashub in all those local and regional administrative units where the speakers are traditionally present in sufficient numbers, irrespective of the 20% threshold. Article 9 of the Act on National and Ethnic Minorities gives representatives of minorities the right to use the minority language before the municipal authorities as a so-called auxiliary language. An auxiliary language may be used in those municipalities where the number of residents belonging to the minority in question constitutes at least 20% of the total population of the municipality. This means that minority representatives have the right to: '(1) address municipal authorities in the auxiliary language in written or oral form; (2) obtain, upon express request, a reply also in the auxiliary language in written or oral form'. Municipalities in which members of a minority can use an auxiliary language must be entered in the Official Register of Municipalities⁶⁶, which is kept by the minister responsible for national minorities and religious denominations. A municipality is entered in the official register on the basis of an application by the municipal council supported by a resolution to that effect by the municipal council. Between 2006 and 2025, 33 municipalities have been included in this register nationwide. Of these, 22 municipalities are located in the Opolskie Province, where German is the auxiliary language. The largest number of speakers of an auxiliary language is in municipalities of the Opolskie Province, as well as in the Pomorskie and Podlaskie Provinces. In a municipality included in the Official Register, an allowance for knowledge of the auxiliary language used in that municipality may be granted to employees working in the municipal office, in auxiliary units of the municipality and in municipal budgetary units and establishments'. The rules for granting this allowance and its amount are laid down in the regulations on the remuneration of				

⁶⁶ <https://www.gov.pl/web/mniejszosci-narodowe-i-etniczne/urzedowy-rejestr-gmin-w-ktorych-jest-uzywany-jezyk-pomocniczy2>

	local government employees. Knowledge of the auxiliary language must be proven by means of a certificate or diploma. Research conducted in 2019 - A query of 71 municipalities in the Opolskie Province (all) The following question was sent out to the municipalities : 'Does German have the status of an auxiliary language in your municipality? If yes - since when? If yes - please provide information on what proportion of the cases reported to you by clients/residents are dealt with in the auxiliary language (German) (the data can be given in figures or percentages)'. The responses, emailed by the vast majority of municipalities providing their residents with the possibility to handle official matters in an auxiliary language, show that few people take advantage of this. For example: - the municipality of Dobrzeń Wielki, which was entered in the Official Register of municipalities where an auxiliary language is used on 22 April 2009, the response stated: 'At present, the number of cases handled [...] in German is negligible (less than 1%)'; - the reply from Izbicko, where a person was hired at the Municipal Office in March 2006 to provide customer service in German (this employee also handled cooperation with German partners), stated: 'There are rare cases of applications (2-3 per year) submitted to the Civil Registry Office in German'. - the municipality of Kolonowskie, entered in the Official Register of Municipalities on 22 September 2006, explained that 'As far as the number of cases handled in the auxiliary language is concerned, it is small (a few per year). These are usually handled verbally'; - in Walce, it was 'on average, one case per year'; - in Bierawa it was annually around 2% of cases; - in Chrzastowice, this happened 'sporadically', i.e. 2-6 cases per year; - in Jemielnica, it was 2-3 cases per year; - in the municipality of Komprachcice, where German as an auxiliary language was introduced in May 2009 and additional names of localities in German were adopted in December 2009, 'In the period of 2009-2019, no case was handled in German, because no one asked for a case to be handled in German'; - in Ujazd, where German has had the status of an auxiliary language since 2006, 'There are very few cases handled in German, e.g. in the case of the Civil Registry Office , there have been about 5 over the whole period'; - in the municipality of Dobrodzień, where German has had the status of an auxiliary language since 2008, 15-20 cases per year were handled until 2019; - in the municipalities of Prószków, Biała, Murów and Tarnów Opolski, there were no cases dealt with in the auxiliary language at all; - the municipalities of Popielów and Cisek indicated that, although there is no auxiliary language, the office can and does serve German-speaking clients if necessary. 'The Popielów Municipal Office employs clerks who speak German, so if the need arises, clients can have their matters handled in this language'.
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	b) The Act of 6 January 2005 <i>on National and Ethnic Minorities and the Regional Language</i> provides for the possibility to use - in addition to official names of localities and physiographic objects and street names - additional traditional names in the minority language. An additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language may be established at the request of the municipal council if the number of residents of the locality belonging to a minority is not less than 20% of the total number of residents of the locality, or if more than half of the residents of the locality participating in the public consultations are in favour of establishing an additional name in a minority language. Additional names in the minority language may be used alongside official names of localities. The replacement of information boards with the names of localities or physiographic objects within a municipality with boards containing additional names of designated localities or physiographic objects in a minority or regional language is done on the basis of an agreement concluded between the municipal office and the Minister of Interior and Administration. Under the agreement, the Minister entrusts the municipality with the task of replacing the aforementioned boards in connection with the establishment of an additional name in the national or ethnic minority language or regional language. The first entry in the Register of Municipalities⁶⁷ was made on 22 December 2006 for the municipality of Radłów. As of September 2025, the Register of municipalities in which names in a minority language³ is used includes 66 municipalities and 1,282 localities. 2024 In the budget of the MIA for 2024, an amount of PLN 123,000.00 was planned for the replacement of information boards with the names of localities or physiographic objects with boards containing the additional names of these localities or physiographic objects in a minority or regional language. In March and April 2024, letters requesting confirmation of the validity of the cost estimates for the replacement of the boards submitted with the applications or, alternatively, update of the estimates, were sent to the municipalities of Strzelce Opolskie, Zawadzkie and Rudnik. The municipalities indicated have completed the formalities in this regard. A framework model agreement has been agreed at the MIA for the task of replacing information boards with ones that included additional names of localities in a minority or regional language. Subsequently, the MIA has approached several times the municipalities of Strzelce Opolskie, Rudnik, Zawadzkie and Władysławowo to send data and information enabling the preparation of agreements on the replacement of information boards in these areas in connection with the establishment
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⁶⁷ <https://www.gov.pl/web/mniejszosci-narodowe-i-etniczne/rejestr-gmin-na-ktorych-obszarze-sa-uzywane-nazwy-w-jezyku-mniejszosci2>

of additional names of Localities in German or Kashubian, as appropriate. The municipalities of Zawadzkie and Rudnik did not respond to these letters by the deadline. Accordingly, the MIA has concluded agreements with the municipalities that have completed the formalities. On 25 November 2024, an agreement was concluded with the municipality of Władysławowo for the implementation of a task involving the replacement of information boards with the names of the villages Rozewie and Tupadły with boards containing additional names established for both villages in the Kashubian language. The value of the agreement was PLN 27,836.00.

Official name in Polish	Additional name in Kashubian
Rozewie	Rozewié
Tupadły	Tëpadla

In November 2024, an agreement was also concluded with the municipality of Strzelce Opolskie for the implementation of a task involving the replacement of information boards with the names of 3 localities with boards with additional names in German established for these localities. The value of the agreement was PLN 11,670.24.

Official name in Polish	Additional name in German
Jędrynie	Jendrin
Rozmierz	Rosmierz
Warmątowice	Warmuntowitz

2025

As of the beginning of February 2025, applications for inclusion in the Register of municipalities in which names in a minority language are used or for the establishment of additional names of localities relating to the following municipalities were still pending:

- a) Pietrowice Wielkie Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2016. The application concerned the establishment of additional traditional names in German for 11 localities.

- b) Zawadzkie Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2017. The application concerned the establishment of an additional traditional name in German for 1 locality.
- c) Rudnik Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2017. The application concerned the establishment of additional traditional place names for 15 villages in the German language.
- d) Puck Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2021. The application concerned the establishment of additional traditional names in Kashubian for 35 localities.
- e) Rumia Municipality - the application was received by the MIA on 22 August 2024. The application concerned the entry of the municipality in the Register and the establishment of the name for 1 town, Rumia.

In the budget of the MIA for 2025, an amount of PLN 200,000.00 was planned for the replacement of information boards with the names of localities or physiographic objects with boards containing the additional names of these localities or physiographic objects in a minority or regional language.

The Zawadzkie Municipality was added to the Register of municipalities in which names of localities in a minority language are used in February 2025. In addition, the following additional name of a locality has been added to the Register:

Official name in Polish	Additional name in German
Żędowice	Sandowitz

The Pietrowice Wielkie Municipality was added to the Register of municipalities in which names of localities in a minority language are used in March 2025. In addition, the following additional names of localities were included in the Register:

Official name of a locality or physiographic object	Additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language
Amandów	Amandhof
Cyprzanów	Jasnowitz
Gródczanki	Ratsch

	Kornice	Kornitz
	Krowiarki	Polnisch Krawarn
	Lekartów	Lekartow
	Maków	Makau
	Pawłów	Pawlau
	Pietrowice Wielkie	Gross Peterwitz
	Sambrowice	Schammerwitz
	Żerdziny	Schardzin
	The Rumia Municipality was entered in the Register in June 2025. The following additional name of a locality was therefore entered in the Register:	
	Official name of a locality or physiographic object	Additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language
	Rumia	Rëmiô
	In August 2025, the Rudnik Municipality was added to the Register. In addition, additional names of localities were included in the Register:	
	Official name of a locality or physiographic object	Additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language
	Brzeźnica	Bresnitz
	Czerwęcice	Czerwentzütz
	Dolędzin	Dollendzin
	Gamów	Gammau
	Jastrzębie	Habicht

	Lasaki	Lassoki
	Modzurów	Mosurau
	Ponięcice	Ponientzütz
	Rudnik	Rudnik
	Strzybnik	Silberkopf
	Sławienko	Ehrenfeld
	Sławików	Sławikau
	Szonowice	Schonowitz
	A draft agreement to commission the municipality of Rudnik to replace the information boards with the names of the above-mentioned localities was sent in August 2025. According to the cost estimate provided by the said municipality in May 2025, the cost of replacing the information boards will amount to PLN 69,167.62. However, the localities of Grzegorzowice and Ligota Książęca were not included in the Register due to the negative opinion of the Commission for Names of Localities and Physiographic Objects. In the Puck Municipality, by its resolution no. 28/IV/2025 of 28 April 2025, the Commission gave a positive opinion on the establishment of 24 names in the Kashubian language for places located in that municipality, and it gave a negative opinion on 11 names. The Puck Municipality and 24 localities located therein were entered in the Register on 22 September 2025 c. Take concrete measures to facilitate the creation of one public radio station and one public television channel in Kashub covering the territories in which Kashub is spoken. a) National and ethnic minorities and regional language users in the public media <i>[Material prepared on the basis of materials of the National Broadcasting Council available to the MIA]</i> According to Article 21(1a) (8a) of the Broadcasting Act, one of the tasks of public broadcasting entities fulfilling the public service mission is to take into account the needs of national and ethnic minorities	

and communities speaking a regional language in the programme offer. The joint discussions of the National Broadcasting Council, public broadcasters, representatives of organisations bringing together members of these communities and the Joint Commission of the Government and National and Ethnic Minorities has resulted in the development of uniform criteria for the qualification of programmes meeting the expectations of different minority groups. They were finally proposed by the National Broadcasting Council and accepted by the Joint Commission when it published the *Position on programmes for national and ethnic minorities and programmes in the regional language in public radio and television* on 24 February 2010. The document sets out the conditions that programmes qualified by public broadcasters for this type of offer should meet. According to the *Position*, programmes that public service broadcasters intend to address national and ethnic minorities should fulfil all of the following conditions:

- they should be entirely devoted to issues concerning national minorities, ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language;
- they should enable representatives of a national or ethnic minority not only to take part in the programme, but also to speak about themselves and their issues;
- a specific national or ethnic minority or community speaking a regional language should be the explicit addressee of such programmes;
- they should be delivered in a language of an national or ethnic minority or in a regional language;
- they should be prepared by a team comprising representatives of a national minority, ethnic minority or community speaking a regional language concerned.

Public broadcasters were also obliged to comply with the quality criteria for these programmes, i.e., they are to exercise all journalistic care, professionalism and integrity in their production.

On the basis of the annual reporting documentation submitted by the broadcasters, the National Broadcasting Council verifies each year the correctness of the qualification of such programmes and analyses the content of the offer and evaluates it in terms of quantity and quality. If any of the indicated programmes do not meet the criteria contained in the aforementioned *Position*, they are not qualified by the Council for this category of programmes. The verifications conducted by the Council to date indicate that broadcasters generally qualify programmes correctly for this type of offer and that errors occurred incidentally. This mode of operation has been closely linked to the way in which this type of offer is funded. When allocating subscription funds for the next calendar year to companies that had programmes for national and ethnic minorities in their planned programme offer, the National

	Broadcasting Council allocates 100% of the subscription funds to cover the costs indicated by the broadcasters for the creation and dissemination of such programmes. Characteristics of the offer implemented between 2020 and 2024 in the public media The detailed characteristics of the offer addressed to national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language presented below were drawn up by the National Broadcasting Council on the basis of an analysis of the public broadcasters' annual reports on their programme and financial plans approved annually by the Council in this respect in the years 2020-2024. V. Telewizja Polska SA In the years 2020-2024, programmes for individual national and ethnic minorities were broadcast - although not systematically (consistently, every year) in each programme - in 11 local branches of Telewizja Polska SA, i.e. the Białystok, Gdańsk, Katowice, Gorzów Wielkopolski, Kielce, Kraków, Olsztyn, Opole, Rzeszów, Szczecin and Wrocław Branches and in the common band of TVP3 Regionalna. The programme offer, i.e. the titles of the programmes broadcast periodically (mainly once a week) was constant. More often than not, their titles were left in place for subsequent years, while the content of the programmes was changed to address the current events affecting this audience. Each minority was represented in individual programmes constituting part of programme cycles, usually broadcast once a week, in the form of news and current affairs magazines. This offer, addressed to national and ethnic minorities living in Poland, consisted of the following series of programmes broadcast between 2020 and 2024: Belarusian minority: ➤ Tydzień Białoruski [Belarusian Week] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in the Belarusian language, presenting issues relating to the social and cultural life of Belarusians living in the Podlaskie Province.
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	Lithuanian minority: ➤ <i>Panorama Litewska</i> [Lithuanian Panorama] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Lithuanian, presenting issues concerning the social and cultural life of Lithuanians living in the Podlaskie Province. ➤ <i>Pomerania ethnica</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Szczecin) - an information programme; broadcast in the languages of minorities living in Western Pomerania, including Lithuanians, it addresses social issues and cultural events of minority communities in the region. German minority: ➤ <i>Schlesien Journal</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Katowice and TVP3 Opole) - a news and current affairs magazine for the German minority living in Silesia and the Opole region, broadcast in German with subtitles in Polish; it presents social, political, economic and cultural events concerning the German minority living in these regions. ➤ <i>Pomerania ethnica</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Szczecin) - an information programme; broadcast in the languages of minorities living in Western Pomerania, including the German minority, it addresses social issues and cultural events of minority communities in the region. Roma minority: ➤ <i>My Romowie</i> [We the Roma people] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a magazine for the Roma minority, dealing with the social and cultural life of the Roma people living in the Podlaskie Province and the social problems of the Roma people in Poland; created in cooperation with representatives of Roma communities in the Podlaskie Province. The magazine is broadcast in Polish due to the lack of systematisation of the Roma language and the fact that the Roma people commonly speak Polish. Materials showing Roma rituals and songs by Roma bands have been broadcast in the Romani language. Russian minority: ➤ <i>Wiadomości Rosyjskie</i> [Russian News] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, addressed to the Russian minority living in the Podlaskie Province, broadcast in
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	Russian; it discusses current social and political problems and presents cultural events organised by the Russian minority in the region. ➤ <i>Syberyjski Bard zaprasza</i> [Siberian bard invites] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a magazine addressed to the Russian minority, dealing with the social and cultural life of Russians living both in the Podlaskie Poland and other parts of Poland, including the issue of new emigration of Russians to Poland, broadcast in Russian. Tatar minority: ➤ <i>Tatarskie wieści</i> [Tatar news] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a magazine for the Tatar minority, dealing with the social and cultural life of the Tatars living in the Podlaskie Province, created in cooperation with representatives of the Tatar community in the Podlaskie Province. The magazine is broadcast in Polish, as the Tatar minority has for a long time spoken Polish on a daily basis. Ukrainian minority: ➤ <i>Telenowyny</i> [Television news] (broadcast on TVP3 Regionalna in the common band) - a magazine containing informative, journalistic and educational elements concerning the Ukrainian community living in Poland, broadcast in Ukrainian. It presents historical themes and information on Polish-Ukrainian relations; it often includes commentaries by guest speakers on current political and cultural events organised by the Ukrainian minority. ➤ <i>Przegląd Ukraiński</i> [Ukrainian Review] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, addressed to the Ukrainian minority living in the Podlaskie Province, broadcast in Ukrainian; it discusses socio-cultural issues concerning this minority. ➤ <i>Pomerania ethnica</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Szczecin) - an information programme; broadcast in the languages of minorities living in Western Pomerania, including the Ukrainian minority, it addresses social issues and cultural events of minority communities in the region. ➤ <i>Ukraińskie Wieści</i> [Ukrainian News] (broadcast on TVP3 Olsztyn) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it presents issues of social and cultural life, as well as the current problems of the Ukrainian minority living in Warmia and Mazury. It presents the traditions, customs and social activities organised by this community and informs about events in Ukraine and the cooperation between Ukraine and the Warmia and Mazury region.
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	➤ <i>Daleko od domu</i> [Away from home] (broadcast on TVP3 Katowice) - a programme created in Ukrainian and Polish to integrate the Ukrainian minority into Polish society, introducing Poles to Ukrainian culture and tradition. Kashubian minority: ➤ <i>Tedë Jo</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Gdańsk) - a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Kashubian, with subtitles in Polish; addressed to the Kashubians living in Pomerania. It deals with the broadly defined life of this community: its culture, language, customs and history. ➤ <i>Farwe Kaszeb</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Gdańsk) - a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Kashubian with subtitles in Polish; it addresses the contemporary life of the Kashubian community in Pomerania. ➤ <i>Reportaże dla społeczności kaszubskiej</i> [Reportages for the Kashubian community] (broadcast on TVP3 Gdańsk) - reportages addressed to Kashubians, dealing with a wide range of issues concerning the life of this community and created in their language with subtitles in Polish. VI. Regional public radio Between 2020 and 2024, the regional radio stations distributed - similarly to the television programmes - fixed program series, created in the languages of national and ethnic minorities and regional languages spoken by local communities. They were present in eleven of the radio station's programmes, namely: Radio Białystok, Radio Gdańsk, Radio Katowice, Radio Koszalin, Radio Kraków, Radio Olsztyn, Radio Opole, Radio Rzeszów, Radio Szczecin, Radio Wrocław and Radio Zachód. The programme offer in 2020-2024 for the different national and ethnic minorities and the communities speaking a regional language consisted mainly - as in the case of the television offer - of news and current affairs magazines focusing on the regional problems of the minorities living in the respective province. This offer consisted of the following programme series broadcast in the period of 2020-2024: Belarusian minority: ➤ <i>Pod Znakiem Pogoni</i> [Under the Pahonia emblem] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Belarusian; it addresses the problems of the Belarusian minority living in Poland and Podlasie.
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	➤ <i>Duchowe Spotkania</i> [Spiritual encounters] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a religious programme dedicated to the affairs of Orthodox believers in Podlasie. The programme is created in Belarusian and Ukrainian. ➤ <i>Przed wyjściem do cerkwi</i> [Before going to church] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a religious programme addressed to Orthodox believers living in Podlasie, of a journalistic and educational nature. ➤ <i>Pożadlanaja Pieśnia</i> (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a music programme with commentary broadcast in Belarusian; it presents both folk and contemporary music of this minority. Lithuanian minority: ➤ <i>Głos polskich Litwinów</i> [Voice of the Polish Lithuanians] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Lithuanian, addressing current problems of the Lithuanian minority living in the region. Lemko minority: ➤ <i>Sami Swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław) - a news programme for various minorities: Lemko, Ukrainian, German and Armenian, broadcast in the languages of these minorities. It addresses political, social and cultural topics in a regional context. ➤ <i>Kermesz</i> (broadcast on Radio Kraków) - a magazine with current news about the life of these communities and a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian, intended for the Lemko and Ukrainian minorities living in Małopolska. Created and run by representatives of these minorities. It presents the traditions and rituals of these communities, as well as the products of their material and spiritual culture. German minority: ➤ <i>Pojednanie i Przyszłość</i> [Reconciliation and future] (broadcast on Radio Katowice) - a journalistic programme produced in German, edited by the Katowice-based 'Reconciliation and Future' minority organisation; topics include the traditions and culture of the German minority living in
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	Silesia; it presents the achievements of representatives of German culture, science and art born in Silesia. ➤ <i>Praesent</i> (broadcast on Radio Katowice) - a programme produced by the Socio-Cultural Association of Germans of the Silesian Province, based in Racibórz; it has a journalistic character; it contains reports on events, interviews and commentary on the life and activities of the German minority communities in the region; it is broadcast in German. ➤ <i>Allensteiner Welle</i> (broadcast on Radio Olsztyn) - a programme broadcast in German, it has an informative and journalistic character and focuses on the problems of the German minority in Warmia and Mazury. ➤ <i>Die Musik, Hudba, Zene</i> (broadcast on Radio Opole) - a music programme featuring contemporary German music with commentary broadcast in the German language. ➤ <i>Czas mniejszości</i> [Minority time] (broadcast on Radio Opole) - a programme of a journalistic nature, broadcast in German; it presents the problems of the various German minority communities living in the Opole region. ➤ <i>Wiadomości niemieckojęzyczne/Magazyn niemieckojęzyczny</i> [German-language news/German-language magazine] (broadcast on Radio Opole) - programmes in the form of news services, presenting the affairs of the region and the German minority, including reports on events, statements by minority activists and interventions. ➤ <i>Sami Swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław) - a news programme for various minorities: Lemko, Ukrainian, German and Armenian, broadcast in the languages of these minorities. It addresses political, social and cultural topics in a regional context. Armenian minority: ➤ <i>Sami swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław), addressed to various minorities living in the region, including Armenians; see the description above for programme's content. Roma minority: ➤ <i>Serwis Romski</i> [Roma service] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news programme; it includes coverage of current events in the region that may be of interest to Roma people.
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	➤ <i>Magazyn Romski</i> [Roma magazine] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news and current affairs programme addressing current issues concerning this minority living in the region. ➤ <i>Szlakiem taborów</i> [On the caravan trail] (broadcast on Radio Zachód) - a journalistic and educational programme. The purpose of the programme is to popularise the history, traditions, customs and culture of the Roma people among the inhabitants of the Lubuskie Province, as well as to increase Roma participation in the region's social life and to overcome their reluctance to attend school. Slovak minority: ➤ <i>Pramen - Magazyn słowacki</i> [Pramen - Slovak magazine] (broadcast on Radio Kraków) - a Slovak language magazine broadcast in 2020 for the Slovak minority living in Małopolska. It was produced and conducted by journalists from these minorities. It provided knowledge about the life of this community and documented the voices of older generations, witness accounts of historical events, manifestations of disappearing rituals, customs, and products of spiritual and material culture. In 2021 and 2022, Radio Kraków did not broadcast any programmes for the Slovak minority due to staff shortages (the existing presenters resigned and the minority representatives did not recommend any replacements, despite the efforts of Radio Kraków SA). ➤ '<i>Na słovičko</i>'/'<i>Na słówko</i>' [For a word] (broadcast in 2023 on Radio Kraków) - a programme for the Slovak minority living in the Małopolska region and all those interested in Slovakia who have a sufficient understanding of the Slovak language; the programme is broadcast entirely in Slovak. It was intended to integrate the Slovak minority living in Małopolska, as well as people who have any links with the country. From 2024, the programme for the Slovak minority was not broadcast under the above title, but was part of the programme entitled <i>Audycja dla mniejszości - magazyn</i> [Programme for minorities - a magazine], which consisted of content for the Lemko and Ukrainian minorities but also for the Slovak minority. The programme was created in cooperation with the Slovak Association in Poland. Ukrainian minority: ➤ <i>Przed wyjściem do cerkwi</i> [Before going to church] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a religious programme on issues of the Orthodox Church, broadcast in Belarusian and Ukrainian.
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	➤ <i>Ukraińska Dumka</i> [Ukrainian song] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it addresses various current issues of the Ukrainian community living in the region. ➤ <i>Serwis Ukraiński</i> [Ukrainian service] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news programme, broadcast in Ukrainian; it presents current events concerning the Ukrainian community living in the region. ➤ <i>Magazyn Ukraiński</i> [Ukrainian Magazine] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it focuses on current socio-political and cultural issues concerning the communities linked to the Ukrainian minority living in the region; it also deals with contemporary problems faced by Ukraine. ➤ <i>Od Niedzieli do Niedzieli</i> [From Sunday to Sunday] (broadcast on Radio Olsztyn) - a programme edited by members of the Social and Cultural Association of Ukrainians in Poland; it is a news and current affairs magazine; in addition to discussing problems concerning the Ukrainian community in the region, it also includes a news service on Ukraine. ➤ <i>Wiadomości dla Ukraińców</i> [News for Ukrainians] (broadcast on Radio Rzeszów) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it contains up-to-date information on the activities of the Ukrainian community in the Podkarpacie region and comments on current events in the Ukrainian minority community in the Podkarpacie region. ➤ <i>Skrynia - magazyn</i> [Skrynia - magazyn] (broadcast on Radio Rzeszów) - a programme of a journalistic nature; addressed to the inhabitants of south-eastern Poland of Ukrainian origin. It has a magazine format, because in addition to journalistic elements, it also broadcasts current information on the life of the Ukrainian community living in Poland and a historical calendar. Reports of exhibitions, scientific conferences, concerts and meetings of this community are also broadcast. The programme is illustrated with Ukrainian music (from folk to pop and rock) and features Ukrainian performers and composers. The magazine has been broadcast on Radio Rzeszów since 1959. ➤ <i>Posydeńki</i> (broadcast on Radio Szczecin) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian, focusing on presenting the culture, customs and everyday problems of the Ukrainian minority living in the region, also including information on the most important political events in Ukraine. ➤ <i>Sami Swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław), addressed to various minorities living in the region, including Ukrainians; see the description above for programme's.
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	➤ Gawędy o Ukrainie - Besidy pro Ukrainu [Talks about Ukraine](broadcast on Radio Zachód) - produced in the form of a magazine; a news and current affairs programme; it focuses on the life of Ukrainians in the Lubuskie Province and their history in the region; it also includes current news from Ukraine. ➤ Kermesz (broadcast on Radio Kraków) - a programme with current news about the life of these communities and a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian, intended for the Lemko and Ukrainian minorities living in Małopolska. Created and run by representatives of these minorities. It presents the traditions and rituals of these communities, as well as the products of their material and spiritual culture. Kashubian regional language: ➤ Kleka (broadcast on Radio Gdańsk) - a news programme, broadcast in Kashubian, focusing on current social, political and cultural issues of the Kashubian community in the region. ➤ Magazyn Kaszubski [Kashubian magazine] (broadcast on Radio Gdańsk) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Kashubian; it deals with contemporary economic and culture issues concerning the Kashubian community; it presents the work of the creators of Kashubian culture. ➤ Pogoda po Kaszubsku [Weather in Kashubian] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a weather forecast in Kashubian for the region and Poland. ➤ Magazyn Kaszubski [Kashubian magazine] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a programme of a journalistic nature, broadcast in Kashubian. It addresses issues concerning Kashubian culture in the region but also the identity of this ethnic group. Important scientific and cultural events concerning the achievements of this community are presented ➤ Serwis Kaszubski [Kashubian service] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news programme; it presents current topics on culture, politics and Kashubian life in the region; it presents announcements of important entertainment events with the participation of the Kashubian community. ➤ Pogadanka o języku kaszubskim [Kashubian language talk] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - radio lessons in the Kashubian language. Number of hours of the offer implemented in 2020-2024
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Telewizja Polska SA

In 2020-2024, the minority offer disseminated in the regional programmes of Telewizja Polska S.A. occupied, on average, between approximately 1% and 1.5% of the annual programmes of each branch broadcasting minority programmes on a regular basis.

The table below illustrates the annual number of hours of programmes for national and ethnic minorities broadcast systematically (i.e. in each year under analysis) in the 6 programmes of the company TVP SA in the years 2020-2024.

No.	TVP SA - programme name	Annual number of hours offered to national and ethnic minorities and to communities speaking a regional language in 2020-2024 (rounded up to the nearest whole hour)				
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1.	TVP3 Białystok	76	85	90	103	100
2.	TVP3 Gdańsk	28	31	40	34	12
3.	TVP3 Katowice	9	26	40	18	11
4.	TVP3 Olsztyn	12	15	32	15	8
(5)	TVP3 Opole	10	10	10	10	15
6.	TVP3 Regionalna - common band	4	4	6	4	4
	Total	139	171	218	184	150

In the period in question, the richest offer in terms of hours of programmes for minorities was provided by two local TVP SA centres: first and foremost TVP3 **Białystok**, with the largest number of hours allocated to this type of offer, and secondly, although with a significantly lower number of hours, TVP3 **Gdańsk**. In the other stations - as the data in the table above indicate - programmes for national and ethnic minorities occupied far fewer hours in the successive years analysed. There were also stations (such as TVP3 Szczecin) in which the offer for minorities was broadcast very irregularly, i.e. in one year (2020) a minimum number of hours was allocated to it, in the next three years (2021, 2022, 2023) no such programmes were broadcast at all, and in the last of the years under analysis (2024) the broadcasting of this type of programme was resumed, although - which must be emphasised - in a minimal amount.

Regional broadcasting companies

In 2020-2024, slightly more time than in TVP SA's regional stations was taken up by the offer for minorities distributed in regional radio programmes, i.e. on average between approximately 1.3% and 2% of the annual programmes of each company broadcasting programmes for minorities. The table below illustrates the annual number of hours of programmes for national and ethnic minorities broadcast by regional public radio stations:

No.	Name of regional radio station	Annual number of hours offered to national and ethnic minorities and to communities speaking a regional language in 2020-2024 (rounded up to the nearest whole hour)				
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1.	Radio Białystok SA	291	287	291	287	286
2.	Radio Gdańsk SA	388	618	712	716	704
3.	Radio Katowice SA	48	45	45	45	46
4.	Radio Koszalin SA	87	114	157	168	168
(5)	Radio Kraków SA	65	87	88	87	88
6.	Radio Olsztyn SA*	48	186	199	186	185
7.	Radio Opole SA	79	66	64	66	68
8.	Radio Rzeszów SA	191	189	195	189	204
9.	Radio Szczecin SA	48	48	61	51	48
10.	Radio Wrocław SA	38	38	54	37	38
11.	Radio Zachód SA	17	17	23	18	18
	Total	1,300	1,695	1,889	1,850	1,853

Radio Olsztyn also broadcasts a separate daily programme for the Ukrainian minority from a transmitter in **Miłki** near **Giżycko** at 99.6 FM. Programmes created in the Ukrainian language at a constant annual level (approximately 140 hours) are broadcast in this band.

During the period in question, the richest offer in terms of hours of programmes for minorities was provided by:

- Radio **Gdańsk** SA - over 600 to over 700 hours per year in the last 4 years (2021-2024) of the period under analysis;

	➤ Radio Białystok SA - nearly 300 hours were devoted to this type of offer in each year of the analysed period. Further places, but also with a large number of hours allocated to programmes for minorities, were taken by: ➤ Radio Rzeszów SA and Radio Olsztyn SA - in each year of the period under analysis, nearly 200 hours were devoted to this type of offer, and Radio Rzeszów SA even exceeded this annual number of hours in 2024, ➤ Radio Koszalin SA - steadily increased the number of hours allocated to this offer from 2021 onwards, approaching more than 160 hours in 2024. In 2020-2024, the following companies allocated the fewest hours to programmes for minorities: Radio Katowice SA, Radio Szczecin SA, Radio Wrocław SA and Radio Zachód SA. Funding of the offer The funding of the offer for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language created by public media companies has been provided on the same basis for many years (since 2013). The National Broadcasting Council, on the basis of an analysis of the programme and financial plans submitted to it by public media companies for a given calendar year, transfers to them subscription funds covering 100% of the costs indicated by the companies for the creation and dissemination of this type of offer. Only those companies that have such programmes scheduled receive these funds. After the end of each calendar year, the Council - on the basis of the companies' reports on the implementation of the programme and financial plans approved for a given year - verifies whether a given company has implemented the number of hours of programmes for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language as declared in the aforementioned plans and whether the programmes met the criteria for this type of programmes contained in the aforementioned <i>Position</i> of the Joint Commission of the Government and Minorities (...). If the Council finds that the plan has not been fulfilled in this regard, in the following calendar year, when the subscription fee is distributed, the respective company has its subscription funds reduced by an amount equivalent to the cost of the programme hours that were not broadcast. It should be added that the companies spend not only the subscription funds, but also their own funds (e.g. from advertising revenues) and subsidies from the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage (at a time when public media companies are in liquidation) to create this offer. It should be emphasised that the funds allocated to cover the costs of the offer for minorities in TVP SA's regional branches are allocated by the company's governing bodies.
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b) Media content for national and ethnic minorities and users of regional languages is created not only as part of the activities of public broadcasters, but also with the support of the Minister of Interior and Administration.

It is made possible by the support of the minister competent for national and ethnic minorities provided to magazines, television programmes and radio programmes, as well as online programmes, broadcasts or podcasts through grants awarded annually. Many radio stations have been run and television and radio programmes have been broadcast systematically in this way for many years.

In 2023-2025, the minister responsible for national and ethnic minorities provided grants to national and ethnic minority and regional language users organisations for a total of PLN 3,199,559.00 for tasks concerning the promotion of audiovisual works produced in a regional language or in the languages of national and ethnic minorities. The table below provides details of the grants issued for this purpose.

Funding of tasks related to the promotion of audiovisual works produced in regional or minority languages by the Minister of Interior and Administration in 2023-2025

Organisation name	Programme name	2023	2024	2025	Minority
TUTAKA Foundation	Tutaka podcast	PLN 22,800.00	PLN 22,574.00	PLN 30,000.00	Belarusian
Puck Region Association	Radio Kaszebe	PLN 300,000.00	PLN 310,000.00	PLN 335,000.00	
	Skarby Kaszub [Treasures of Kashubia] (from	PLN 70,000.00	PLN 68,000.00	PLN 72,800.00	

	Kashubian-Pomeranian Association	2024 as Kashubian-Pomeranian Television)				Kashubian language
	Good Energy Foundation* - the organisation is not an entity working for the benefit of the Kashubian community. It was only the producer of the documentary entitled 'Kaszubi' [Kashubians]	Documentary film 'Kaszubi' [Kashubians]	PLN 50,000.00	not applicable	not applicable	
	Ministry for National and Ethnic Minorities in the Diocese of Opole	Multimedia Bible musings	PLN 12,800.00	not applicable	not applicable	
	Socio-Cultural Association of Germans of the Silesian	Production of German-				

	Province in Racibórz	language radio programmes	PLN 78,747.00	PLN 91,347.00	PLN 100,000.00	German
	Association of German Social and Cultural Associations in Poland	Production of the German-language programme Musikschachtel -Abgekanzelt	PLN 40,600.00	PLN 42,120.00	PLN 75,000.00	
		Production of the German-language programme TV Schlesien Journal	60,000.00 PLN	62,771.00 PLN	100,000.00 PLN	
	'RUSKA BURSA' Association	Lemko radio LEM.fm together with the news website www.lem.fm	320,000.00 PLN	335,000.00 PLN	335,000.00 PLN	Lemko
		Lemko online television - LEMKO TV	PLN 16,000.00	PLN 18,000.00	PLN 28,000.00	

	Lemko Tower Association	Radio Lemko - Lemko online radio	PLN 46,000.00	PLN 53,500.00	PLN 47,000.00	
	Russkij Dom Association (Our House Association from 2024)	Podcasts in Russian - audio recordings series 'Rosyjski akcent w historii Polski' [Russian accent in Poland's history]	PLN 8,500.00	PLN 9,500.00	PLN 9,000.00	Russian
		Multimedia recordings in the series entitled 'Historia i kultura Rosjan w Polsce' [History and culture of Russians in Poland]	9,000.00 PLN	9,500.00 PLN	11,000.00 PLN	
		total	PLN 1,034,447.00	PLN 1,022,312.00	PLN 1,142,800.00	
The table below shows the funding of national and ethnic minority newspapers and magazines published with the support of the Minister of Interior and Administration. These publishers have been operating continuously in recent years, receiving annual, but continuous, funding for their activities.						

	These include weekly (including Ukrainian and Belarusian ones), biweekly, monthly, bimonthly and quarterly magazines.						
	No.	Organisation name	Periodical name	Grant awarded			
				2022	2023	2024	2025
	1.	Union of Ukrainians in Poland	Publication of the weekly magazine Nasze Słowo	PLN 445,000	PLN 460,000	PLN 461,600	PLN ⁶⁸ 505,000
	2.	Union of Ukrainians of Podlasie	Publication of the magazine Nad Buhom i Narwoju	PLN 109,500	PLN 118,000	PLN 124,500	PLN 134,500
	3.	St. Kasimir Lithuanian Society in Sejny	Publication of the quarterly magazine Saltinis	PLN 32,000	PLN 34,100	PLN 34,100	PLN 35,500
	4.	Association of Lithuanians in Poland	Publication of 24 issues of the biweekly magazine Ausra	PLN 325,000	PLN 370,000	PLN 406,000	PLN 422,000
	5.	Association of Lithuanians in Poland	Publication of the bimonthly magazine Ausrele for the children of the Lithuanian minority in Poland	PLN 34,000	PLN 36,000	(combined with Ausra)	(combined with Ausra)
6.	Social and Cultural Society of Jews in Poland	Publication of the monthly magazine Słowo Żydowskie / Dos Yiddish Wort	PLN 260,000	PLN 295,000	PLN 300,000	PLN 320,000	

⁶⁸ Task name: Periodicals of the UUP

	7.	German Cultural and Social Association in Wrocław	Publication of the magazine Niederschlesische Informationen	PLN 6,960	PLN 7,000	PLN 10,200	PLN 12,240
	8.	Olsztyn Association of the German Minority	Publication of the periodical Allensteiner Nachrichten	PLN 8,200	PLN 10,000	PLN 17,500	PLN 15,500
	9.	Mazurian Association Polish-German Union in Olsztyn	Publishing of the monthly magazine Masurische Storchenpost [Mazurian Stork Post]	PLN 23,000	PLN 25,000	PLN 27,000	PLN 25,000
	10.	Socio-Cultural Association of Germans of the Silesian Province in Racibórz	Publishing, editing and distributing the magazine Oberschlesische Stimme	PLN 55,000	PLN 60,000	PLN 60,000	PLN 62,000
	11.	Association of German Social and Cultural Associations in Poland	Publication of the weekly magazine of Germans in Poland Wochenblatt.pl	PLN 380,000	PLN 400,000	PLN 400,000	PLN ⁶⁹ 455,000
	12.	Union of German Associations of Warmia and Mazury	Information and cultural monthly of the German minority Mitteilungsblatt	PLN 22,000	PLN 28,000	PLN 34,886	PLN 40,000

⁶⁹ The weekly Wochenblatt has been replaced by a monthly magazine and a website as part of the measure

	13.	Advisory Board of NIWA Weekly	Publication of the socio-cultural weekly NIWA in the Belarusian language	PLN 445,000	PLN 448,000	PLN 450,000	PLN 460,000
	14.	Association of Belarusian Journalists	Publishing the Belarusian socio-cultural monthly Czasopis together with the website Czasopis.pl	PLN 177,000	PLN 180,000	PLN 180,000	PLN 180,000
	15.	Union of Polish Karaites	Publication of Karaite periodicals: Awazymyz and Karaite Almanac	PLN 27,000	PLN 27,000	PLN 27,000	PLN 30,000
	16.	Armenian Cultural Society	Publication of four issues of the Bulletin of the Armenian Cultural Society	PLN 12,000	PLN 12,800	PLN 11,600	PLN 17,000
	17.	Armenian-Polish Social Committee	Publication of the Armenian magazine Munetik	–	PLN 50,000	PLN 56,000	PLN 70,000
	18.	Polish Armenian Heritage and Culture Foundation	The bilingual magazine of the Armenian national minority Awedis	PLN 44,800	PLN 50,066	PLN 52,000	PLN 59,000
	19.	Society of Slovaks in Poland	Publication of the magazine Zivot	PLN 240,000	PLN 243,000	PLN 243,000	PLN 235,000

	20.	Lemko Association	The bi-monthly magazine Besida	PLN 30,000	PLN 33,000	–	PLN ⁷⁰ 49,000
	21.	Union of Polish Roma	Publication of the Roma newspaper Romano Atmo – Cygańska Dusza	PLN 125,000	PLN 130,000	PLN 150,000	PLN 150,000
	22.	Association of Roma in Poland	Publication of the socio-cultural quarterly Dialog-Pheniben	PLN 48,500	PLN 50,000	PLN 52,000	PLN 52,000
	23.	Muslim Religious Union in the Republic of Poland	Cultural and social quarterly Przegląd Tatarski	PLN 32,500	PLN 32,500	PLN 33,400	PLN 33,500
	24.	Russkij Dom Association	Publishing a cultural and informational review in Russian Zdravstvujte!	PLN 38,500	PLN 41,500	PLN 43,000	PLN 43,000
d. Draw up, in co-operation with the speakers, an action plan on the implementation of the Charter for Kashub. In Polish education law, the languages of all national and ethnic minorities and the Kashubian regional language have the same status. However, due to regional variations, dispersion across the country or the number of users, the forms of support for the teaching of these languages can vary considerably. Funding for minority/regional language teaching is systemically provided by the government and transferred to local authorities in the form of an increased education subsidy (currently the amount allocated to education needs). With regard to the support for teachers in 2019, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 28 May 2019 <i>on teacher training centres</i>⁷¹ oblige school superintendents to:							

⁷⁰ Task entitled 'Biblioteka Besidy – Czasopisma' [Besida library - periodicals]

⁷¹ Journal of Laws of 2023, item 2738, as amended.

	- include, as appropriate, in the plan of the methodological counselling network in a given province, methodological counselling for teachers employed in schools where a national or ethnic minority language or regional language is taught; - cooperate with organisations of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the creation of the above-mentioned methodological counselling network. In 2023, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of Education and Science of 14 September 2023 amending the Regulation on the <i>standard of education preparing for the teaching profession</i>⁷² enabled universities to provide training for regional language teachers in accordance with the demand expressed by the Committee on National and Ethnic Minorities of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, i.e. also during first-cycle programme studies. Kashubian language teacher training is provided by the University of Gdańsk. Adequately to the changes in the way teachers are trained, the questions of qualifications for teaching or conducting classes in kindergartens, schools, groups or branches that enable students belonging to national minorities, ethnic minorities or communities speaking a regional language to maintain their sense of national, ethnic or linguistic identity have been regulated. In addition to measures concerning languages of national minorities and ethnic minorities as well as regional languages, initiatives were also taken in 2024 concerning regional education and the Silesian language. In 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 20 July 2018 - <i>Higher Education and Science Law</i>⁷³, the Minister of Education commissioned and funded: - the preparation and delivery of a two-semester postgraduate course for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, for at least 25 professionally active teachers; this course was delivered - in the academic year 2024/2025 - by the University of Silesia in Katowice; - the provision of packages of methodical materials and teaching aids in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature for teachers participating in the above-mentioned
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⁷² Journal of Laws, item 2003.

⁷³ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended.

	postgraduate course and for at least 500 schools and kindergartens conducting classes in regional education; - the creation of a freely accessible Internet platform with methodological materials and teaching aids for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature. The implementation of the above tasks is supported by a nationwide teacher training establishment, i.e. the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw, to which the Minister of Education commissioned and financed the preparation and dissemination of methodological materials for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, teaching aids and translations. As part of the performance of the above task, the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw - in the period from 11 October 2024 to 31 December 2024 - carried out the following activities: - four classroom training courses entitled 'Silesia - History, Culture, Language', aimed at popularising cultural heritage focused on cultivating customs and learning about the Upper Silesian region. The training courses were attended by 199 participants, i.e. teachers-consultants, methodological advisers and teachers interested in the topic of the training; - two online training courses entitled 'How to Conduct Regional Education Classes Using Quests?'. The participants learnt about the methodology for creating quests, acquired the skills needed to conduct classes using this technique and had individual consultations with the instructors; - lectures and workshops, visiting museums and places of cultural heritage in Upper Silesia, and watching a theatre play entitled 'Mianujom mie Hanka', which enabled participants to acquire knowledge about the region and the diversity of Silesian history and culture; - methodological materials on literature, art and customs shaping everyday life and the specific characteristics of the regional language have been posted on the website of the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw for general access and use by teachers when planning and conducting regional education classes. The teaching of a minority language, a regional language, a minority's own history and culture and the geography of the country with whose cultural area the minority identifies is carried out on the basis of curricula approved for use in a school by the school principal. Pursuant to Article 22aa of the Act of 7 September 1991 <i>on the Education System</i>⁷⁴, a teacher may decide to implement a curriculum with the use of a textbook, educational material or
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⁷⁴ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 750, as amended.

	exercise material, or without these teaching aids. The selection of a textbook or educational material that replaces a textbook and exercise materials for educational classes is made by a team of teachers teaching the specific classes. If a textbook is selected to implement a curriculum, this selection is made from among the textbooks approved for school use. The minister responsible for education approves a textbook for school use after obtaining positive opinions from textbook experts⁷⁵. Textbooks approved for school use that are in line with the current core curriculum are included in the lists published on the website of the Ministry of National Education. Textbooks, including textbooks for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, are approved for school use at the request of an entity (publisher) holding the author's economic rights for the textbook. Most textbooks for teaching a minority language, the history and culture of a minority are written gradually, usually by publishers associated with or representing minority communities in Poland. Pursuant to Article 68 of the Act of 27 October 2017 <i>on the Financing of Educational Tasks</i>⁷⁶, textbooks and supporting books for the education of students within the scope necessary to sustain a sense of national, ethnic and linguistic identity may be subsidised from the state budget from the part at the disposal of the minister competent for education and upbringing. Due to the high unit price of textbooks for minorities (high cost of preparation combined with low circulation), the Ministry of National Education finances all costs related to the preparation, writing and publication of textbooks and supplementary books for the education of students declaring membership in national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language. Subsidies are available for textbooks that have been approved for school use by the minister responsible for education and were included in the list of textbooks intended for general education for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, as well as for so-called supplementary books (e.g. exercise books, subject dictionaries, method books) which are not subject to approval for school use. According to the rules laid down by the Ministry of National Education, textbooks for teaching the language of the national minority, the history and culture and geography of the country with whose territory the national minority identifies, are financed first, and supplementary books are subsidised second. The textbooks and supplementary books are
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⁷⁵ Article 22an(1) of the Act on the *Education System*.

⁷⁶ Journal of Laws of 2025, item 439.

	distributed free of charge to the relevant school superintendent's offices and then to school libraries or inter-school teaching teams, as ordered by school principals. This system guarantees adequate distribution of and access to free textbooks and supplementary books for successive year groups of students attending minority or regional language classes. In 2023-2024, the following textbooks and supplementary books for national minorities were funded:						
2.7. Lemko	a. Make education in Lemko available at pre-school, primary and secondary levels, including by providing adequate teacher training and textbooks. Education in minority languages (Belarusian, German, Kashubian, Lemko and Ukrainian) at kindergarten, elementary school and secondary school level can be provided when a minimum of 7 students (children in kindergarten) at a grade level in a school or kindergarten wish to take advantage of this form of education. Declarations by parents of children/students to this effect oblige the school or kindergarten principal to look for teachers with the appropriate qualifications to carry out these activities. In 2023-2024, the following textbooks and supplementary books for national minorities were funded <table border="1"> <tr> <td>2025</td><td>A supplementary textbook for the study of the Lemko language 'Preselyly nas musowo'. Letters of Lemkos from 1947-1948. Volumes 1-3 (2nd and 3rd stage of education)</td><td>PLN 77,000.00</td><td>KYCZERA Song and Dance Ensemble</td></tr> </table>			2025	A supplementary textbook for the study of the Lemko language 'Preselyly nas musowo'. Letters of Lemkos from 1947-1948. Volumes 1-3 (2nd and 3rd stage of education)	PLN 77,000.00	KYCZERA Song and Dance Ensemble
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	With regard to the support for teachers in 2019, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 28 May 2019 <i>on teacher training centres</i>⁷⁷ oblige school superintendents to: - include, as appropriate, in the plan of the methodological counselling network in a given province, methodological counselling for teachers employed in schools where a national or ethnic minority language or regional language is taught; - cooperate with organisations of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the creation of the above-mentioned methodological counselling network. In 2023, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of Education and Science of 14 September 2023 amending the Regulation on the <i>standard of education preparing for the teaching profession</i>⁷⁸ enabled universities to provide training for regional language teachers in accordance with the demand expressed by the Committee on National and Ethnic Minorities of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, i.e. also during first-cycle programme studies. Kashubian language teacher training is provided by the University of Gdańsk. Adequately to the changes in the way teachers are trained, the questions of qualifications for teaching or conducting classes in kindergartens, schools, groups or branches that enable students belonging to national minorities, ethnic minorities or communities speaking a regional language to maintain their sense of national, ethnic or linguistic identity have been regulated. In addition to measures concerning languages of national minorities and ethnic minorities as well as regional languages, initiatives were also taken in 2024 concerning regional education and the Silesian language. In 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 20 July 2018 - <i>Higher Education and Science Law</i>⁷⁹, the Minister of Education commissioned and funded: - the preparation and delivery of a two-semester postgraduate course for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, for at least 25 professionally active teachers; this course was delivered - in the academic year 2024/2025 - by the University of Silesia in Katowice; - the provision of packages of methodical materials and teaching aids in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature for teachers participating in the above-mentioned postgraduate course and for at least 500 schools and kindergartens conducting classes in regional education; - the creation of a freely accessible Internet platform with methodological materials and teaching aids for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature. The implementation of the above tasks is supported by a nationwide teacher training establishment, i.e. the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw, to which the Minister of Education commissioned and financed the preparation and dissemination of methodological materials for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, teaching aids and
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⁷⁷ Journal of Laws of 2023, item 2738, as amended.

⁷⁸ Journal of Laws, item 2003.

⁷⁹ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended.

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⁸⁰ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 750, as amended.

⁸¹ Article 22an(1) of the Act on the *Education System*.

Pursuant to Article 68 of the Act of 27 October 2017 *on the Financing of Educational Tasks*⁸², textbooks and supporting books for the education of students within the scope necessary to sustain a sense of national, ethnic and linguistic identity may be subsidised from the state budget from the part at the disposal of the minister competent for education and upbringing.

Due to the high unit price of textbooks for minorities (high cost of preparation combined with low circulation), the Ministry of National Education finances all costs related to the preparation, writing and publication of textbooks and supplementary books for the education of students declaring membership in national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language.

Subsidies are available for textbooks that have been approved for school use by the minister responsible for education and were included in the list of textbooks intended for general education for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, as well as for so-called supplementary books (e.g. exercise books, subject dictionaries, method books) which are not subject to approval for school use.

According to the rules laid down by the Ministry of National Education, textbooks for teaching the language of the national minority, the history and culture and geography of the country with whose territory the national minority identifies, are financed first, and supplementary books are subsidised second. The textbooks and supplementary books are distributed free of charge to the relevant school superintendent's offices and then to school libraries or inter-school teaching teams, as ordered by school principals. This system guarantees adequate distribution of and access to free textbooks and supplementary books for successive year groups of students attending minority or regional language classes.

In 2023-2024, the following textbooks and supplementary books for national minorities were funded:

Publication year	National or ethnic minority	Number of titles	Amount	Publisher/entity performing the contract
2023	Kashubian-speaking community	2 titles	PLN 286,800.00	Kashubian-Pomeranian Association
	Lithuanian	5 titles	PLN 423,300.00	Wydawnictwo "Aušra" Sp. z o.o.

⁸² Journal of Laws of 2025, item 439.

		German	3 titles	PLN 42,774.32	Wydawnictwo Lektor Klett
		Slovak	1 title	PLN 26,700.00	Main Board of the Society of Slovaks in Poland
		Belarusian	1 title	PLN 116,000.00	Association for Children and Young People Learning the Belarussian Language AB-BA
	2024	German	3 titles	PLN 42,304.00	Wydawnictwo Lektor Klett
		Lithuanian	2 titles	PLN 218,650.00	Wydawnictwo "Aušra" Sp. z o.o.
		Ukrainian	1 title	PLN 122,700.00	PROSVITA Foundation
		Kashubian-speaking community	2 titles	PLN 293,500.00	Kashubian-Pomeranian Association
		Slovak	1 title	PLN 28,500.00	Main Board of the Society of Slovaks in Poland
		Belarusian	2 titles (reprint)	PLN 44,547.00	Association for Children and Young People Learning the Belarussian Language AB-BA

	Textbooks and supplementary books funded by the Minister are made public on the Integrated Education Platform, allowing students and teachers to access electronic versions of these materials as well. The list of textbooks approved for school use is published on the website of the Ministry of National Education, under the tab https://podreczniki.men.gov.pl/podreczniki/2. In 2025, the MNE has financed or is planning to finance the following textbooks and supplementary books for national minorities, ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language:				
	Publication year	National or ethnic minority/regional language	List of titles	Estimated amount/amount spent	Publisher/entity performing the contract
	2025	German	1) 'Niko 1'. German language textbook for the German minority 2) 'Niko 2'. German language textbook for the German minority 3) 'Niko 3'. German language textbook for the German minority	PLN 46,968.00 (contract completed)	Wydawnictwo Lektor Klett

		Kashubian-speaking community	1) Supplementary book for the regional Kashubian language 'Z kaszëbsczim w swiat' [With Kashubian into the world] by Danuta Pioch (1st stage of education) 2) Supplementary book for the regional Kashubian language 'Przewodnik literacki' [Literary guide] by Adela Kuk-Kalinowska (1st and 2nd stages of education)	PLN 102,000.00 PLN 131,000.00	Kashubian-Pomeranian Association	
		Ukrainian	1) Supplementary book: Ukrainian studies exercise book '<i>Podróż po Ukrainie część 5 dla klasy VII szkoły podstawowej</i> [Journey in Ukraine part 5 for grade 7 of elementary school], authors: Marek Syrnyk, Natalia Bogdanets'-Biloskalenko, Yulia Shumeyko, Olena Horoshkina	PLN 131,200.00 (contract completed) PLN 129,700.00	PROSVITA Foundation	

			2) Supplementary book: Two parts of the exercise book for grade 1 of elementary school, authors: Marek Syrnyk, Natalia Bogdanets' Biloskalenko, Yulia Shumeyko			
	Lithuanian	1) Pradinio ugdymo vadovėlis III klasei, 1 dalis. Textbook for early childhood education for grade 3, part 1. Author: Gražina Karaneckienė	PLN 119,700.00 (contract completed)	Wydawnictwo "Aušra" Sp. z o.o.		
		2) Pradinio ugdymo vadovėlis III klasei, 2 dalis. Textbook for early childhood education for grade 3, part 2. Author: Gražina Karaneckienė	PLN 123,000.00			
		3) Supplementary book: 'Mokausi ir augu'. Pratybų sąsiuvinis II klasei, 1 dalis. Exercise book for early childhood education for grade 2, part 1. Author:	PLN 111,300.00			

			Grażina Karaneckienė		
	Lemko	A supplementary textbook for the study of the Lemko language 'Preselyly nas musowo'. Letters of Lemkos from 1947-1948. Volumes 1-3 (2nd and 3rd stage of education)	PLN 77,000.00	KYCZERA Song and Dance Ensemble	
	Slovak	Supplementary textbook - Renáta Milčáková, <i>Słownik obrazkowy polsko słowacki</i> [Polish-Slovak Picture Dictionary] for elementary school students (1st and 2nd stage of education)	PLN 30,000.00	Main Board of the Society of Slovaks in Poland	
	Belarusian	Textbook for teaching the Belarusian language for grade 7 of elementary school 'Žywoje Słowa' [Living words] by Alina Wawrzyniuk	PLN 129,900.00 (textbook in the process of being approved for school use)	Association for Children and Young People Learning the Belarusian Language AB-BA	

- b. Take concrete measures to implement the ratified provisions of Article 10 regarding Lemko in all those local and regional administrative units where the speakers are traditionally present in sufficient numbers, irrespective of the 20% threshold.

Article 9 of the Act on National and Ethnic Minorities gives representatives of minorities the right to use the minority language before the municipal authorities as a so-called auxiliary language. An auxiliary language may be used in those municipalities where the number of residents belonging to the minority in question constitutes at least 20% of the total population of the municipality. This means that minority representatives have the right to: '(1) address municipal authorities in the auxiliary language in written or oral form; (2) obtain, upon express request, a reply also in the auxiliary language in written or oral form'.

Municipalities in which members of a minority can use an auxiliary language must be entered in the Official Register of Municipalities⁸³, which is kept by the minister responsible for national minorities and religious denominations. A municipality is entered in the official register on the basis of an application by the municipal council supported by a resolution to that effect by the municipal council. Between 2006 and 2025, 33 municipalities have been included in this register nationwide. Of these, 22 municipalities are located in the Opolskie Province, where German is the auxiliary language. The largest number of speakers of an auxiliary language is in municipalities of the Opolskie Province, as well as in the Pomorskie and Podlaskie Provinces.

In a municipality included in the Official Register, an allowance for knowledge of the auxiliary language used in that municipality may be granted to employees working in the municipal office, in auxiliary units of the municipality and in municipal budgetary units and establishments'. The rules for granting this allowance and its amount are laid down in the regulations on the remuneration of local government employees. Knowledge of the auxiliary language must be proven by means of a certificate or diploma.

Research conducted in 2019 - A query of 71 municipalities in the Opolskie Province (all)

The following question was sent out to the municipalities : 'Does German have the status of an auxiliary language in your municipality? If yes - since when? If yes - please provide information on what proportion of the cases reported to you by clients/residents are dealt with in the auxiliary language (German) (the data can be given in figures or percentages)'. The responses, emailed by

⁸³ <https://www.gov.pl/web/mniejszosci-narodowe-i-etniczne/urzedowy-rejestr-gmin-w-ktorych-jest-uzywany-jezyk-pomocniczy2>

	the vast majority of municipalities providing their residents with the possibility to handle official matters in an auxiliary language, show that few people take advantage of this. For example: - the municipality of Dobrzeń Wielki, which was entered in the Official Register of municipalities where an auxiliary language is used on 22 April 2009, the response stated: 'At present, the number of cases handled [...] in German is negligible (less than 1%)'; - the reply from Izbicko, where a person was hired at the Municipal Office in March 2006 to provide customer service in German (this employee also handled cooperation with German partners), stated: 'There are rare cases of applications (2-3 per year) submitted to the Civil Registry Office in German'. - the municipality of Kolonowskie, entered in the Official Register of Municipalities on 22 September 2006, explained that 'As far as the number of cases handled in the auxiliary language is concerned, it is small (a few per year). These are usually handled verbally'; - in Walce, it was 'on average, one case per year'; - in Bierawa it was annually around 2% of cases; - in Chrzastowice, this happened 'sporadically', i.e. 2-6 cases per year; - in Jemielnica, it was 2-3 cases per year; - in the municipality of Komprachcice, where German as an auxiliary language was introduced in May 2009 and additional names of localities in German were adopted in December 2009, 'In the period of 2009-2019, no case was handled in German, because no one asked for a case to be handled in German'; - in Ujazd, where German has had the status of an auxiliary language since 2006, 'There are very few cases handled in German, e.g. in the case of the Civil Registry Office , there have been about 5 over the whole period'; - in the municipality of Dobrodzień, where German has had the status of an auxiliary language since 2008, 15-20 cases per year were handled until 2019; - in the municipalities of Prószków, Biała, Murów and Tarnów Opolski, there were no cases dealt with in the auxiliary language at all; - the municipalities of Popielów and Cisek indicated that, although there is no auxiliary language, the office can and does serve German-speaking clients if necessary. 'The Popielów Municipal Office employs clerks who speak German, so if the need arises, clients can have their matters handled in this language'. b) The Act of 6 January 2005 <i>on National and Ethnic Minorities and the Regional Language</i> provides for the possibility to use - in addition to official names of localities and physiographic objects and street names - additional traditional names in the minority language. An additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language may be established at the request
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	of the municipal council if the number of residents of the locality belonging to a minority is not less than 20% of the total number of residents of the locality, or if more than half of the residents of the locality participating in the public consultations are in favour of establishing an additional name in a minority language. Additional names in the minority language may be used alongside official names of localities. The replacement of information boards with the names of localities or physiographic objects within a municipality with boards containing additional names of designated localities or physiographic objects in a minority or regional language is done on the basis of an agreement concluded between the municipal office and the Minister of Interior and Administration. Under the agreement, the Minister entrusts the municipality with the task of replacing the aforementioned boards in connection with the establishment of an additional name in the national or ethnic minority language or regional language. The first entry in the Register of Municipalities⁸⁴ was made on 22 December 2006 for the municipality of Radłów. As of September 2025, the Register of municipalities in which names in a minority language³ is used includes 66 municipalities and 1,282 localities. 2024 In the budget of the MIA for 2024, an amount of PLN 123,000.00 was planned for the replacement of information boards with the names of localities or physiographic objects with boards containing the additional names of these localities or physiographic objects in a minority or regional language. In March and April 2024, letters requesting confirmation of the validity of the cost estimates for the replacement of the boards submitted with the applications or, alternatively, update of the estimates, were sent to the municipalities of Strzelce Opolskie, Zawadzkie and Rudnik. The municipalities indicated have completed the formalities in this regard. A framework model agreement has been agreed at the MIA for the task of replacing information boards with ones that included additional names of localities in a minority or regional language. Subsequently, the MIA has approached several times the municipalities of Strzelce Opolskie, Rudnik, Zawadzkie and Władysławowo to send data and information enabling the preparation of agreements on the replacement of information boards in these areas in connection with the establishment of additional names of Localities in German or Kashubian, as appropriate. The municipalities of Zawadzkie and Rudnik did not respond to these letters by the deadline. Accordingly, the MIA has concluded agreements with the municipalities that have completed the formalities. On 25 November 2024, an agreement was concluded with the municipality of Władysławowo for the implementation of a task involving the replacement of information boards with the names
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⁸⁴ <https://www.gov.pl/web/mniejszosci-narodowe-i-etniczne/rejestr-gmin-na-ktorych-obszarze-sa-uzywane-nazwy-w-jezyku-mniejszosci2>

of the villages Rozewie and Tupadły with boards containing additional names established for both villages in the Kashubian language. The value of the agreement was PLN 27,836.00.

Official name in Polish	Additional name in Kashubian
Rozewie	Rozewié
Tupadły	Tëpadla

In November 2024, an agreement was also concluded with the municipality of Strzelce Opolskie for the implementation of a task involving the replacement of information boards with the names of 3 localities with boards with additional names in German established for these localities. The value of the agreement was PLN 11,670.24.

Official name in Polish	Additional name in German
Jędrynie	Jendrin
Rozmierz	Rosmierz
Warmątowice	Warmuntowitz

2025

As of the beginning of February 2025, applications for inclusion in the Register of municipalities in which names in a minority language are used or for the establishment of additional names of localities relating to the following municipalities were still pending:

- a) Pietrowice Wielkie Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2016. The application concerned the establishment of additional traditional names in German for 11 localities.
- b) Zawadzkie Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2017. The application concerned the establishment of an additional traditional name in German for 1 locality.

- c) Rudnik Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2017. The application concerned the establishment of additional traditional place names for 15 villages in the German language.
- d) Puck Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2021. The application concerned the establishment of additional traditional names in Kashubian for 35 localities.
- e) Rumia Municipality - the application was received by the MIA on 22 August 2024. The application concerned the entry of the municipality in the Register and the establishment of the name for 1 town, Rumia.

In the budget of the MIA for 2025, an amount of PLN 200,000.00 was planned for the replacement of information boards with the names of localities or physiographic objects with boards containing the additional names of these localities or physiographic objects in a minority or regional language.

The Zawadzkie Municipality was added to the Register of municipalities in which names of localities in a minority language are used in February 2025. In addition, the following additional name of a locality has been added to the Register:

Official name in Polish	Additional name in German
Żędowice	Sandowitz

The Pietrowice Wielkie Municipality was added to the Register of municipalities in which names of localities in a minority language are used in March 2025. In addition, the following additional names of localities were included in the Register:

Official name of a locality or physiographic object	Additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language
Amandów	Amandhof
Cyprzanów	Jasnowitz
Gródczanki	Ratsch
Kornice	Kornitz

	Krowiarki	Polnisch Krawarn
	Lekartów	Lekartow
	Maków	Makau
	Pawłów	Pawlau
	Pietrowice Wielkie	Gross Peterwitz
	Sambrowice	Schammerwitz
	Żerdziny	Schardzin
	The Rumia Municipality was entered in the Register in June 2025. The following additional name of a locality was therefore entered in the Register:	
	Official name of a locality or physiographic object	Additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language
	Rumia	Rëmiô
	In August 2025, the Rudnik Municipality was added to the Register. In addition, additional names of localities were included in the Register:	
	Official name of a locality or physiographic object	Additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language
	Brzeźnica	Bresnitz
	Czerwęćice	Czerwentzütz
	Dolędzin	Dollendzin
	Gamów	Gammau

	Jastrzębie	Habicht
	Lasaki	Lassoki
	Modzurów	Mosurau
	Ponięcice	Ponientzütz
	Rudnik	Rudnik
	Strzybnik	Silberkopf
	Sławienko	Ehrenfeld
	Sławików	Slawikau
	Szonowice	Schonowitz
	A draft agreement to commission the municipality of Rudnik to replace the information boards with the names of the above-mentioned localities was sent in August 2025. According to the cost estimate provided by the said municipality in May 2025, the cost of replacing the information boards will amount to PLN 69,167.62. However, the localities of Grzegorzowice and Ligota Książęca were not included in the Register due to the negative opinion of the Commission for Names of Localities and Physiographic Objects. In the Puck Municipality, by its resolution no. 28/IV/2025 of 28 April 2025, the Commission gave a positive opinion on the establishment of 24 names in the Kashubian language for places located in that municipality, and it gave a negative opinion on 11 names. The Puck Municipality and 24 localities located therein were entered in the Register on 22 September 2025 c. Promote awareness and tolerance in Polish society as a whole vis-à-vis Lemko and the culture it represents, as an integral part of the cultural heritage of Poland. With regard to the above issue, the Republic of Poland carries out many activities to promote awareness and tolerance in the Polish society with regard to regional languages or national and ethnic minorities. Examples of such activities include:	

d) Supporting national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language within the framework of subject-specific and targeted grants provided by the Department for Religious Denominations and National and Ethnic Minorities of the MIA

According to law⁸⁵, public authorities are obliged, among other things, to take appropriate measures to promote activities aimed at the protection, preservation and development of the cultural identity of minorities and the preservation and development of regional languages. The Minister of the Interior and Administration, who is the minister responsible for religious denominations as well as national and ethnic minorities, annually awards targeted and subject-specific grants for the implementation of tasks aimed at sustaining and developing the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities and at preserving and developing the regional language. Targeted grants may be awarded for the performance of the following tasks:

- activities of cultural institutions, the artistic movement and creativity of minorities or communities speaking a regional language, and art events of major importance for the culture of a minority or for the preservation and development of a regional language;
- publishing books, magazines, periodicals and pamphlets in minority languages, in a regional language or in Polish, in printed form and in other image and sound recording techniques;
- supporting television and radio programmes made by minorities or communities speaking a regional language;
- protecting sites relating to the culture of a minority or a regional language;
- clubhouse activities;
- operating libraries and keeping documentation on the cultural and art life of minorities or libraries and documentation concerning a regional language;
- education for children and young people carried out in various forms;
- promoting knowledge about minorities or a regional language;
- renovation of buildings intended to preserve the cultural identity of minorities or to preserve and develop a regional language.

Subject-specific subsidies (for ongoing activities) may be awarded to:

- minority organisations that are non-governmental organisations referred to in Article 3 (2) of the Act of 24 April 2003 *on public benefit activity and voluntary work*⁸⁶, or entities referred to in Article 3 (3) of the Act *on public benefit activity*;

⁸⁵ Act of 6 January 2005 on National and Ethnic Minorities and the Regional Language, Journal of Laws of 2017, item 823, Article 18 (1) and Article 20 (2).

⁸⁶ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1491.

	• cultural institutions of major importance for the culture of a minority or the preservation and development of a regional language, with the proviso that they may be awarded to entities that have had legal personality for at least three years. Subject-specific grants are awarded to entities carrying out at least one of the following tasks: • activities of cultural institutions, the artistic movement and creativity of minorities or communities speaking a regional language, and art events of major importance for the culture of a minority or for the preservation and development of a regional language; • publishing books, magazines, periodicals and pamphlets in minority languages, in a regional language or in Polish, in printed form and in other image and sound recording techniques; • supporting television and radio programmes made by minorities or communities speaking a regional language; • protecting sites relating to the culture of a minority or a regional language; • clubhouse activities; • operating libraries and keeping documentation on the cultural and art life of minorities or libraries and documentation concerning a regional language; • education for children and young people carried out in various forms. In 2022-2024, the Minister of the Interior and Administration allocated funds of: • 2022 – PLN 18,419,00.00 • 2023 - PLN 18,419,00,00 • 2024 - PLN 18,419,00,00 For the implementation of the aforementioned tasks in 2025, the Minister of Interior and Administration has the amount of PLN 21,419,000.00. e) The establishment and activities of the Institute for Linguistic Diversity of the Republic of Poland, established by the Order of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage of 25 April 2024 On 25 April 2024, by order of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage, the Institute for Linguistic Diversity of the Republic of Poland⁸⁷, based in Warsaw, was established. The establishment of the aforementioned institution and its activities are related to and result primarily from:
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⁸⁷ Hereinafter referred to as 'Institute'.

	- the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages⁸⁸; - the Act of 6 January 2005 <i>on National and Ethnic Minorities and Regional Languages</i>⁸⁹; - the Act of 19 August 2011 <i>on the Sign Language and Other Means of Communication</i>⁹⁰; - the statutes of 25 April 2024 granted by order of the Minister of Culture and Cultural Heritage⁹¹. The Institute's activities and support programmes will include national and ethnic minority languages, the regional language (regional languages in the future), the visual and spatial language, colloquial languages (dialects of the Polish language) spoken in Poland today. The Institute's main tasks focus on: - promoting knowledge of the linguistic diversity of Poland; - promoting multilingualism and protecting language rights; - supporting communities, non-governmental organisations and institutions working to preserve and develop linguistic diversity; - documenting linguistic cultural heritage; - preparing recommendations and guidelines for language policy at the national and European levels. The Institute's activities focus on supporting minority languages and cultures, which serves to preserve the cultural diversity and has a positive impact on the richness of Polish culture. One of the Institute's most important tools for achieving this goal is the grant programme. Its support will be given to tasks promoting, studying or cultivating the varieties of the Polish language as well as national and ethnic minority languages, regional languages, Polish sign language and migrants' languages spoken in Poland today. The programme is intended for entities carrying out cultural activities and undertaking activities aimed at the preservation and development of minority cultures and languages. Designated recipients include cultural institutions, non-governmental organisations, churches, religious associations, and rural women's clubs. the objectives of the grant programme include:
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⁸⁸ Journal of Laws of 2009, no. 137, item 1121.

⁸⁹ Journal of Laws of 2017, item 823.

⁹⁰ Journal of Laws of 2023, item 20.

⁹¹ Official Gazette of the MCNH, item 50.

	- promoting multilingualism and cultural diversity by popularising knowledge of national and ethnic minority languages, regional languages, the Polish sign language and other - local and regional - language varieties present in Poland today; - supporting cultural activities important for the preservation and development of national, ethnic, local or regional identity; - building awareness that language is not only a means of communication, but also the foundation of cultural identity, and a unique way of seeing and interacting with the world; - preserving, supporting and developing linguistic diversity and documenting Poland's linguistic heritage. The Institute's activities are not only aimed at preserving and documenting linguistic heritage, but also at linking tradition, social memory and local history to everyday life. With this in mind, the programme offers the opportunity to apply for grants for a variety of activities including: - artistic endeavours - festivals, reviews, exhibitions, concerts, performances, etc., in which language is the dominant form of expression, presenting artistic and cultural content important for cultural identity that strengthens the sense of connection, identification and awareness of social groups; - educational activities, including those intended for trainers and teachers, in particular workshops, webinars, e-learning courses, video blogs and podcasts to communicate knowledge of languages, the dynamics of their development and their impact on contemporary culture; - meetings, symposia and conferences on languages, as well as publication of conference materials; - developing archives, repositories and portals that document, collect and disseminate knowledge about languages and the culture associated with them; - preparing educational materials for language learning; - promotional campaigns and social campaigns highlighting the values of multilingualism and cultural diversity. f) Activities subsidised from the budget of the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage 1) Representatives of national and ethnic minorities can apply to the Programmes of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage, under which it is possible to fund projects contributing to the maintenance of the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities or the preservation and development of the regional language. As there are now more than 30 programmes of the MCNH, with all applicants subject to the same rules, this is not a measure dedicated directly and exclusively to minorities. Selected examples of tasks aimed at national and ethnic minorities subsidised in the years 2023 - 2025 from the programmes of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage, which serve to strengthen efforts to promote awareness and tolerance in the Polish society as a whole with regard to regional or minority languages and the cultures they represent Kashubian minority 2024
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	Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - 23rd Kashubian Dictation 'Królewnka w Pałacu' [The princess in the palace] (Kashubian-Pomeranian Association - PLN 20,000) 2023 Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - On the Kashubian Trail - a Regional Workshop (Cultural Centre in Krokowa - PLN 20,000) Lemko minority 2025 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - Substantive development and printing of the album 'Łemkowskie krywulki - niematerialne dziedzictwo polskich Karpat' [Lemko krywulki - Intangible Heritage of the Polish Carpathians] (Foundation for Intangible Cultural Heritage in Poland, PLN 35,000) - Festival of Lemko culture and traditions 'Od Rusali do Jana' [From Rusaly to Jan] (Society for the Development of the Lemko Culture Museum, PLN 25,000) - 43rd Łemkowska Watra [Lemko bonfire] (Lemko Association in Gorlice, PLN 50,000) - 28th International Folklore Festival 'Świat pod Kyczera' [The World under Kyczera] (Lemko Song and Dance Ensemble 'Kyczera', PLN 115,000) 2024 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - 42nd Łemkowska Watra [Lemko bonfire] (Lemko Association in Gorlice, PLN 90,000) - 27th International Folklore Festival 'Świat pod Kyczera' [The World under Kyczera] (Lemko Song and Dance Ensemble 'Kyczera', PLN 80,000) 2023 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - Encounters with Lemko culture - welcoming Lemko Summer in Lubin and the Chocianów Municipality (Holy Trinity Orthodox Parish in Lubin, PLN 34,000) - Foundation for the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Poland (Lemko 'krywulka'-making craft - entry on the national list of intangible cultural heritage. Description, documentation, evaluation, PLN 25,000) - 26th International Folklore Festival 'Świat pod Kyczera' [The World under Kyczera] (Lemko Song and Dance Ensemble 'Kyczera', PLN 100,000) Roma minority 2025 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - Development of the traditional Roma culture portal E-Drom.pl (Dom Kultury Foundation, PLN 25,000) 2023 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - Development of the traditional Roma culture portal E-Drom.pl (Dom Kultury Foundation, PLN 20,000)
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	Tatar minority 2025 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - ‘Tartar Day’ - festival of Bukówiec traditions (MANU Association of Bukówiec Residents, PLN 35,000) Jewish minority 2025 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - Hitchhiking Through the World of Judaism (Shtetl Mszana Dolna Foundation, PLN 55,000) 2023 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - Lelów - a place where cultures meet (Municipal Cultural Centre, PLN 95,000) 2. Activities of cultural institutions subordinate to the MCNH for the benefit of national and ethnic minorities carried out in 2023 - 2025. It should be noted that some of the activities described in the following material from the MCNH go beyond the scope of the Act of 6 January 2005 on National and Ethnic Minorities and the Regional Language. Museum of the Second World War in Gdańsk - Education and Integration Project: ‘Bridges of Culture - Integration Workshop for Ukrainians’. The aim is to promote the integration of the Ukrainian community into the local community by organising artistic, culinary and historical workshops. The project aims to bring Poles and Ukrainians closer, facilitate mutual understanding and build bridges of friendship and cooperation. Classes and workshops take place at the headquarters of the Museum of the Second World War in Gdańsk, but at educational institutions and refugee centres in the Tricity and the surrounding area. Their topics cover: permanent and temporary exhibitions of the Museum, national holidays of Poland and Ukraine, holiday customs of both countries and current educational projects of the Museum. Activities implemented since 2022: - ‘Cinema in Ukrainian’ series. Cinema screenings, combined with art workshops, are an excellent opportunity to learn something new through play. The activities allow one to forget the personal trauma and the horror of war experienced. The participants create their own versions of the main animation characters using a variety of materials and techniques such as plasticine, paper, paints, crayons, scissors, glue and many others. The programme includes the latest family films with a Ukrainian voiceover, as well as classic animations from years ago that awaken childhood memories in adults and are a special attraction for the youngest viewers. Activities implemented since 2022. In 2024, nearly 1,000 people participated in both projects. - Screening of the film ‘20 Days in Mariupol’, directed by Mstyslav Chernov, 94 min., 2023, Ukraine, documentary. A shocking cinematic indictment of Russia: a record of the extermination of Mariupol made by journalists who risked their lives by staying in the besieged city until the end. The film, which won the Pulitzer Prize and the Academy Award (Oscar) in the Best Documentary Feature Film category. Two screenings were held in April 2024, combined with a discussion.
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- Screening of the film 'It will rain tomorrow', directed by Sebastian Hermano Karaśkiewicz, Poland. A full-length feature film produced by the 'Aby chciało się chcieć' Foundation. Its action covers the period of 1930-1951 and tells the story of the relationship between Kashubians, Poles and Germans living in the region side by side. The fate of the characters shows the changes that the Second World War brought about in these relationships. We observe the various attitudes of and the dilemmas faced by the inhabitants of Pomerania (e.g. the requirement to sign the German nationality list). The screening in April 2024 was followed by a conversation with the filmmakers.

- The 'DROM' performance staged on 26 May 2024 at Długi Targ in Gdańsk by the Migro Theatre as part of the 3rd edition of the Festival of Lost Culture. DROM is a poetic and philosophical story about the wanderings and history of the Roma people - an ethnic group that inhabits almost every country in the world, and about which we know so little. The year 2024 marked the 80th anniversary of the liquidation of the so-called Gypsy camp (Zigeunerlager) at the Auschwitz II - Birkenau concentration camp. That year also marked the 60th anniversary of the end of the Great Migration of the Roma caravans in Poland. The performance was a kind of tribute to the Sinti and Roma people.

- A concert to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Extermination of Sinti and Roma people. The purpose of the event, organised by the Harangos Roma Educational Association, was to pay tribute to the victims and to remember the tragic story of 2 August 1944, when the Germans began the liquidation of the so-called Gypsy camp (Zigeunerlager) at Auschwitz-Birkenau II. The concert featured moving songs that refer to Roma culture and the memory of the past. In addition, a photograph exhibition showing the life of the Sinti and Roma communities was organised. The concert took place in October 2024 with a large participation of members of the Roma community.

- A special screening of the documentary 'Nie chcemy innej ziemi' [We don't want another land], directed by Basel Adra, Hamdan Ballal, Yuval Abraham and Rachel Szor, 2024, Palestine, Norway. Nominated for the Academy Award (Oscar), the film portrays the decades-long legal battle of the inhabitants of Masafer Yatta in the West Bank to preserve their village. The screening was followed by a discussion with invited experts, during which the participants discussed the current situation of the people of the West Bank, the Israeli-Palestinian relations in a historical and political context, as well as the current situation in the Middle East. The event took place in February 2025 and enjoyed high interest of the public [including representatives of Palestinian and Israeli organisations].

- A theatre performance 'To, co pozostało' [What remains], directed by Daria Sudomir, performed by the museum's youth theatre group. During the Second World War, facing major historical events, young people try to find their way. 'What Remains' is a story about growing up in a time that knew no mercy, and characters searching for meaning, love, friendship and a place to feel at home. The plot takes place in occupied Warsaw, the working-class district of Piotrków Trybunalski, the forests of Kielce inhabited by guerillas and the Kashubian countryside. Four performances were held in May 2025, which enjoyed high interest [nearly 1,000 spectators in total].

- A discussion on the collective publication titled 'Granica polsko-niemiecka na pomorzu (1920-1939): historia - pamięć - ślady w przestrzeni' [The Polish-German border in Pomerania (1920-1939): history - memory - traces in space] edited by Prof. Cezary Obracht-Prondzyński. The event,

	scheduled for 12 June this year as part of the next instalment of the 'Spotkania z historią' [Meetings with history] series, will be attended by the book's editor and Michał Matheja from the German Minority Research Centre, which published the book. Stutthof Museum in Sztutowo The Stutthof Museum in Sztutowo implemented the project Secret Military Organisation 'Gryf Pomorski' in the years 2023-2024 on the 80th anniversary of the imprisonment in the Stutthof concentration camp. 'Gryf Pomorski' is one of the most important symbols of the Kashubians' memory of the Second World War and their resistance. Polish History Museum in Warsaw The 'Patriotism of Tomorrow' programme enables the funding of projects aimed at upholding Polish traditions and respect for the heritage of other nations as well as ethnic and religious groups living in Poland and the former Polish - Lithuanian Commonwealth. Accordingly, in the various editions of the programme, it was possible to implement initiatives involving the documentation of the history, culture and collective memory of national and ethnic minorities, as long as they fell within the framework of broadly defined historical and civic education. Wawel Royal Castle - State Art Collections Museum classes in the Ukrainian language. A programme of museum classes for groups with Ukrainian participants, based on the principles of inclusivity and integration. It is designed for two types of youth groups: firstly, for groups comprising only Ukrainian speakers (e.g. preparatory branches, community centres and other groups that consist of only people of Ukrainian origin); secondly, for mixed, Polish-Ukrainian groups (primarily school groups). <u>Museum of King Jan III's Palace in Wilanów</u> 2022-2023, task entitled 'Wystawa czasowa "Sarmacki splendor Orientu. Sztuka Wschodu w służbie pamięci Rzeczypospolitej Obojga Narodów"' [Temporary exhibition 'Sarmatian splendour of the Orient. Art of the East in the service of the Memory of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth'], in which the activity 'Dokumentacja audiowizualna dziedzictwa niematerialnego Tatarów polsko-litewskich' [Audio-video documentation of the intangible heritage of the Polish-Lithuanian Tatars] was carried out in cooperation with the Wilanów Academy Association and under the substantive direction of Prof. Andrzej Drozd of the Warsaw University. The professor wrote the guidelines for the audiovisual documentation of the intangible heritage of the Polish-Lithuanian Tatars (as part of a field interview), and on the basis of these guidelines documentation tours were carried out in the areas of Poland and Lithuania inhabited by the Tatar minority, combined with the recording of users of the Tatar language, forms of religious rituals - prayers, songs and services, and documentation of architecture - mosques with their furnishings, cemeteries, houses, as well as archival material in selected localities. In total, the museum acquired more than a dozen hours of recordings.
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	2023-2024 - the King John III's Palace Museum in Wilanów co-organised the 17th International Congress of Turkish Art in Warsaw. The Museum carried out the task 'Wieloletni projekt dokumentacyjno-wystawienniczy, poświęcony dziełom dawnego rękopiśmiennictwa Tatarów polsko-litewskich - etap końcowy' [Multiannual documentation and exhibition project, dedicated to the old manuscripts of the Polish-Lithuanian Tatars - final stage], which included the activity 'Oto Światłość Wielka i Klucz Rajski. Hymny z tatarskich zaścianków króla Sobieskiego' [Behold the great light and the key to paradise. Hymns from the Tatar villages of King Sobieski], as part of which a temporary exhibition was prepared under the same title, dedicated to the intangible heritage of the Polish-Lithuanian Tatars, the historical culture and writings of the Tatars of the former Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and the phenomenon of the ancient writings of the Polish-Lithuanian Tatars linked to old Polish religious literature. The exhibition was curated by Prof. Andrzej Drozd. The main part of the exhibition consisted of Tatar manuscripts from the collection of the Lithuanian National Museum in Vilnius, from the period until World War II, forming part of the library of the Vilnius Muslim religious community. The exhibition was also prepared based on the collections of Polish institutions and private individuals, including those belonging to the Polish Tatar and Karaite minorities. The exhibition was visited, among others, by groups of representatives of the Tatar minority from Poland (Kruszyniany, Gdańsk) and Ukraine (Crimean Tatars, a group under the care of representatives of the Polish Institute in Kyiv). The exhibition space was also used to record materials for a forthcoming documentary film directed by S. Chazbijewicz on the sources of the culture of the Polish-Lithuanian Tatars, and for promotional purposes the exhibition premises were also made available to Karolina Cicha, a composer and singer who sings traditional Tatar songs in the original language. During the events of the 17th International Congress of Turkish Art, held at the Wilanów Palace Museum, a demonstration of Tatar culinary art, prepared by invited members of the Lithuanian Tatar community, was also presented to congress participants and visitors. Thanks to cooperation agreements with the University of Warsaw and the Faculty of Oriental Studies of the University of Warsaw, the Museum is now a partner in efforts to include the intangible heritage of the Polish-Lithuanian Tatars in the UNESCO National List. National Institute of Museums Three grant programmes run by the National Institute of Museums make it possible to apply for funding for projects contributing to the maintenance of the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities or the preservation and development of a regional language.
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	An example of a project carried out within the framework of the NIM's own programme entitled 'Halls of Memory' is the support provided in 2024 to the Municipal and Commune Cultural Centre in Wilamowice for the task entitled 'Inventory and extension of the collection of Wilamowice costumes of the MCCC in Wilamowice and creation of a Wilamowice Costume Hall'. Along with the Wilamowice language, the local costume has been the most important distinguishing feature of the residents of Wilamowice and a symbol of their ethnic identity. The purpose of the task was not only to save the costume from oblivion by collecting original and unique exhibits, but also to provide the town's residents wishing to create their own copies with access to knowledge about the costume through consultations, the possibility of using costume cut-outs and exhibits in digitised form. These activities were therefore focused not only on the past, but also on the present (through the collection of contemporary items), as well as on the future of the costume, through the substantive support to those who will want to wear it in the future. Wojciech Kętrzyński Northern Institute Below is a list of examples of events organised or prepared and presented outside the Institute by the staff of the Wojciech Kętrzyński Northern Institute in Olsztyn in 2023-2025 in relation the designated area of activity (sustaining the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities, preservation and development of the regional language). - 12 June 2023 - a meeting with film director and screenwriter Dominik Wessely, <i>Porozmawiajmy jeszcze raz o pojednaniu polsko-niemieckim</i> [Let's talk about German-Polish reconciliation again] - Wojciech Kętrzyński Northern Institute in Olsztyn (hereinafter referred to as WKNI); - 29 February 2024 - a meeting with Joanna Wańkowska-Sobiesiak about the book entitled <i>Niepamięć. Żydzi Warmii i Mazur wczoraj, dawno i dziś</i> <i>Reportaże z wypraw do miejsc zapomnianych</i> [Oblivion. The Jews of Warmia and Mazury yesterday, long ago and today. Reportages from expeditions to forgotten places] - WKNI; - 25 April 2024 - a meeting with Joanna Wańkowska-Sobiesiak about the book entitled <i>Żydzi na Warmii</i> [Jews in Warmia] - WKNI; - 20 June 2024 - Dr Emilia Figura-Osełkowska <i>Das Kulturleben im ehemaligen Allenstein - Im Kino</i> [Cultural life in former Allenstein - At the cinema] (a field lecture in German) - start at the Copernicus House in Olsztyn; - 16 October 2024 - a meeting with Prof. Dorota Krystyna Rembiszewska on her book <i>Dziewiętnastowieczne materiały gwarowe z obszaru Warmii, Mazur i terenów sąsiednich. Część I</i> [Nineteenth-century dialect materials from the territory of Warmia, Mazury and neighbouring areas. Part I] - led by Dr Iza Matusiak-Kempa, a professor at the University of Warmia and Mazury - WKNI. Alf Kowalski Miedzyrzec Regional Museum The Alf Kowalski Miedzyrzec Regional Museum has been cooperating with representatives of the Lemko minority living in the Międzyrzecz District for more than ten years, with a view to maintaining the cultural identity of this ethnic minority. In 2024, two events were organised with the participation of Lemkos, which contributed to maintaining the cultural identity of this ethnic minority:
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	- On 7 January 2024, a meeting was organised at the Museum premises for 81 people, with the aim of joint carol singing by Greek Catholics - Lemkos from Miedzyrzecz and surrounding villages, led by Fr. Ernest Sekulski, parish priest of the Greek-Catholic Parish of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Miedzyrzecz. At the meeting, in addition to singing carols, the Christmas traditions of this ethnic minority were presented. - On 11 June 2024, a meeting with a Lemko, Mr Stefan Furtak, entitled 'Łemkowie w Miedzyrzeczu - wspomnienia z rodzinnego domu' [Lemkos in Miedzyrzecz - memories from his family home] was organised at the Museum. The meeting was attended by 70 people, mainly Lemkos from Miedzyrzecz and surrounding villages. In 2025, one event were organised with the participation of Lemkos, which contributed to maintaining the cultural identity of this ethnic minority: - On 11 January 2025, a meeting was organised at the Museum premises for 70 people, with the aim of joint carol singing by Greek Catholics - Lemkos from Miedzyrzecz and surrounding villages, led by Fr. Ernest Sekulski, parish priest of the Greek-Catholic Parish of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Miedzyrzecz. At the meeting, in addition to singing carols, Fr. Ernest Sekulski gave a lecture entitled 'Opowieść o Bożym Narodzeniu' [The Christmas Story]. These activities were carried out as part of the museum's statutory activities, funded by the two organisers' subject grants. Museum - Castle in Łańcut The functioning of the Museum's Department of Orthodox Church Art (cultural heritage of the historic Przemyśl eparchy) with its permanent exhibition, substantive and conservation facilities, should be considered as a permanent support for the cultural activities of the Ukrainian national minority in the Republic of Poland. The Museum's collection contains historical artefacts constituting part of the cultural heritage of the Ukrainian national minority. It is a separate collection of sacred, Orthodox church art functioning as the Museum's Department of Orthodox Church Art. It comprises a permanent exhibition open to the public as well as storage facilities. The collection contains 2,500 movable artefacts, including around 1,000 icons (15th - 20th centuries), sculptures, arts and crafts, and a 250-volume collection of old Cyrillic prints. The listed monuments are in a good state of preservation. Since 1960, they have been under constant conservation care, and optimum conditions for display and storage (proper constant temperature and air humidity) have been ensured. The exhibits on display are described with information in Polish, Ukrainian and English. All information boards providing the substantive descriptions of the collections and maps in the exhibition also contain texts in these languages. The Department employs two substantive workers, both of whom speak the Ukrainian language. Remembrance Museum of Land of Oświęcim Residents
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From September 2024 to May 2025, the Remembrance Museum of Land of Oświęcim Residents, together with partners: Małopolska Centre for Professional Development of Teachers - Oświęcim Branch and St. Maximilian Centre in Harmęże implemented another, 3rd edition of the project entitled 'Akademia Dziedzictwa Pamięci' [Memorial Heritage Academy]. This edition, attended by 56 teachers, representatives of NGOs and other interested parties, focused on the issues of learning about and protecting the cultural and ethnic identity of our region. Visits to various places provided an opportunity to learn about Jewish culture: a lecture combined with a walk in the Jewish Cemetery in Chrzanów, and a lecture entitled 'Śladami żydowskiej przeszłości Oświęcimia' [Following the traces of Oświęcim's Jewish past] combined with a visit to the Chewra Lomedi Misznajot Synagogue in Oświęcim. Roma culture was explored during a visit to the Ethnographic Museum, Branch of the Tarnów Region Museum, which collects objects related to Roma life and culture. The Museum of Wilamów Culture provided an insight into the customs and language of the residents of Wilamów. The Wilamów language has been included by UNESCO on the list of languages 'at a serious risk of extinction'. Also, in this 3rd edition, during an educational trip to the Museum of Cieszyn Silesia, the participants became acquainted with the cultural richness of Cieszyn and Cieszyn Silesia - a place where history and cultures intersect.

National Museum in Kielce

Temporary exhibition entitled '*Śląsk. Panorama dziedzictwa*' [Silesia. A panorama of heritage]; duration: (13 June 2023 – 31 December 2023). The exhibition had an educational character and is aimed to familiarise the visitors with Silesia as a neighbouring region. The idea behind the exhibition was to show examples of Silesia's shared multicultural material heritage - from the Middle Ages up to and including the post-war period - as well as exhibits characterising each of its sub-regions, including those located beyond Poland's borders. The context of the historical experience of continuity is emphasised by showing the traditions of specific places, institutions and craft and industrial establishments. Educational activities familiarising the participants with the most numerous regional minority in Poland - the Silesians. The strong identity of this group, resulting from its specific history as well as its location at the meeting point of national borders and cultures, is characterised by a strongly developed sense of regional identity. An important element of that identity is language. During the activities, the participants listened to the Silesian dialect and then took part in the staging of dialogues in Silesian. An exhibition focusing on cultural and national diversity through which a diverse audience was reached. The exhibition brought Silesia closer as a neighbouring multicultural region, which remains present in the local perspective, but is still little known.

Kazimierz Pułaski Museum in Warka

In the years 2023-2025, while contributing to nurturing the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities in Poland, the Kazimierz Pułaski Museum in Warka has allowed visitors to explore the institution and its collections through an audio guide and the free Movi Guide mobile application for

smartphones with a Ukrainian language version. In addition to the Ukrainian language version, the system is intended for Polish- and English-speaking tourists.

In 2025, the Warka museum finalised the work on and submitted for printing the publication entitled 'Napoleon Orda. Ze zbiorów Muzeum im. Kazimierza Pułaskiego' [Napoleon Orda. From the collection of the Kazimierz Pułaski Museum], a catalogue of lithographs made according to drawings by Napoleon Orda and exhibited at the Museum from December 2022 to June 2023. The publication (as well as the earlier exhibition on the content of which it was based) is in the Polish and Ukrainian languages due to the presentation of places related to Polish [but also Ukrainian] culture, which are currently located in Ukraine. Task entitled 'Napoleon Orda. Ze zbiorów Muzeum im. Kazimierza Pułaskiego' [Napoleon Orda. From the collection of the Kazimierz Pułaski Museum], which included the above-mentioned exhibition, was co-financed by the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage. Part of one of the permanent exhibitions ('Warka - miasto dotknięte historią' [Warka - a city touched by history]) of the Museum focuses on the Jewish community that once lived in Warka. The Museum also makes it possible to learn about the Jewish community in Warka through its online 'Baza Wiedzy o Warce' [Warka knowledge base].

Sandomierz Castle Museum

In the years 2023-2025, the Sandomierz Castle Museum has prepared:

- in 2023 - free tickets to the Museum for Ukrainian citizens as part of the 'Solidarity with Ukraine' campaign - the campaign ended at the end of 2023;
- promotion of the exhibition entitled 'Sandomierzowskie ślady Jarosława Iwaszkiewicza' [Sandomierz traces of Jarosław Iwaszkiewicz] in Belarusian - a radio broadcast by Polish Radio - January 2025.

'Memory and Future' Centre

As part of the project entitled 'Ocalone Dziedzictwa. Regionalne Izby Pamięci' [Saved legacies. Regional Halls of Memory], the Centre supports entities that run halls of memory and preserve local cultural heritage in them, including to a large extent the presence of cultural, ethnic, national and religious minorities in the area. The institution cooperates in the organisation of projects to educate and popularise this heritage, carries out inventory and digitisation activities for the permanent preservation of unique collections and intangible heritage, provides training in the preservation and popularisation of various manifestations of minority cultures (language, traditions, clothes, music, etc.) - both in local communities and on a national scale. As a result, the heritage of broadly defined minorities is becoming visible and perceived as an important part of Poland's cultural heritage.

The Centre's 'Świadkowie historii' [Witnesses to History] programme is permanently carried out to record oral history accounts of representatives of minorities. In the years prior to the period covered by the enquiry, projects were carried out with a deliberate focus on the experience of ethnic, cultural and religious minorities; such memories are now recorded as part of the Centre's ongoing activities and made available in the Oral History Archive.

	Centre for Social Archiving In 2023, the Centre for Social Archiving (CSA) organised the 5th Congress of Social Archives, entitled 'Historia na głosy' [History's different voices]. The Congress hosted a group of social archivists from Ukraine (as part of CSA's cooperation with Fundacja Dobra Wola). Events from the main programme of the Congress (opening of the Congress, presentations of artistic and cultural projects, debate on the topic 'When stories become history', conclusion) were translated into Ukrainian. Ukrainian speakers were able to participate both in-person and online. In 2025, the CSA is a partner in the project entitled 'Dziedzictwo Ukraińców w Polsce: co dalej? W stronę raportu o stanie dziedzictwa kulturowego mniejszości ukraińskiej w Polsce' [The heritage of Ukrainians in Poland: what next? Towards a report on the state of the cultural heritage of the Ukrainian minority in Poland], carried out by the Faculty of International and Political Studies of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. The aim of the project is to identify the state of Ukrainian cultural heritage, diagnose the problems and challenges relevant to it, document this heritage and develop recommendations for further action. The Centre for Social Archiving will hold a webinar on the documentation of social heritage as part of the project. The Centre for Social Archiving carries out ongoing activities to support organisations running social archives, which include training, consultation and provision of digital tools for describing and publishing their collections (Open Archiving System and Social Collections website). These organisations include entities dealing with national minorities (German, Armenian, Ukrainian) and ethnic minorities (Lemko). 3. Knowledge of minorities Below you will find brief information on selected activities of cultural institutions subordinate to the MCNH, in which the presentation of knowledge on national and ethnic minorities in Poland is included in the permanent exhibition and educational offer. These activities help intensify the efforts to promote awareness and tolerance in Polish society as a whole with regard to, among other things, regional or minority languages and the cultures they represent. National Museum in Gdańsk As part of its statutory and project activities, the Department of Ethnography of the Museum cooperates with ethnic groups living in Eastern Pomerania - Kashubians, Kociewiaks, inhabitants of Żuławy, Powiśle and Bory Tucholskie, but also with national minorities - Ukrainians, Belarusians and Tartars. Each year, themed days are organised as part of the Summer Ethnographic Fair held in the Museum's garden: Kashuby Day, Kociewie Day, Żuławy and Powiśle Day, to which regional bands, artists and craftswomen are invited. In addition, the Department of Ethnography of the Museum is the headquarters of the Association of Folk Artists in Gdańsk, looks after the Association's archives and organises its members' conventions.
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	Institute for Linguistic Diversity of the Republic - The 'Linguistic Diversity' grant programme, which was announced in 2025 (the pilot edition has been completed). Under the programme, it was possible to apply for support for cultural activities important for the preservation and development of national, ethnic, local or regional identity, especially that for which language is the primary form of expression. The applicants could apply for funds for artistic events - festivals, reviews, exhibitions, concerts, performances, etc., in which language is the dominant form of expression, presenting artistic and cultural content important for the cultural identity and strengthening the sense of connection, identification and awareness of social groups; educational activities such as workshops, webinars, e-learning courses, video blogs and podcasts to communicate knowledge about languages, the dynamics of their development and their impact on contemporary culture; meetings, symposia, conferences dedicated to languages; development of archives, repositories and portals that document, collect and popularise knowledge about languages and the culture associated with them; preparation of educational materials for language learning, i.e. materials that replace or complement textbooks, in paper or electronic form, e.g. workbooks, board games, digital games, applications; promotional campaigns, social activities demonstrating the value of multilingualism and cultural diversity. The programme's budget amounted to PLN 1,500,000. A total of 266 applications were submitted, of which 33 were awarded funding. The following amounts were allocated for the support for projects designed to support the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities and preserve and develop a regional language, listed in the Act of 6 January on national and ethnic minorities and the regional language: Kashubian language - PLN 126,300, Lemko language - PLN 100,100, Armenian language - PLN 58,500. It is important to note that the grant programme is a competition in which the highest rated applications receive funding. It does not have a separate mechanism to guarantee the award of a grant to a minority as defined in the aforementioned Act, and the quality of the projects determines whether they receive a grant. This is therefore different from the grant programme of the Ministry of the Interior and Administration, which systemically supports the social groups in question. - A series of webinars on linguistic diversity organised with the Mazovian Local Government Centre for the Education of Teachers in Warsaw. It is intended to support the STEAM education model, which is related to the participation of children, young people and teachers in the broadly defined world of culture. The topics of the webinars are regional dialects in the context of their related culture and art of the community and the region in which they are used. The webinars are conducted by academic teachers and linguistic and cultural experts. A pilot programme is being implemented this year, which the Institute is planning to develop in other provinces. A webinar on the Kashubian language is planned for this edition (November 2025). - In 2025, in collaboration with the Studnia O. Foundation, as part of the International Storytelling Art Festival, the Institute announced the competition entitled 'Opowieść. Siła różnorodności' [Story. The power of diversity]. The aim of this activity is to create a space for storytelling in minority languages/dialects. The competition is designed for anyone who is passionate about storytelling
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	and does so in regional varieties of Polish, a national or ethnic minority language, a regional language or the Polish sign language. - Publishers. Editorial work was carried out on the book entitled 'Gwarno. O różnorodności językowej w Polsce' [Gwarno. On linguistic diversity in Poland] (working title) by Martyna Skibińska, published in cooperation with the publishing house Dwie Siostry in Warsaw. This is a popular science book for children aged 8 and older. The introduction includes reflections on the role of language in communication and culture, and discusses the concept of linguistic diversity. The key part of the book is a description of selected languages and dialects currently spoken in Poland. The following languages are described: Belarusian, Czech, Yiddish, Karaite, Kashubian, Lithuanian, Lemko, German, Armenian, Roma, Slovak, Silesian, Tatar, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, Wilamów and the Polish sign language; as well as the following dialects: Krakow, Kurpie, Podhale, Poznań, Świętokrzyskie, Warsaw, Wielkopolskie and Przemyśl 'bałak'. The illustrations for the book were prepared by Agnieszka Probola. - The Institute designed a study to gain knowledge about the presence and functioning of linguistic and cultural communities in Poland. The study will include, among other things, an analysis of the presence of measures for linguistic diversity in national and regional strategic documents, the location of centres of linguistic/cultural activity, and the identification of community leaders in minority groups. Ultimately, the study is intended to determine the situation of individual languages and identify the necessary and most urgent actions that need to be taken. The results of the study will form the basis for the preparation of effective and precise intervention programmes (grant programme, scholarships, publications, promotion) aimed at protecting, preserving and documenting linguistic diversity and safeguarding linguistic rights. The project will be implemented by the University of Gdańsk. E. Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute Information on the programmes or activities conducted by the Jewish Historical Institute (JHI) in the years 2023 -2025, which have enabled funding projects that contribute to maintaining the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities or preserving and developing the regional language. - Yiddish course - Yiddish classes have been held from autumn 2017 until now. During the week, 2 groups are taught: on Mondays the advanced group (3 participants), and on Fridays the intermediate group (4 participants). The only participants are employees of the JHI. - Purim ball - co-organised every year on the occasion of Purim by the JHI together with other Jewish institutions and organisations: 11 March 2023, 23 March 2024, 15 March 2025. - Hanukkah concerts - the programme includes excerpts from Georg Friedrich Händel's oratorio Judah Maccabaeus HWV 63 performed by the orchestra and choir of the National Philharmonic conducted by Maciej Tomaszewicz: 7 December 2023. - The meeting '100. jorcajt Reginy Lilentalowej. O dziedzictwie pionierki, etnografki i publicystki' [Regina Lilentalowa's 100th anniversary. On the legacy of the pioneer, ethnographer and publicist]
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	- the participants of the discussion included Regina Lilentalowa's granddaughter Dorota Liliental, Dr. Adam Czyżewski and Prof. Marcin Wodziński, 5 December 2024. POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews The POLIN Museum conducts a range of activities involving national and ethnic minorities, with a particular focus on projects concerning the identity of the Jewish minority. It also carries out educational activities on the history and culture of the Roma, Ukrainian and Belarusian minorities. It is worth mentioning that some of these projects were carried out as part of the 'Jewish Cultural Heritage (JCH) programme, the 'Education and Innovation Development' (EID) programme, as well as with the support of the Foundation 'Erinnerung, Verantwortung und Zukunft' (EVZ Foundation - 'Remembrance, Responsibility and Future'). Treblinka Museum The celebrations have been organised annually, also in 2023-2025: - 14 June - National Day of Remembrance for the Victims of German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camps; - 2 August - anniversary of the outbreak of the revolt of the prisoners of the Treblinka death camp; - September - patriotic and religious events at the Execution Site; - a meeting of the Polish and Israeli youth - on 20 November 2024, representatives of both countries once again met to commemorate and pay tribute to those murdered at the Treblinka II extermination camp. More than 300 participants from Israel and Poland attended the event, with the young people participating together in educational and integration workshops. - publishing books, magazines, periodicals and pamphlets in minority languages or in Polish, in printed form and in other image and sound recording techniques; articles by the Museum's staff: 'Zagłada ludności żydowskiej, polskiej i romskiej w obozie zagłady Treblinka II w relacjach świadków' [The extermination of the Jewish, Polish and Roma population in the Treblinka II extermination camp in the accounts of witnesses] [in:] <i>Formy zniewolenia na okupowanych przez Niemcy ziemiach polskich (1939–1945). Obozy, getta, więzienia</i> (2023) [Forms of enslavement in German-occupied Polish territories (1939-1945). Camps, ghettos, prisons (2023)]; 'Medal Zasłużony dla Muzeum Treblinka' [Medal of merit for the Treblinka Museum] [in:] <i>Romano Atmo 3 2023</i> (105) (Roma quarterly); 'Pamięć o Zagładzie zapisana w wierszach' [Memory of the Holocaust written in poems], Treblinka Museum 2023, the authors included a person of Roma origin; - running libraries and documenting the cultural and artistic life of minorities; the Treblinka Museum's library offers books in German, Czech, Russian and Hebrew on the history of World War II and the Treblinka II extermination camp and Treblinka I labour camp; - education of children and young people in various forms; the educational activities and workshops carried out at the Treblinka Museum include the history, culture and Holocaust of national and ethnic minorities. Since 2024, the Treblinka Museum has been organising activities jointly with the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews as part of the latter's programme entitled 'Muzeum w pudełku'
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	[Museum in a Box]. Visitors to Treblinka have the opportunity to learn about the culture and history of Polish Jews - promoting knowledge of minorities; during tours guided by museum guides, publications issued, an audio guide made available at the Treblinka II extermination camp - a free app for smartphones in Hebrew and German - and an audio guide - Treblinka I Labour Camp - available in German, translation into German of the catalogue of the exhibition entitled 'W 80. rocznicę śmierci Henryka Goldszmita/Janusza Korczaka' [On the 80th anniversary of the death of Henryk Goldszmit/Janusz Korczak]; - other tasks to achieve the objectives referred to in paragraph 1, in particular implemented under multiannual programmes: cooperation with the Polish Roma Association in Oświęcim, the Union of Polish Roma with its seat in Szczecinek, the Central Council of Roma in Białystok and the Foundation Towards Dialogue. In cooperation with one of these organisations, a publication entitled 'Romowie. Historia i poezja. Zagłada Romów, wiersze Romów Europejskich' [Roma people. History and poetry. The extermination of the Roma, poems by European Roma people]. Esther Rachel and Ida Kamińska Jewish Theatre - Centre for Yiddish Culture This institution is jointly managed by the City of Warsaw and the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage (under an unlimited contract). In 2025, the grant from the MCNH for the Jewish Theatre, according to the UB plan, is PLN 3,620,000. The institution is the only Jewish Theatre in Poland and one of only two permanent theatres in Europe staging plays in Yiddish. Since July 2012, in accordance with its statute, the Theatre has also operated the Yiddish Culture Centre (JCC), whose activities in 2023- 2024 were as follows: - In 2023, the JCC carried out 1,228 hours of educational and artistic activities, workshops and lectures as part of the University of the Third Age, the Jewish Open University, the Educational and Cultural Programme and Yiddish and Hebrew language courses. A total of 3,789 people took part in all activities. The activities had a classroom, online and hybrid form. - In 2024, the JCC carried out 1,310 hours of educational and artistic activities, workshops and lectures as part of the University of the Third Age, the Jewish Open University, the Educational and Cultural Programme and Yiddish and Hebrew language courses. The educational offer of activities for seniors was expanded, with the introduction of, among other things, psychological workshops, art therapy and film club sessions, information technology classes and additional trips to activate seniors. In March 2024, the JCC launched a new project entitled 'Kinderwelt' [Children's world] - a place for family education and sensory activities for infants, turning children at a young age into culture recipients. A total of 4,555 people took part in all these activities. The activities had a classroom, online and hybrid form. National Library
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- Between 2023 and 2025, the National Library collected publications of national and ethnic minorities and in regional languages, coming both from the obligatory deposit and from bibliophile auction purchases. The collections of the National Library received publications published in Poland by and for national and ethnic minorities, including: *Besida* (quarterly of the Main Association of Lemkos), *Awedis: posłaniec niosący dobrą nowinę: czasopismo ormiańskie* (Polish Armenian Culture and Heritage Foundation); *Život: kultúrno - spoločenský časopis'* (Association of Slovaks in Poland), *Przegląd Tatarski* (Muslim Religious Union in the Republic of Poland), *Naše Slovo* (Union of Ukrainians in Poland) and many other titles of both periodicals and non-serial printed publications. The National Library's staff catalogued the collections for perpetual storage and to make them available to all interested parties in the Library's reading rooms. A number of activities aimed at the protection, preservation and development of the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities and the preservation and development of the regional language were also carried out by the National Library through the Digital National Library *Polona.pl*. The materials published in the digital library include text and iconographic documents bearing witness to the functioning of national minorities in the territories of Poland, such as the Belarusian '*Z belaruskaga paletku: adnadrěka: Vil'nâ, Traven'*', the iconographic documents '*Typy z Jaremcza*' and the pre-war publications '*O języku Ormian Polskich*' [On the language of the Polish Armenians], *Głosownia gwary ormiańskiej w Kutach Jana Hanusza* [Voice of the Armenian dialect in Kut by Jan Hanusz] and '*Kwestya alfabetu litewskiego w państwie rosyjskiem i jej rozwiązanie Jana Niecisława Baudouina de Courtenay*' [The question of the Lithuanian alphabet in the Russian state and its solution by Jan Niecisław Baudouin de Courtenay].

Silesian Institute

Since 2019, the Silesian Institute has been implementing an interdisciplinary research programme to analyse the presence of minority languages in public spaces. The project combines political science, linguistics and historical and sociological perspectives. The research focuses on the use of minority languages in everyday life, official systems, the press and the education system. The result is three volumes of scientific monographs and a series of international conferences. The project documents the changing position of minority languages, showing their importance in shaping local identity and language policy in Poland and Europe.

Dictionary of Silesian dialects - 18 volumes (up to letter M), the last volume published in 2024. '*Słownik gwar śląskich*' [The dictionary of Silesian dialects] is a long-term research project carried out by the Linguistic Research Laboratory of the Silesian Institute. Its aim is the documentation and scientific study of the lexis of Silesian dialects. The project is based on a unique file of more than one million fiches, collected over several decades. The dictionary records the meanings, forms, geographical occurrences and etymology of words, also taking into account phraseologisms and proverbs, and provides quotations to illustrate the use of words (often in phonetic spelling). It is a

	tool for researchers, teachers and language enthusiasts. By May 2024, 18 volumes covering letters A to M had been published. From the very beginning, the work on the creation of the 'Dictionary of Silesian Dialects' has focused not only on the acquisition of lexicographical material, but primarily on its consolidation, ordering, description and cataloguing. The work on the dictionary was led in turn by eminent linguists: Prof. S. Bąk, Prof. S. Rospond, Prof. F. Pluta and Prof. Bogusław Wyderka. Today, the 'Dictionary of Silesian Dialects' is compiled by a four-person team of dialectologists consisting of Dr Agata Haas, Dr Małgorzata Iżykowska, Dr Krzysztof Kleszcz and Dr Marzena Muszyńska. This multi-volume lexicon notes and describes a huge number of individual words characteristic of the Silesian dialects and shows their diversity in terms of semantics, word formation and phonetics. The material collected at the Laboratory is compiled according to an established methodology in such a way that it can also be used by people without philological training. The 'Dictionary of Silesian Dialects' helps to preserve and promote the unique vocabulary characteristic of the region and the richness of Silesian dialects and their great diversity. It provides a better understanding of the local identity, history and traditions of the people of Silesia. - Multilingualism of national and ethnic minorities in Poland and Central and Eastern Europe: conditions, practices, policies - planned measure. The project would investigate the conditions and practices of multilingualism in national and ethnic minority communities in Poland and compare them with selected countries in Central and Eastern Europe (Lithuania, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary and Balkan countries). State language policies, educational practices, the attitude of families and local communities towards the minority language and the extent of the presence of minority languages in public and media spaces would be analysed. The project would involve field research, i.e. interviews with representatives of minority communities (teachers, parents, local leaders) and analysis of programme documents and statistical data. The project would help identify patterns of support for (or disappearance of) multilingualism and the factors favouring its preservation. - Policies in favour of national and ethnic minorities in Poland after 2005: analysis of implementation, effects and challenges - planned measures. The aim of the project would be to conduct a comprehensive analysis of public policies towards national and ethnic minorities in Poland after 2005 - i.e. after the enactment of the Act on National and Ethnic Minorities and the Regional Language. The research would focus on evaluating the implementation of national programmes (e.g. programmes for the Roma community, grant funds) and activities at the local level. Public documents, financial data, performance reports and expert interviews with minority and administrative representatives would be analysed. - Cultural heritage of minorities in Poland - protection, transmission, presence in public space - planned measure. The project would address the preservation, transmission and presence of the cultural heritage of national and ethnic minorities in Poland in contemporary public space. The
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	analysis would cover the activities of state institutions, NGOs and minority communities themselves for the protection of heritage - both tangible (historical monuments, museums, archives) and intangible (language, music, customs, historical memory). The research would include case studies relating to the Lemko, German, Karaite and Tatar communities, among others. The result would be an interactive map of minority heritage projects in Poland, a scientific publication and proposals for cultural and educational policies. Podlasie Museum in Białystok The Historical Museum is particularly active in maintaining the cultural identity of the Polish Tatars. We are the custodians of the largest collection of memorabilia related to this ethnic group in Poland. The collection is being actively developed, and each expansion of the collection is particularly promoted. This resource, enriched by scholarly studies prepared by the museum staff, is used frequently and regularly by researchers of Tatar culture from Polish and European research centres, the media, Polish diplomatic missions and, last but not least, by visitors to the museum. For many years, the museum has cooperated with the Union of Tatars of the Republic of Poland and the Muslim Religious Union in the Republic of Poland. At the end of 2025, both organisations will celebrate the hundredth anniversary of their founding. The Podlasie Museum in Białystok, counting on the support of the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage, is planning to organise exhibitions and cultural events related to these anniversaries. Between 2023 and 2025, we engaged in a lively dialogue with representatives of the Tatar community, taking part in events and celebrations it organised and seeking new grounds for cooperation. We are regular visitors to the Summer Academy of Knowledge about Tatars. The materials we make available and the consultations we provide result in several publications and papers presented at scientific conferences every year. Museum of Two Nations in Bielsko Podlaskie / Branch of the Podlasie Museum in Białystok The Museum of Both Nations in Bielsko Podlaskie collects artefacts that are an extremely important part of the culture and traditions of national minorities, including Belarusian and Ukrainian, living in the Bielsko district. These include museum artefacts from the folk towel collection acquired through many years of searches, field research and donations. The ethnographic collection also includes elements of old folk costumes and textiles that are important for national minorities, which we use during museum activities for the Ukrainian or Belarusian minorities, as well as for schools and kindergartens with Belarusian as the language of instruction. Students who are members of the Union of Podlasie Ukrainians and individuals also benefit from the activities. The museum also supports the activities of artists, including folk artists, of national minorities by carrying out research on textile and costume design for them. It is systematically developing a collection of works by well-known artists from national minorities. Its collections include works by Małgorzata Dmitruk, Sławomir Rybak, Oleg Kobzar and Mirosław Zdrajkowski, whose work was inspired by the collection of folk towels from the collections of the Museum of Two Nations. Museum of Icons in Supraśl / Branch of the Podlasie Museum in Białystok
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Another institution worth mentioning is the Museum of Icons in Supraśl, whose activities focus the culture of Poland's eastern neighbours. The museum promotes icon and church art associated with the Orthodox Church, both regionally and in a broader historical context. The Museum's permanent multimedia exhibition presents various works of Orthodox church art. Among the artefacts on display are works related to Podlasie, as well as the former territories of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, the Old Believers (a religious minority separated from the Orthodox Church), and other manifestations of icon art. The section of the exhibition devoted to relics of Podlasie churches presents priceless 16th-century post-Byzantine frescoes from the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Supraśl Monastery, as well as other important monuments of Orthodox church art and works from the region. An important part of the permanent exhibition is one of the richest collections of old rite icons in the country, which delight with their diversity resulting from many iconographic traditions. The artefacts from the former territory of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth include icons from temples dating from the 16th to 18th centuries. In addition to ancient iconography, in Prof. J. Nowosielski's Room, the museum presents the master's works as well as contemporary icons with references to the tradition of icon art.

In 2023-2024, the Museum of Icons purchased monuments of Orthodox church art with funds from a grant received from the MCNH under the National Institute of Museums' own programme entitled 'Rozbudowa zbiorów muzealnych' [Expansion of Museum Collections] for a total of PLN 234,000 (grant amount PLN 184,578.08). The Museum of Icons is also expanding its collection by purchasing artefacts as part of its internal collection policy, financed from the institution's own funds.

Central Prisoners-of-War Museum

The Central Prisoners-of-War Museum (CPWM) is systematically preserving and digitising archival documents from the Wehrmachtauskunftsstelle für Kriegerverluste und Kriegsgefangene group from the year 1939-1945 and creating a database on their basis. The task aims to restore and preserve the unique files of the museum's archive, which are at risk of irreversible damage due to high paper acidification, and to digitise them and make the information they contain available. These documents constitute the most important and often the only available source of information in Poland concerning the individual fate of Polish prisoners of war during World War II, including representatives of national and ethnic minorities such as Belorussian, Czech, Lithuanian, German, Armenian, Russian, Slovak, Ukrainian and Jewish. The documents provide a basis for making information available to descendants of families of Polish prisoners of war, including representatives of national minorities.

In 2023, the CPWM has joined in the organisation of the 80th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. As part of this project, from 19 April to 30 June, the Museum presented in Opole a temporary exhibition entitled 'They were neighbours: human choices and behaviour in the face of the Holocaust', prepared by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC, and held a series of workshops for secondary school students.

	In connection with the reconstruction of the headquarters of the CPWM in Łambinowice and the dismantling of the permanent exhibitions that existed there, the Museum undertook work on a new exhibition, including one dedicated to the post-war labour camp in Łambinowice for the German population and people recognised as Germans. Research queries, collection of materials and work on the concept for this exhibition are planned for 2025. In 2026, the Museum is planning to prepare a graphic design for the exhibition. Ultimately, the exhibition prepared in Polish, German and English will be accompanied by an educational programme designed for schools in the Opolskie Province (including those teaching German as a minority language). The CPWM is carrying out research, including scientific queries in state and family archives planned for 2025, on the subject of 'Jews - soldiers of the Polish Armed Forces in the captivity of the Wehrmacht and the NKVD', which is expected to culminate in the preparation of a scientific publication and a temporary exhibition devoted to this subject. The CPWM regularly supports (also as a partner) and participates in the commemoration of the Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Upper Silesian Tragedy (the last Sunday of January - 26 January this year), organised by the Social and Cultural Society of Germans in Opole Silesia. The ceremonies take place at the Cemetery of Victims of the Labour Camp in Łambinowice and are accompanied by scientific meetings, film screenings, seminars and, for example, presentations of exhibitions initiated by the CPWM. On 22 January 2025, the CPWM, in cooperation with the Opole Board of Education and the Silesian Institute in Opole, organised an educational conference in Łambinowice entitled 'The Upper Silesian Tragedy of 1945 in school education'. Apart from the desire to provide a historical overview of the dramatic events that are nowadays referred to as the Upper Silesian Tragedy, the aim of the conference was to discuss the practical side of education on this topic and to discuss ways of conveying this difficult knowledge to students. As part of the meeting, the participants took part, among other things, in demonstration workshops conducted using the innovative Avatar method. d. Draw up, in co-operation with the speakers, an action plan on the implementation of the Charter for Lemko. In Polish education law, the languages of all national and ethnic minorities and the Kashubian regional language have the same status. However, due to regional variations, dispersion across the country or the number of users, the forms of support for the teaching of these languages can vary considerably. Funding for minority/regional language teaching is systemically provided by the government and transferred to local authorities in the form of an increased education subsidy (currently the amount allocated to education needs).
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	With regard to the support for teachers in 2019, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 28 May 2019 <i>on teacher training centres</i>⁹² oblige school superintendents to: - include, as appropriate, in the plan of the methodological counselling network in a given province, methodological counselling for teachers employed in schools where a national or ethnic minority language or regional language is taught; - cooperate with organisations of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the creation of the above-mentioned methodological counselling network. In 2023, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of Education and Science of 14 September 2023 amending the Regulation on the <i>standard of education preparing for the teaching profession</i>⁹³ enabled universities to provide training for regional language teachers in accordance with the demand expressed by the Committee on National and Ethnic Minorities of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, i.e. also during first-cycle programme studies. Kashubian language teacher training is provided by the University of Gdańsk. Adequately to the changes in the way teachers are trained, the questions of qualifications for teaching or conducting classes in kindergartens, schools, groups or branches that enable students belonging to national minorities, ethnic minorities or communities speaking a regional language to maintain their sense of national, ethnic or linguistic identity have been regulated. In addition to measures concerning languages of national minorities and ethnic minorities as well as regional languages, initiatives were also taken in 2024 concerning regional education and the Silesian language. In 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 20 July 2018 - <i>Higher Education and Science Law</i>⁹⁴, the Minister of Education commissioned and funded:
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⁹² Journal of Laws of 2023, item 2738, as amended.

⁹³ Journal of Laws, item 2003.

⁹⁴ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended.

	- the preparation and delivery of a two-semester postgraduate course for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, for at least 25 professionally active teachers; this course was delivered - in the academic year 2024/2025 - by the University of Silesia in Katowice; - the provision of packages of methodical materials and teaching aids in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature for teachers participating in the above-mentioned postgraduate course and for at least 500 schools and kindergartens conducting classes in regional education; - the creation of a freely accessible Internet platform with methodological materials and teaching aids for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature. The implementation of the above tasks is supported by a nationwide teacher training establishment, i.e. the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw, to which the Minister of Education commissioned and financed the preparation and dissemination of methodological materials for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, teaching aids and translations. As part of the performance of the above task, the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw - in the period from 11 October 2024 to 31 December 2024 - carried out the following activities: - four classroom training courses entitled 'Silesia - History, Culture, Language', aimed at popularising cultural heritage focused on cultivating customs and learning about the Upper Silesian region. The training courses were attended by 199 participants, i.e. teachers-consultants, methodological advisers and teachers interested in the topic of the training; - two online training courses entitled 'How to Conduct Regional Education Classes Using Quests?'. The participants learnt about the methodology for creating quests, acquired the skills needed to conduct classes using this technique and had individual consultations with the instructors; - lectures and workshops, visiting museums and places of cultural heritage in Upper Silesia, and watching a theatre play entitled 'Mianujom mie Hanka', which enabled participants to acquire knowledge about the region and the diversity of Silesian history and culture; - methodological materials on literature, art and customs shaping everyday life and the specific characteristics of the regional language have been posted on the website of the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw for general access and use by teachers when planning and conducting regional education classes.
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	The teaching of a minority language, a regional language, a minority's own history and culture and the geography of the country with whose cultural area the minority identifies is carried out on the basis of curricula approved for use in a school by the school principal. Pursuant to Article 22aa of the Act of 7 September 1991 <i>on the Education System</i>⁹⁵, a teacher may decide to implement a curriculum with the use of a textbook, educational material or exercise material, or without these teaching aids. The selection of a textbook or educational material that replaces a textbook and exercise materials for educational classes is made by a team of teachers teaching the specific classes. If a textbook is selected to implement a curriculum, this selection is made from among the textbooks approved for school use. The minister responsible for education approves a textbook for school use after obtaining positive opinions from textbook experts⁹⁶. Textbooks approved for school use that are in line with the current core curriculum are included in the lists published on the website of the Ministry of National Education. Textbooks, including textbooks for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, are approved for school use at the request of an entity (publisher) holding the author's economic rights for the textbook. Most textbooks for teaching a minority language, the history and culture of a minority are written gradually, usually by publishers associated with or representing minority communities in Poland. Pursuant to Article 68 of the Act of 27 October 2017 <i>on the Financing of Educational Tasks</i>⁹⁷, textbooks and supporting books for the education of students within the scope necessary to sustain a sense of national, ethnic and linguistic identity may be subsidised from the state budget from the part at the disposal of the minister competent for education and upbringing. Due to the high unit price of textbooks for minorities (high cost of preparation combined with low circulation), the Ministry of National Education finances all costs related to the preparation, writing and publication of textbooks and supplementary books for the education of students declaring membership in national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language. Subsidies are available for textbooks that have been approved for school use by the minister responsible for education and were included in the list of textbooks intended for general education for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language,
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⁹⁵ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 750, as amended.

⁹⁶ Article 22an(1) of the Act on the *Education System*.

⁹⁷ Journal of Laws of 2025, item 439.

	as well as for so-called supplementary books (e.g. exercise books, subject dictionaries, method books) which are not subject to approval for school use. According to the rules laid down by the Ministry of National Education, textbooks for teaching the language of the national minority, the history and culture and geography of the country with whose territory the national minority identifies, are financed first, and supplementary books are subsidised second. The textbooks and supplementary books are distributed free of charge to the relevant school superintendent's offices and then to school libraries or inter-school teaching teams, as ordered by school principals. This system guarantees adequate distribution of and access to free textbooks and supplementary books for successive year groups of students attending minority or regional language classes. g. Reference of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education To the recommendation of the Expert Committee of the European Charter for Languages regarding the Lemko language. Polish universities enjoy guaranteed autonomy, including with regards to their curricula, which allows them to independently shape the offer of fields of study that match their mission and strategy and their socio-economic environment. Therefore, the decision regarding the initiative to create a study programme in a specific field is made by the university at its own discretion. A university intending to establish a study programme in a particular field takes into account first and foremost its available staff, infrastructure and the demand of the socio-economic environment. From the university's point of view, what is important is first and foremost the interest of potential students in a particular field of study. The determination of study programmes also falls within the university's scope of competence. Consequently, the Ministry of Science and Higher Education does not have the authority to add specific content or subjects to the curricula of study programmes provided by universities, nor can it order universities to create specific fields of study.
2.8. Lithuanian	a. Draw up, in co-operation with the speakers, an action plan on the implementation of the Charter for Lithuanian. In Polish education law, the languages of all national and ethnic minorities and the Kashubian regional language have the same status. However, due to regional variations, dispersion across the country or the number of users, the forms of support for the teaching of these languages can vary considerably. Funding for minority/regional language teaching is systemically provided by the

	government and transferred to local authorities in the form of an increased education subsidy (currently the amount allocated to education needs). b. Ensure the necessary textbooks for teaching in Lithuanian at all levels. With regard to the support for teachers in 2019, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 28 May 2019 <i>on teacher training centres</i>⁹⁸ oblige school superintendents to: - include, as appropriate, in the plan of the methodological counselling network in a given province, methodological counselling for teachers employed in schools where a national or ethnic minority language or regional language is taught; - cooperate with organisations of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the creation of the above-mentioned methodological counselling network. In 2023, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of Education and Science of 14 September 2023 amending the Regulation on the <i>standard of education preparing for the teaching profession</i>⁹⁹ enabled universities to provide training for regional language teachers in accordance with the demand expressed by the Committee on National and Ethnic Minorities of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, i.e. also during first-cycle programme studies. Kashubian language teacher training is provided by the University of Gdańsk. Adequately to the changes in the way teachers are trained, the questions of qualifications for teaching or conducting classes in kindergartens, schools, groups or branches that enable students belonging to national minorities, ethnic minorities or communities speaking a regional language to maintain their sense of national, ethnic or linguistic identity have been regulated. In addition to measures concerning languages of national minorities and ethnic minorities as well as regional languages, initiatives were also taken in 2024 concerning regional education and the Silesian language. In 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 20 July
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¹⁰⁰ Journal of of Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended.

	- methodological materials on literature, art and customs shaping everyday life and the specific characteristics of the regional language have been posted on the website of the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw for general access and use by teachers when planning and conducting regional education classes. The teaching of a minority language, a regional language, a minority's own history and culture and the geography of the country with whose cultural area the minority identifies is carried out on the basis of curricula approved for use in a school by the school principal. Pursuant to Article 22aa of the Act of 7 September 1991 <i>on the Education System</i>¹⁰¹, a teacher may decide to implement a curriculum with the use of a textbook, educational material or exercise material, or without these teaching aids. The selection of a textbook or educational material that replaces a textbook and exercise materials for educational classes is made by a team of teachers teaching the specific classes. If a textbook is selected to implement a curriculum, this selection is made from among the textbooks approved for school use. The minister responsible for education approves a textbook for school use after obtaining positive opinions from textbook experts¹⁰². Textbooks approved for school use that are in line with the current core curriculum are included in the lists published on the website of the Ministry of National Education. Textbooks, including textbooks for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, are approved for school use at the request of an entity (publisher) holding the author's economic rights for the textbook. Most textbooks for teaching a minority language, the history and culture of a minority are written gradually, usually by publishers associated with or representing minority communities in Poland. Pursuant to Article 68 of the Act of 27 October 2017 <i>on the Financing of Educational Tasks</i>¹⁰³, textbooks and supporting books for the education of students within the scope necessary to sustain a sense of national, ethnic and linguistic identity may be subsidised from the state budget from the part at the disposal of the minister competent for education and upbringing. Due to the high unit price of textbooks for minorities (high cost of preparation combined with low circulation), the Ministry of National Education finances all costs related to the preparation, writing and publication of textbooks and supplementary books for the
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¹⁰² Article 22an(1) of the Act on the *Education System*.

¹⁰³ Journal of Laws of 2025, item 439.

education of students declaring membership in national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language.

Subsidies are available for textbooks that have been approved for school use by the minister responsible for education and were included in the list of textbooks intended for general education for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, as well as for so-called supplementary books (e.g. exercise books, subject dictionaries, method books) which are not subject to approval for school use.

According to the rules laid down by the Ministry of National Education, textbooks for teaching the language of the national minority, the history and culture and geography of the country with whose territory the national minority identifies, are financed first, and supplementary books are subsidised second. The textbooks and supplementary books are distributed free of charge to the relevant school superintendent's offices and then to school libraries or inter-school teaching teams, as ordered by school principals. This system guarantees adequate distribution of and access to free textbooks and supplementary books for successive year groups of students attending minority or regional language classes.

In 2023-2024, the following textbooks and supplementary books for national minorities were funded:

2023	5 titles	PLN 423,300.00	Wydawnictwo "Aušra" Sp. z o.o.
2024	2 titles	PLN 218,650.00	Wydawnictwo "Aušra" Sp. z o.o.
2025	1) Pradinio ugdymo vadovėlis III klasei, 1 dalis. Textbook for early childhood education for grade 3, part 1. Author: Gražina Karaneckienė	PLN 119,700.00 (contract completed) PLN 123,000.00	Wydawnictwo "Aušra" Sp. z o.o.

	2) Pradinio ugdymo vadovėlis III klasei, 2 dalis. Textbook for early childhood education for grade 3, part 2. Author: Gražina Karaneckienė 3) Supplementary book: 'Mokausi ir augu'. Pratybų sąsiuvinis II klasei, 1 dalis. Exercise book for early childhood education for grade 2, part 1. Author: Gražina Karaneckienė	PLN 111,300.00	
c. Take concrete measures to implement the ratified provisions of Article 10 regarding Lithuanian in all those local and regional administrative units where the speakers are traditionally present in sufficient numbers, irrespective of the 20% threshold. Article 9 of the Act on National and Ethnic Minorities gives representatives of minorities the right to use the minority language before the municipal authorities as a so-called auxiliary language. An auxiliary language may be used in those municipalities where the number of residents belonging to the minority in question constitutes at least 20% of the total population of the municipality. This means that minority representatives have the right to: '(1) address municipal authorities in the auxiliary language in written or oral form; (2) obtain, upon express request, a reply also in the auxiliary language in written or oral form'. Municipalities in which members of a minority can use an auxiliary language must be entered in the Official Register of Municipalities¹⁰⁴, which is kept by the minister responsible for national			

¹⁰⁴ <https://www.gov.pl/web/mniejszosci-narodowe-i-etniczne/urzedowy-rejestr-gmin-w-ktorych-jest-uzywany-jezyk-pomocniczy2>

minorities and religious denominations. A municipality is entered in the official register on the basis of an application by the municipal council supported by a resolution to that effect by the municipal council. Between 2006 and 2025, 33 municipalities have been included in this register nationwide. Of these, 22 municipalities are located in the Opolskie Province, where German is the auxiliary language. The largest number of speakers of an auxiliary language is in municipalities of the Opolskie Province, as well as in the Pomorskie and Podlaskie Provinces.

In a municipality included in the Official Register, an allowance for knowledge of the auxiliary language used in that municipality may be granted to employees working in the municipal office, in auxiliary units of the municipality and in municipal budgetary units and establishments'. The rules for granting this allowance and its amount are laid down in the regulations on the remuneration of local government employees. Knowledge of the auxiliary language must be proven by means of a certificate or diploma.

Research conducted in 2019 - A query of 71 municipalities in the Opolskie Province (all)

The following question was sent out to the municipalities : 'Does German have the status of an auxiliary language in your municipality? If yes - since when? If yes - please provide information on what proportion of the cases reported to you by clients/residents are dealt with in the auxiliary language (German) (the data can be given in figures or percentages)'. The responses, emailed by the vast majority of municipalities providing their residents with the possibility to handle official matters in an auxiliary language, show that few people take advantage of this. For example:

- the municipality of Dobrzeń Wielki, which was entered in the Official Register of municipalities where an auxiliary language is used on 22 April 2009, the response stated: 'At present, the number of cases handled [...] in German is negligible (less than 1%)';
- the reply from Izbicko, where a person was hired at the Municipal Office in March 2006 to provide customer service in German (this employee also handled cooperation with German partners), stated: 'There are rare cases of applications (2-3 per year) submitted to the Civil Registry Office in German'.
- the municipality of Kolonowskie, entered in the Official Register of Municipalities on 22 September 2006, explained that 'As far as the number of cases handled in the auxiliary language is concerned, it is small (a few per year). These are usually handled verbally';
- in Walce, it was 'on average, one case per year';
- in Bierawa it was annually around 2% of cases;
- in Chrzastowice, this happened 'sporadically', i.e. 2-6 cases per year;
- in Jemielnica, it was 2-3 cases per year;

- in the municipality of Komprachcice, where German as an auxiliary language was introduced in May 2009 and additional names of localities in German were adopted in December 2009, 'In the period of 2009-2019, no case was handled in German, because no one asked for a case to be handled in German';
- in Ujazd, where German has had the status of an auxiliary language since 2006, 'There are very few cases handled in German, e.g. in the case of the Civil Registry Office , there have been about 5 over the whole period';
- in the municipality of Dobrodzień, where German has had the status of an auxiliary language since 2008, 15-20 cases per year were handled until 2019;
- in the municipalities of Prószków, Biała, Murów and Tarnów Opolski, there were no cases dealt with in the auxiliary language at all;
- the municipalities of Popielów and Cisek indicated that, although there is no auxiliary language, the office can and does serve German-speaking clients if necessary. 'The Popielów Municipal Office employs clerks who speak German, so if the need arises, clients can have their matters handled in this language'.

- c) The Act of 6 January 2005 *on National and Ethnic Minorities and the Regional Language* provides for the possibility to use - in addition to official names of localities and physiographic objects and street names - additional traditional names in the minority language. An additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language may be established at the request of the municipal council if the number of residents of the locality belonging to a minority is not less than 20% of the total number of residents of the locality, or if more than half of the residents of the locality participating in the public consultations are in favour of establishing an additional name in a minority language. Additional names in the minority language may be used alongside official names of localities.

The replacement of information boards with the names of localities or physiographic objects within a municipality with boards containing additional names of designated localities or physiographic objects in a minority or regional language is done on the basis of an agreement concluded between the municipal office and the Minister of Interior and Administration. Under the agreement, the Minister entrusts the municipality with the task of replacing the aforementioned boards in connection with the establishment of an additional name in the national or ethnic minority language or regional language.

The first entry in the Register of Municipalities¹⁰⁵ was made on 22 December 2006 for the municipality of Radłów. As of September 2025, the Register of municipalities in which names in a minority language³ is used includes 66 municipalities and 1,282 localities.

2024

In the budget of the MIA for 2024, an amount of PLN 123,000.00 was planned for the replacement of information boards with the names of localities or physiographic objects with boards containing the additional names of these localities or physiographic objects in a minority or regional language.

In March and April 2024, letters requesting confirmation of the validity of the cost estimates for the replacement of the boards submitted with the applications or, alternatively, update of the estimates, were sent to the municipalities of Strzelce Opolskie, Zawadzkie and Rudnik. The municipalities indicated have completed the formalities in this regard. A framework model agreement has been agreed at the MIA for the task of replacing information boards with ones that included additional names of localities in a minority or regional language. Subsequently, the MIA has approached several times the municipalities of Strzelce Opolskie, Rudnik, Zawadzkie and Władysławowo to send data and information enabling the preparation of agreements on the replacement of information boards in these areas in connection with the establishment of additional names of Localities in German or Kashubian, as appropriate. The municipalities of Zawadzkie and Rudnik did not respond to these letters by the deadline. Accordingly, the MIA has concluded agreements with the municipalities that have completed the formalities.

On 25 November 2024, an agreement was concluded with the municipality of Władysławowo for the implementation of a task involving the replacement of information boards with the names of the villages Rozewie and Tupadły with boards containing additional names established for both villages in the Kashubian language. The value of the agreement was PLN 27,836.00.

Official name in Polish	Additional name in Kashubian
Rozewie	Rozewié
Tupadły	Tëpadla

In November 2024, an agreement was also concluded with the municipality of Strzelce Opolskie for the implementation of a task involving the replacement of information boards with the names of 3

¹⁰⁵ <https://www.gov.pl/web/mniejszosci-narodowe-i-etniczne/rejestr-gmin-na-ktorych-obszarze-sa-uzywane-nazwy-w-jezyku-mniejszosci2>

localities with boards with additional names in German established for these localities. The value of the agreement was PLN 11,670.24.

Official name in Polish	Additional name in German
Jędrynie	Jendrin
Rozmierz	Rosmierz
Warmątowice	Warmuntowitz

2025

As of the beginning of February 2025, applications for inclusion in the Register of municipalities in which names in a minority language are used or for the establishment of additional names of localities relating to the following municipalities were still pending:

- a) Pietrowice Wielkie Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2016. The application concerned the establishment of additional traditional names in German for 11 localities.
- b) Zawadzkie Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2017. The application concerned the establishment of an additional traditional name in German for 1 locality.
- c) Rudnik Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2017. The application concerned the establishment of additional traditional place names for 15 villages in the German language.
- d) Puck Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2021. The application concerned the establishment of additional traditional names in Kashubian for 35 localities.
- e) Rumia Municipality - the application was received by the MIA on 22 August 2024. The application concerned the entry of the municipality in the Register and the establishment of the name for 1 town, Rumia.

In the budget of the MIA for 2025, an amount of PLN 200,000.00 was planned for the replacement of information boards with the names of localities or physiographic objects with boards containing the additional names of these localities or physiographic objects in a minority or regional language.

	The Zawadzkie Municipality was added to the Register of municipalities in which names of localities in a minority language are used in February 2025. In addition, the following additional name of a locality has been added to the Register:	
	Official name in Polish	Additional name in German
	Żędowice	Sandowitz
	The Pietrowice Wielkie Municipality was added to the Register of municipalities in which names of localities in a minority language are used in March 2025. In addition, the following additional names of localities were included in the Register:	
	Official name of a locality or physiographic object	Additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language
	Amandów	Amandhof
	Cyprzanów	Jasnowitz
	Gródczanki	Ratsch
	Kornice	Kornitz
	Krowiarki	Polnisch Krawarn
	Lekartów	Lekartow
	Maków	Makau
	Pawłów	Pawlau
	Pietrowice Wielkie	Gross Peterwitz
	Sambrowice	Schammerwitz
	Żerdziny	Schardzin

	The Rumia Municipality was entered in the Register in June 2025. The following additional name of a locality was therefore entered in the Register:	
	Official name of a locality or physiographic object	Additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language
	Rumia	Rëmiô
	In August 2025, the Rudnik Municipality was added to the Register. In addition, additional names of localities were included in the Register:	
	Official name of a locality or physiographic object	Additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language
	Brzeźnica	Bresnitz
	Czerwęćce	Czerwentzütz
	Dolędzin	Dollendzin
	Gamów	Gammau
	Jastrzębie	Habicht
	Lasaki	Lassoki
	Modzurów	Mosurau
	Ponięcice	Ponientzütz
	Rudnik	Rudnik
	Strzybnik	Silberkopf
	Sławienko	Ehrenfeld
	Sławików	Sławikau
	Szonowice	Schonowitz

	A draft agreement to commission the municipality of Rudnik to replace the information boards with the names of the above-mentioned localities was sent in August 2025. According to the cost estimate provided by the said municipality in May 2025, the cost of replacing the information boards will amount to PLN 69,167.62. However, the localities of Grzegorzowice and Ligota Książęca were not included in the Register due to the negative opinion of the Commission for Names of Localities and Physiographic Objects. In the Puck Municipality, by its resolution no. 28/IV/2025 of 28 April 2025, the Commission gave a positive opinion on the establishment of 24 names in the Kashubian language for places located in that municipality, and it gave a negative opinion on 11 names. The Puck Municipality and 24 localities located therein were entered in the Register on 22 September 2025 d. Take concrete measures to facilitate the creation of one public radio station and one public television channel in Lithuanian covering the territories in which Lithuanian is spoken. a) National and ethnic minorities and regional language users in the public media <i>[Material prepared on the basis of materials of the National Broadcasting Council available to the MIA]</i> According to Article 21(1a) (8a) of the Broadcasting Act, one of the tasks of public broadcasting entities fulfilling the public service mission is to take into account the needs of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the programme offer. The joint discussions of the National Broadcasting Council, public broadcasters, representatives of organisations bringing together members of these communities and the Joint Commission of the Government and National and Ethnic Minorities has resulted in the development of uniform criteria for the qualification of programmes meeting the expectations of different minority groups. They were finally proposed by the National Broadcasting Council and accepted by the Joint Commission when it published the <i>Position on programmes for national and ethnic minorities and programmes in the regional language in public radio and television</i> on 24 February 2010. The document sets out the conditions that programmes qualified by public broadcasters for this type of offer should meet. According to the <i>Position</i>, programmes that public service broadcasters intend to address national and ethnic minorities should fulfil all of the following conditions: • they should be entirely devoted to issues concerning national minorities, ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language; • they should enable representatives of a national or ethnic minority not only to take part in the programme, but also to speak about themselves and their issues; • a specific national or ethnic minority or community speaking a regional language should be the explicit addressee of such programmes; • they should be delivered in a language of an national or ethnic minority or in a regional language;
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- they should be prepared by a team comprising representatives of a national minority, ethnic minority or community speaking a regional language concerned.

Public broadcasters were also obliged to comply with the quality criteria for these programmes, i.e., they are to exercise all journalistic care, professionalism and integrity in their production.

On the basis of the annual reporting documentation submitted by the broadcasters, the National Broadcasting Council verifies each year the correctness of the qualification of such programmes and analyses the content of the offer and evaluates it in terms of quantity and quality. If any of the indicated programmes do not meet the criteria contained in the aforementioned *Position*, they are not qualified by the Council for this category of programmes. The verifications conducted by the Council to date indicate that broadcasters generally qualify programmes correctly for this type of offer and that errors occurred incidentally. This mode of operation has been closely linked to the way in which this type of offer is funded. When allocating subscription funds for the next calendar year to companies that had programmes for national and ethnic minorities in their planned programme offer, the National Broadcasting Council allocates 100% of the subscription funds to cover the costs indicated by the broadcasters for the creation and dissemination of such programmes.

Characteristics of the offer implemented between 2020 and 2024 in the public media

The detailed characteristics of the offer addressed to national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language presented below were drawn up by the National Broadcasting Council on the basis of an analysis of the public broadcasters' annual reports on their programme and financial plans approved annually by the Council in this respect in the years 2020-2024.

VII. Telewizja Polska SA

In the years 2020-2024, programmes for individual national and ethnic minorities were broadcast - although not systematically (consistently, every year) in each programme - in 11 local branches of Telewizja Polska SA, i.e. the **Białystok**, **Gdańsk**, Katowice, Gorzów Wielkopolski, Kielce, Kraków, Olsztyn, Opole, Rzeszów, Szczecin and **Wrocław** Branches and in the common band of TVP3 Regionalna. The programme offer, i.e. the titles of the programmes broadcast periodically (mainly once a week) was constant. More often than not, their titles were left in place for subsequent years, while the content of the programmes was changed to address the current events affecting this audience. Each minority was represented in individual programmes constituting part of programme cycles, usually broadcast once a week, in the form of news and current affairs magazines. This offer, addressed to national and ethnic minorities living in Poland, consisted of the following series of programmes broadcast between 2020 and 2024:

	Belarusian minority: ➤ <i>Tydzień Białoruski</i> [Belarusian Week] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in the Belarusian language, presenting issues relating to the social and cultural life of Belarusians living in the Podlaskie Province. Lithuanian minority: ➤ <i>Panorama Litewska</i> [Lithuanian Panorama] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Lithuanian, presenting issues concerning the social and cultural life of Lithuanians living in the Podlaskie Province. ➤ <i>Pomerania ethnica</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Szczecin) - an information programme; broadcast in the languages of minorities living in Western Pomerania, including Lithuanians, it addresses social issues and cultural events of minority communities in the region. German minority: ➤ <i>Schlesien Journal</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Katowice and TVP3 Opole) - a news and current affairs magazine for the German minority living in Silesia and the Opole region, broadcast in German with subtitles in Polish; it presents social, political, economic and cultural events concerning the German minority living in these regions. ➤ <i>Pomerania ethnica</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Szczecin) - an information programme; broadcast in the languages of minorities living in Western Pomerania, including the German minority, it addresses social issues and cultural events of minority communities in the region. Roma minority: ➤ <i>My Romowie</i> [We the Roma people] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a magazine for the Roma minority, dealing with the social and cultural life of the Roma people living in the Podlaskie Province and the social problems of the Roma people in Poland; created in cooperation with representatives of Roma communities in the Podlaskie Province. The magazine is broadcast in Polish due to the lack of systematisation of the Roma language and the fact that the Roma people commonly speak Polish. Materials showing Roma rituals and songs by Roma bands have been broadcast in the Romani language.
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	Russian minority: ➤ Wiadomości Rosyjskie [Russian News] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, addressed to the Russian minority living in the Podlaskie Province, broadcast in Russian; it discusses current social and political problems and presents cultural events organised by the Russian minority in the region. ➤ Syberyjski Bard zaprasza [Siberian bard invites] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a magazine addressed to the Russian minority, dealing with the social and cultural life of Russians living both in the Podlaskie Poland and other parts of Poland, including the issue of new emigration of Russians to Poland, broadcast in Russian. Tatar minority: ➤ Tatarskie wieści [Tatar news] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a magazine for the Tatar minority, dealing with the social and cultural life of the Tatars living in the Podlaskie Province, created in cooperation with representatives of the Tatar community in the Podlaskie Province. The magazine is broadcast in Polish, as the Tatar minority has for a long time spoken Polish on a daily basis. Ukrainian minority: ➤ Telenowyny [Television news] (broadcast on TVP3 Regionalna in the common band) - a magazine containing informative, journalistic and educational elements concerning the Ukrainian community living in Poland, broadcast in Ukrainian. It presents historical themes and information on Polish-Ukrainian relations; it often includes commentaries by guest speakers on current political and cultural events organised by the Ukrainian minority. ➤ Przegląd Ukraiński [Ukrainian Review] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, addressed to the Ukrainian minority living in the Podlaskie Province, broadcast in Ukrainian; it discusses socio-cultural issues concerning this minority. ➤ Pomerania ethnica (broadcast on TVP3 Szczecin) - an information programme; broadcast in the languages of minorities living in Western Pomerania, including the Ukrainian minority, it addresses social issues and cultural events of minority communities in the region. ➤ Ukraińskie Wieści [Ukrainian News] (broadcast on TVP3 Olsztyn) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it presents issues of social and cultural life, as well as the current problems of the Ukrainian minority living in Warmia and Mazury. It presents the traditions, customs and social activities
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	organised by this community and informs about events in Ukraine and the cooperation between Ukraine and the Warmia and Mazury region. ➤ <i>Daleko od domu</i> [Away from home] (broadcast on TVP3 Katowice) - a programme created in Ukrainian and Polish to integrate the Ukrainian minority into Polish society, introducing Poles to Ukrainian culture and tradition. Kashubian minority: ➤ <i>Tedë Jo</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Gdańsk) - a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Kashubian, with subtitles in Polish; addressed to the Kashubians living in Pomerania. It deals with the broadly defined life of this community: its culture, language, customs and history. ➤ <i>Farwe Kaszeb</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Gdańsk) - a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Kashubian with subtitles in Polish; it addresses the contemporary life of the Kashubian community in Pomerania. ➤ <i>Reportaże dla społeczności kaszubskiej</i> [Reportages for the Kashubian community] (broadcast on TVP3 Gdańsk) - reportages addressed to Kashubians, dealing with a wide range of issues concerning the life of this community and created in their language with subtitles in Polish. VIII. Regional public radio Between 2020 and 2024, the regional radio stations distributed - similarly to the television programmes - fixed program series, created in the languages of national and ethnic minorities and regional languages spoken by local communities. They were present in eleven of the radio station's programmes, namely: Radio Białystok, Radio Gdańsk, Radio Katowice, Radio Koszalin, Radio Kraków, Radio Olsztyn, Radio Opole, Radio Rzeszów, Radio Szczecin, Radio Wrocław and Radio Zachód. The programme offer in 2020-2024 for the different national and ethnic minorities and the communities speaking a regional language consisted mainly - as in the case of the television offer - of news and current affairs magazines focusing on the regional problems of the minorities living in the respective province. This offer consisted of the following programme series broadcast in the period of 2020-2024: Belarusian minority: ➤ <i>Pod Znakiem Pogoni</i> [Under the Pahonia emblem] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Belarusian; it addresses the problems of the Belarusian minority living in Poland and Podlasie.
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	➤ <i>Duchowe Spotkania</i> [Spiritual encounters] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a religious programme dedicated to the affairs of Orthodox believers in Podlasie. The programme is created in Belarusian and Ukrainian. ➤ <i>Przed wyjściem do cerkwi</i> [Before going to church] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a religious programme addressed to Orthodox believers living in Podlasie, of a journalistic and educational nature. ➤ <i>Pożądlanaja Pieśń</i> (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a music programme with commentary broadcast in Belarusian; it presents both folk and contemporary music of this minority. Lithuanian minority: ➤ <i>Głos polskich Litwinów</i> [Voice of the Polish Lithuanians] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Lithuanian, addressing current problems of the Lithuanian minority living in the region. Lemko minority: ➤ <i>Sami Swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław) - a news programme for various minorities: Lemko, Ukrainian, German and Armenian, broadcast in the languages of these minorities. It addresses political, social and cultural topics in a regional context. ➤ <i>Kermesz</i> (broadcast on Radio Kraków) - a magazine with current news about the life of these communities and a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian, intended for the Lemko and Ukrainian minorities living in Małopolska. Created and run by representatives of these minorities. It presents the traditions and rituals of these communities, as well as the products of their material and spiritual culture. German minority: ➤ <i>Pojednanie i Przyszłość</i> [Reconciliation and future] (broadcast on Radio Katowice) - a journalistic programme produced in German, edited by the Katowice-based 'Reconciliation and Future' minority organisation; topics include the traditions and culture of the German minority living in Silesia; it presents the achievements of representatives of German culture, science and art born in Silesia. ➤ <i>Praesent</i> (broadcast on Radio Katowice) - a programme produced by the Socio-Cultural Association of Germans of the Silesian Province, based in Racibórz; it has a journalistic character; it contains reports on events, interviews and commentary on the life and activities of the German minority communities in the region; it is broadcast in German.
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	➤ <i>Allensteiner Welle</i> (broadcast on Radio Olsztyn) - a programme broadcast in German, it has an informative and journalistic character and focuses on the problems of the German minority in Warmia and Mazury. ➤ <i>Die Musik, Hudba, Zene</i> (broadcast on Radio Opole) - a music programme featuring contemporary German music with commentary broadcast in the German language. ➤ <i>Czas mniejszości</i> [Minority time] (broadcast on Radio Opole) - a programme of a journalistic nature, broadcast in German; it presents the problems of the various German minority communities living in the Opole region. ➤ <i>Wiadomości niemieckojęzyczne/Magazyn niemieckojęzyczny</i> [German-language news/German-language magazine] (broadcast on Radio Opole) - programmes in the form of news services, presenting the affairs of the region and the German minority, including reports on events, statements by minority activists and interventions. ➤ <i>Sami Swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław) - a news programme for various minorities: Lemko, Ukrainian, German and Armenian, broadcast in the languages of these minorities. It addresses political, social and cultural topics in a regional context. Armenian minority: ➤ <i>Sami swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław), addressed to various minorities living in the region, including Armenians; see the description above for programme's content. Roma minority: ➤ <i>Serwis Romski</i> [Roma service] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news programme; it includes coverage of current events in the region that may be of interest to Roma people. ➤ <i>Magazyn Romski</i> [Roma magazine] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news and current affairs programme addressing current issues concerning this minority living in the region. ➤ <i>Szlakiem taborów</i> [On the caravan trail] (broadcast on Radio Zachód) - a journalistic and educational programme. The purpose of the programme is to popularise the history, traditions, customs and culture of the Roma people among the inhabitants of the Lubuskie Province, as well as to increase Roma participation in the region's social life and to overcome their reluctance to attend school. Slovak minority:
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	➤ <i>Pramen - Magazyn słowacki</i> [Pramen - Slovak magazine] (broadcast on Radio Kraków) - a Slovak language magazine broadcast in 2020 for the Slovak minority living in Małopolska. It was produced and conducted by journalists from these minorities. It provided knowledge about the life of this community and documented the voices of older generations, witness accounts of historical events, manifestations of disappearing rituals, customs, and products of spiritual and material culture. In 2021 and 2022, Radio Kraków did not broadcast any programmes for the Slovak minority due to staff shortages (the existing presenters resigned and the minority representatives did not recommend any replacements, despite the efforts of Radio Kraków SA). ➤ '<i>Na slovíčko</i>'/'<i>Na słówko</i>' [For a word] (broadcast in 2023 on Radio Kraków) - a programme for the Slovak minority living in the Małopolska region and all those interested in Slovakia who have a sufficient understanding of the Slovak language; the programme is broadcast entirely in Slovak. It was intended to integrate the Slovak minority living in Małopolska, as well as people who have any links with the country. From 2024, the programme for the Slovak minority was not broadcast under the above title, but was part of the programme entitled <i>Audycja dla mniejszości - magazyn</i> [Programme for minorities - a magazine], which consisted of content for the Lemko and Ukrainian minorities but also for the Slovak minority. The programme was created in cooperation with the Slovak Association in Poland. Ukrainian minority: ➤ <i>Przed wyjściem do cerkwi</i> [Before going to church] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a religious programme on issues of the Orthodox Church, broadcast in Belarusian and Ukrainian. ➤ <i>Ukraińska Dumka</i> [Ukrainian song] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it addresses various current issues of the Ukrainian community living in the region. ➤ <i>Serwis Ukraiński</i> [Ukrainian service] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news programme, broadcast in Ukrainian; it presents current events concerning the Ukrainian community living in the region. ➤ <i>Magazyn Ukraiński</i> [Ukrainian Magazine] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it focuses on current socio-political and cultural issues concerning the communities linked to the Ukrainian minority living in the region; it also deals with contemporary problems faced by Ukraine. ➤ <i>Od Niedzieli do Niedzieli</i> [From Sunday to Sunday] (broadcast on Radio Olsztyn) - a programme edited by members of the Social and Cultural Association of Ukrainians in Poland; it is a news and current affairs magazine; in addition to discussing problems concerning the Ukrainian community in the region, it also includes a news service on Ukraine. ➤ <i>Wiadomości dla Ukraińców</i> [News for Ukrainians] (broadcast on Radio Rzeszów) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it contains up-to-date information on the activities of the
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	Ukrainian community in the Podkarpacie region and comments on current events in the Ukrainian minority community in the Podkarpacie region. ➤ <i>Skrynia - magazyn</i> [Skrynia - magazyn] (broadcast on Radio Rzeszów) - a programme of a journalistic nature; addressed to the inhabitants of south-eastern Poland of Ukrainian origin. It has a magazine format, because in addition to journalistic elements, it also broadcasts current information on the life of the Ukrainian community living in Poland and a historical calendar. Reports of exhibitions, scientific conferences, concerts and meetings of this community are also broadcast. The programme is illustrated with Ukrainian music (from folk to pop and rock) and features Ukrainian performers and composers. The magazine has been broadcast on Radio Rzeszów since 1959. ➤ <i>Posydeńki</i> (broadcast on Radio Szczecin) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian, focusing on presenting the culture, customs and everyday problems of the Ukrainian minority living in the region, also including information on the most important political events in Ukraine. ➤ <i>Sami Swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław), addressed to various minorities living in the region, including Ukrainians; see the description above for programme's. ➤ <i>Gawędy o Ukrainie - Besidy pro Ukrainu</i> [Talks about Ukraine](broadcast on Radio Zachód) - produced in the form of a magazine; a news and current affairs programme; it focuses on the life of Ukrainians in the Lubuskie Province and their history in the region; it also includes current news from Ukraine. ➤ <i>Kermesz</i> (broadcast on Radio Kraków) - a programme with current news about the life of these communities and a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian, intended for the Lemko and Ukrainian minorities living in Małopolska. Created and run by representatives of these minorities. It presents the traditions and rituals of these communities, as well as the products of their material and spiritual culture. Kashubian regional language: ➤ <i>Kleka</i> (broadcast on Radio Gdańsk) - a news programme, broadcast in Kashubian, focusing on current social, political and cultural issues of the Kashubian community in the region. ➤ <i>Magazyn Kaszubski</i> [Kashubian magazine] (broadcast on Radio Gdańsk) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Kashubian; it deals with contemporary economic and culture issues concerning the Kashubian community; it presents the work of the creators of Kashubian culture. ➤ <i>Pogoda po Kaszubsku</i> [Weather in Kashubian] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a weather forecast in Kashubian for the region and Poland. ➤ <i>Magazyn Kaszubski</i> [Kashubian magazine] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a programme of a journalistic nature, broadcast in Kashubian. It addresses issues concerning Kashubian culture in the region but also the identity of this ethnic group. Important scientific and cultural events concerning the achievements of this community are presented
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- *Serwis Kaszubski* [Kashubian service] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news programme; it presents current topics on culture, politics and Kashubian life in the region; it presents announcements of important entertainment events with the participation of the Kashubian community.
- *Pogadanka o języku kaszubskim* [Kashubian language talk] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - radio lessons in the Kashubian language.

Number of hours of the offer implemented in 2020-2024

Telewizja Polska SA

In 2020-2024, the minority offer disseminated in the regional programmes of Telewizja Polska S.A. occupied, on average, between approximately 1% and 1.5% of the annual programmes of each branch broadcasting minority programmes on a regular basis.

The table below illustrates the annual number of hours of programmes for national and ethnic minorities broadcast systematically (i.e. in each year under analysis) in the 6 programmes of the company TVP SA in the years 2020-2024.

No.	TVP SA - programme name	Annual number of hours offered to national and ethnic minorities and to communities speaking a regional language in 2020-2024 (rounded up to the nearest whole hour)				
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1.	TVP3 Białystok	76	85	90	103	100
2.	TVP3 Gdańsk	28	31	40	34	12
3.	TVP3 Katowice	9	26	40	18	11
4.	TVP3 Olsztyn	12	15	32	15	8
(5)	TVP3 Opole	10	10	10	10	15
6.	TVP3 Regionalna - common band	4	4	6	4	4
	Total	139	171	218	184	150

In the period in question, the richest offer in terms of hours of programmes for minorities was provided by two local TVP SA centres: first and foremost TVP3 **Białystok**, with the largest number of hours allocated to this type of offer, and secondly, although with a significantly lower number of hours, TVP3 **Gdańsk**. In the other stations - as the data in the table above indicate - programmes for national and ethnic minorities occupied far fewer hours in the successive years analysed. There were also stations (such as TVP3 Szczecin) in which the offer for minorities was broadcast very irregularly, i.e. in one year (2020) a minimum number of hours was allocated to it, in the next

three years (2021, 2022, 2023) no such programmes were broadcast at all, and in the last of the years under analysis (2024) the broadcasting of this type of programme was resumed, although - which must be emphasised - in a minimal amount.

Regional broadcasting companies

In 2020-2024, slightly more time than in TVP SA's regional stations was taken up by the offer for minorities distributed in regional radio programmes, i.e. on average between approximately 1.3% and 2% of the annual programmes of each company broadcasting programmes for minorities. The table below illustrates the annual number of hours of programmes for national and ethnic minorities broadcast by regional public radio stations:

No.	Name of regional radio station	Annual number of hours offered to national and ethnic minorities and to communities speaking a regional language in 2020-2024 (rounded up to the nearest whole hour)				
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1.	Radio Białystok SA	291	287	291	287	286
2.	Radio Gdańsk SA	388	618	712	716	704
3.	Radio Katowice SA	48	45	45	45	46
4.	Radio Koszalin SA	87	114	157	168	168
(5)	Radio Kraków SA	65	87	88	87	88
6.	Radio Olsztyn SA*	48	186	199	186	185
7.	Radio Opole SA	79	66	64	66	68
8.	Radio Rzeszów SA	191	189	195	189	204
9.	Radio Szczecin SA	48	48	61	51	48
10.	Radio Wrocław SA	38	38	54	37	38
11.	Radio Zachód SA	17	17	23	18	18
	Total	1,300	1,695	1,889	1,850	1,853

Radio Olsztyn also broadcasts a separate daily programme for the Ukrainian minority from a transmitter in **Miłki** near **Giżycko** at 99.6 FM. Programmes created in the Ukrainian language at a constant annual level (approximately 140 hours) are broadcast in this band.

During the period in question, the richest offer in terms of hours of programmes for minorities was provided by:

- Radio **Gdańsk** SA - over 600 to over 700 hours per year in the last 4 years (2021-2024) of the period under analysis;
- Radio **Białystok** SA - nearly 300 hours were devoted to this type of offer in each year of the analysed period.

	Further places, but also with a large number of hours allocated to programmes for minorities, were taken by: ➤ Radio Rzeszów SA and Radio Olsztyn SA - in each year of the period under analysis, nearly 200 hours were devoted to this type of offer, and Radio Rzeszów SA even exceeded this annual number of hours in 2024, ➤ Radio Koszalin SA - steadily increased the number of hours allocated to this offer from 2021 onwards, approaching more than 160 hours in 2024. In 2020-2024, the following companies allocated the fewest hours to programmes for minorities: Radio Katowice SA, Radio Szczecin SA, Radio Wrocław SA and Radio Zachód SA. Funding of the offer The funding of the offer for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language created by public media companies has been provided on the same basis for many years (since 2013). The National Broadcasting Council, on the basis of an analysis of the programme and financial plans submitted to it by public media companies for a given calendar year, transfers to them subscription funds covering 100% of the costs indicated by the companies for the creation and dissemination of this type of offer. Only those companies that have such programmes scheduled receive these funds. After the end of each calendar year, the Council - on the basis of the companies' reports on the implementation of the programme and financial plans approved for a given year - verifies whether a given company has implemented the number of hours of programmes for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language as declared in the aforementioned plans and whether the programmes met the criteria for this type of programmes contained in the aforementioned <i>Position</i> of the Joint Commission of the Government and Minorities (...). If the Council finds that the plan has not been fulfilled in this regard, in the following calendar year, when the subscription fee is distributed, the respective company has its subscription funds reduced by an amount equivalent to the cost of the programme hours that were not broadcast. It should be added that the companies spend not only the subscription funds, but also their own funds (e.g. from advertising revenues) and subsidies from the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage (at a time when public media companies are in liquidation) to create this offer. It should be emphasised that the funds allocated to cover the costs of the offer for minorities in TVP SA's regional branches are allocated by the company's governing bodies. b) Media content for national and ethnic minorities and users of regional languages is created not only as part of the activities of public broadcasters, but also with the support of the Minister of Interior and Administration.
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It is made possible by the support of the minister competent for national and ethnic minorities provided to magazines, television programmes and radio programmes, as well as online programmes, broadcasts or podcasts through grants awarded annually. Many radio stations have been run and television and radio programmes have been broadcast systematically in this way for many years.

In 2023-2025, the minister responsible for national and ethnic minorities provided grants to national and ethnic minority and regional language users organisations for a total of PLN 3,199,559.00 for tasks concerning the promotion of audiovisual works produced in a regional language or in the languages of national and ethnic minorities. The table below provides details of the grants issued for this purpose.

Funding of tasks related to the promotion of audiovisual works produced in regional or minority languages by the Minister of Interior and Administration in 2023-2025

Organisation name	Programme name	2023	2024	2025	Minority
TUTAKA Foundation	Tutaka podcast	PLN 22,800.00	PLN 22,574.00	PLN 30,000.00	Belorussian
Puck Region Association	Radio Kaszebe	PLN 300,000.00	PLN 310,000.00	PLN 335,000.00	Kashubian language
Kashubian-Pomeranian Association	Skarby Kaszub [Treasures of Kashubia] (from 2024 as Kashubian-Pomeranian Television)	PLN 70,000.00	PLN 68,000.00	PLN 72,800.00	
Good Energy Foundation* - the					

		organisation is not an entity working for the benefit of the Kashubian community. It was only the producer of the documentary entitled 'Kaszubi' [Kashubians]	Documentary film 'Kaszubi' [Kashubians]	PLN 50,000.00	not applicable	not applicable	
		Ministry for National and Ethnic Minorities in the Diocese of Opole	Multimedia Bible musings	PLN 12,800.00	not applicable	not applicable	
		Socio-Cultural Association of Germans of the Silesian Province in Racibórz	Production of German-language radio programmes	PLN 78,747.00	PLN 91,347.00	PLN 100,000.00	
		Association of German Social and Cultural Associations in Poland	Production of the German-language programme Musikschachtel -Abgekantelt	PLN 40,600.00	PLN 42,120.00	PLN 75,000.00	German
			Production of the German-language programme TV				

		Schlesien Journal	60,000.00 PLN	62,771.00 PLN	100,000.00 PLN	
	'RUSKA BURSA' Association	Lemko radio LEM.fm together with the news website www.lem.fm	320,000.00 PLN	335,000.00 PLN	335,000.00 PLN	Lemko
	Lemko Tower Association	Lemko online television - LEMKO TV	PLN 16,000.00	PLN 18,000.00	PLN 28,000.00	
		Radio Lemko - Lemko online radio	PLN 46,000.00	PLN 53,500.00	PLN 47,000.00	
	Russkij Dom Association (Our House Association from 2024)	Podcasts in Russian - audio recordings series 'Rosyjski akcent w historii Polski' [Russian accent in Poland's history]	PLN 8,500.00	PLN 9,500.00	PLN 9,000.00	Russian
		Multimedia recordings in the series entitled 'Historia i kultura Rosjan	9,000.00 PLN	9,500.00 PLN	11,000.00 PLN	

	w Polsce' [History and culture of Russians in Poland]					
	total	PLN 1,034,447.00	PLN 1,022,312.00	PLN 1,142,800.00		
The table below shows the funding of national and ethnic minority newspapers and magazines published with the support of the Minister of Interior and Administration. These publishers have been operating continuously in recent years, receiving annual, but continuous, funding for their activities. These include weekly (including Ukrainian and Belarusian ones), biweekly, monthly, bimonthly and quarterly magazines.						
No.	Organisation name	Periodical name	Grant awarded			
			2022	2023	2024	2025
1.	Union of Ukrainians in Poland	Publication of the weekly magazine Nasze Słowo	PLN 445,000	PLN 460,000	PLN 461,600	PLN ¹⁰⁶ 505,000
2.	Union of Ukrainians of Podlasie	Publication of the magazine Nad Buhom i Narwoju	PLN 109,500	PLN 118,000	PLN 124,500	PLN 134,500
3.	St. Kasimir Lithuanian Society in Sejny	Publication of the quarterly magazine Saltinis	PLN 32,000	PLN 34,100	PLN 34,100	PLN 35,500
4.	Association of Lithuanians in Poland	Publication of 24 issues of the biweekly magazine Ausra	PLN 325,000	PLN 370,000	PLN 406,000	PLN 422,000
5.	Association of Lithuanians in Poland	Publication of the bimonthly magazine Ausrele for the children of the	PLN 34,000	PLN 36,000	(combined with Ausra)	(combined with Ausra)

¹⁰⁶ Task name: Periodicals of the UUP

			Lithuanian minority in Poland				
	6.	Social and Cultural Society of Jews in Poland	Publication of the monthly magazine Słowo Żydowskie / Dos Yiddish Wort	PLN 260,000	PLN 295,000	PLN 300,000	PLN 320,000
	7.	German Cultural and Social Association in Wrocław	Publication of the magazine Niederschlesische Informationen	PLN 6,960	PLN 7,000	PLN 10,200	PLN 12,240
	8.	Olsztyn Association of the German Minority	Publication of the periodical Allensteiner Nachrichten	PLN 8,200	PLN 10,000	PLN 17,500	PLN 15,500
	9.	Mazurian Association Polish-German Union in Olsztyn	Publishing of the monthly magazine Masurische Storchenpost [Mazurian Stork Post]	PLN 23,000	PLN 25,000	PLN 27,000	PLN 25,000
	10.	Socio-Cultural Association of Germans of the Silesian Province in Racibórz	Publishing, editing and distributing the magazine Oberschlesische Stimme	PLN 55,000	PLN 60,000	PLN 60,000	PLN 62,000
	11.	Association of German Social and Cultural Associations in Poland	Publication of the weekly magazine of Germans in Poland Wochenblatt.pl	PLN 380,000	PLN 400,000	PLN 400,000	PLN ¹⁰⁷ 455,000
	12.	Union of German Associations of Warmia and Mazury	Information and cultural monthly of the German minority Mitteilungsblatt	PLN 22,000	PLN 28,000	PLN 34,886	PLN 40,000

¹⁰⁷ The weekly Wochenblatt has been replaced by a monthly magazine and a website as part of the measure

	13.	Advisory Board of NIWA Weekly	Publication of the socio-cultural weekly NIWA in the Belarusian language	PLN 445,000	PLN 448,000	PLN 450,000	PLN 460,000
	14.	Association of Belarusian Journalists	Publishing the Belarusian socio-cultural monthly Czasopis together with the website Czasopis.pl	PLN 177,000	PLN 180,000	PLN 180,000	PLN 180,000
	15.	Union of Polish Karaites	Publication of Karaite periodicals: Awazymyz and Karaite Almanac	PLN 27,000	PLN 27,000	PLN 27,000	PLN 30,000
	16.	Armenian Cultural Society	Publication of four issues of the Bulletin of the Armenian Cultural Society	PLN 12,000	PLN 12,800	PLN 11,600	PLN 17,000
	17.	Armenian-Polish Social Committee	Publication of the Armenian magazine Munetik	–	PLN 50,000	PLN 56,000	PLN 70,000
	18.	Polish Armenian Heritage and Culture Foundation	The bilingual magazine of the Armenian national minority Awedis	PLN 44,800	PLN 50,066	PLN 52,000	PLN 59,000
	19.	Society of Slovaks in Poland	Publication of the magazine Zivot	PLN 240,000	PLN 243,000	PLN 243,000	PLN 235,000
	20.	Lemko Association	The bi-monthly magazine Besida	PLN 30,000	PLN 33,000	–	PLN ¹⁰⁸ 49,000
	21.	Union of Polish Roma	Publication of the Roma newspaper Romano Atmo – Cygańska Dusza	PLN 125,000	PLN 130,000	PLN 150,000	PLN 150,000

¹⁰⁸ Task entitled 'Biblioteka Besidy – Czasopisma' [Besida library - periodicals]

	22.	Association of Roma in Poland	Publication of the socio-cultural quarterly Dialog-Pheniben	PLN 48,500	PLN 50,000	PLN 52,000	PLN 52,000
	23.	Muslim Religious Union in the Republic of Poland	Cultural and social quarterly Przegląd Tatarski	PLN 32,500	PLN 32,500	PLN 33,400	PLN 33,500
	24.	Russkij Dom Association	Publishing a cultural and informational review in Russian Zdravstvujte!	PLN 38,500	PLN 41,500	PLN 43,000	PLN 43,000
2.9. Romani	a. Draw up, in co-operation with the speakers, an action plan on the implementation of the Charter for Romani. In Polish education law, the languages of all national and ethnic minorities and the Kashubian regional language have the same status. However, due to regional variations, dispersion across the country or the number of users, the forms of support for the teaching of these languages can vary considerably. Funding for minority/regional language teaching is systemically provided by the government and transferred to local authorities in the form of an increased education subsidy (currently the amount allocated to education needs). With regard to the support for teachers in 2019, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 28 May 2019 <i>on teacher training centres</i>¹⁰⁹ oblige school superintendents to: - include, as appropriate, in the plan of the methodological counselling network in a given province, methodological counselling for teachers employed in schools where a national or ethnic minority language or regional language is taught;						

¹⁰⁹ Journal of Laws of 2023, item 2738, as amended.

	- cooperate with organisations of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the creation of the above-mentioned methodological counselling network. In 2023, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of Education and Science of 14 September 2023 amending the Regulation on the <i>standard of education preparing for the teaching profession</i>¹¹⁰ enabled universities to provide training for regional language teachers in accordance with the demand expressed by the Committee on National and Ethnic Minorities of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, i.e. also during first-cycle programme studies. Kashubian language teacher training is provided by the University of Gdańsk. Adequately to the changes in the way teachers are trained, the questions of qualifications for teaching or conducting classes in kindergartens, schools, groups or branches that enable students belonging to national minorities, ethnic minorities or communities speaking a regional language to maintain their sense of national, ethnic or linguistic identity have been regulated. In addition to measures concerning languages of national minorities and ethnic minorities as well as regional languages, initiatives were also taken in 2024 concerning regional education and the Silesian language. In 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 20 July 2018 - <i>Higher Education and Science Law</i>¹¹¹, the Minister of Education commissioned and funded: - the preparation and delivery of a two-semester postgraduate course for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, for at least 25 professionally active teachers; this course was delivered - in the academic year 2024/2025 - by the University of Silesia in Katowice; - the provision of packages of methodical materials and teaching aids in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature for teachers participating in the above-mentioned postgraduate course and for at least 500 schools and kindergartens conducting classes in regional education; - the creation of a freely accessible Internet platform with methodological materials and teaching aids for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature.
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¹¹⁰ Journal of Laws, item 2003.

¹¹¹ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended.

	The implementation of the above tasks is supported by a nationwide teacher training establishment, i.e. the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw, to which the Minister of Education commissioned and financed the preparation and dissemination of methodological materials for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, teaching aids and translations. As part of the performance of the above task, the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw - in the period from 11 October 2024 to 31 December 2024 - carried out the following activities: - four classroom training courses entitled 'Silesia - History, Culture, Language', aimed at popularising cultural heritage focused on cultivating customs and learning about the Upper Silesian region. The training courses were attended by 199 participants, i.e. teachers-consultants, methodological advisers and teachers interested in the topic of the training; - two online training courses entitled 'How to Conduct Regional Education Classes Using Quests?'. The participants learnt about the methodology for creating quests, acquired the skills needed to conduct classes using this technique and had individual consultations with the instructors; - lectures and workshops, visiting museums and places of cultural heritage in Upper Silesia, and watching a theatre play entitled 'Mianujom mie Hanka', which enabled participants to acquire knowledge about the region and the diversity of Silesian history and culture; - methodological materials on literature, art and customs shaping everyday life and the specific characteristics of the regional language have been posted on the website of the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw for general access and use by teachers when planning and conducting regional education classes. The teaching of a minority language, a regional language, a minority's own history and culture and the geography of the country with whose cultural area the minority identifies is carried out on the basis of curricula approved for use in a school by the school principal. Pursuant to Article 22aa of the Act of 7 September 1991 <i>on the Education System</i>¹¹², a teacher may decide to implement a curriculum with the use of a textbook, educational material or exercise material, or without these teaching aids. The selection of a textbook or educational material that replaces a textbook and exercise materials for educational classes is made by a team of teachers teaching the specific classes. If a textbook is selected to implement a curriculum, this selection is made from among the textbooks approved for school use.
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¹¹² Journal of Laws of 2024, item 750, as amended.

	The minister responsible for education approves a textbook for school use after obtaining positive opinions from textbook experts¹¹³. Textbooks approved for school use that are in line with the current core curriculum are included in the lists published on the website of the Ministry of National Education. Textbooks, including textbooks for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, are approved for school use at the request of an entity (publisher) holding the author's economic rights for the textbook. Most textbooks for teaching a minority language, the history and culture of a minority are written gradually, usually by publishers associated with or representing minority communities in Poland. Pursuant to Article 68 of the Act of 27 October 2017 <i>on the Financing of Educational Tasks</i>¹¹⁴, textbooks and supporting books for the education of students within the scope necessary to sustain a sense of national, ethnic and linguistic identity may be subsidised from the state budget from the part at the disposal of the minister competent for education and upbringing. Due to the high unit price of textbooks for minorities (high cost of preparation combined with low circulation), the Ministry of National Education finances all costs related to the preparation, writing and publication of textbooks and supplementary books for the education of students declaring membership in national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language. Subsidies are available for textbooks that have been approved for school use by the minister responsible for education and were included in the list of textbooks intended for general education for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, as well as for so-called supplementary books (e.g. exercise books, subject dictionaries, method books) which are not subject to approval for school use. According to the rules laid down by the Ministry of National Education, textbooks for teaching the language of the national minority, the history and culture and geography of the country with whose territory the national minority identifies, are financed first, and supplementary books are subsidised second. The textbooks and supplementary books are distributed free of charge to the relevant school superintendent's offices and then to school libraries or inter-school teaching teams, as ordered by school principals. This system guarantees adequate distribution of and access to free textbooks and supplementary books for successive year groups of students attending minority or regional language classes.
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¹¹³ Article 22an(1) of the Act on the *Education System*.

¹¹⁴ Journal of Laws of 2025, item 439.

	In 2023-2024, the following textbooks and supplementary books for national minorities were funded: b. Promote awareness and tolerance in Polish society as a whole vis-à-vis the Romani language and the culture it represents, as an integral part of the cultural heritage of Poland. With regard to the above issue, the Republic of Poland carries out many activities to promote awareness and tolerance in the Polish society with regard to regional languages or national and ethnic minorities. Examples of such activities include: g) Supporting national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language within the framework of subject-specific and targeted grants provided by the Department for Religious Denominations and National and Ethnic Minorities of the MIA According to law¹¹⁵, public authorities are obliged, among other things, to take appropriate measures to promote activities aimed at the protection, preservation and development of the cultural identity of minorities and the preservation and development of regional languages. The Minister of the Interior and Administration, who is the minister responsible for religious denominations as well as national and ethnic minorities, annually awards targeted and subject-specific grants for the implementation of tasks aimed at sustaining and developing the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities and at preserving and developing the regional language. Targeted grants may be awarded for the performance of the following tasks: • activities of cultural institutions, the artistic movement and creativity of minorities or communities speaking a regional language, and art events of major importance for the culture of a minority or for the preservation and development of a regional language; • publishing books, magazines, periodicals and pamphlets in minority languages, in a regional language or in Polish, in printed form and in other image and sound recording techniques; • supporting television and radio programmes made by minorities or communities speaking a regional language; • protecting sites relating to the culture of a minority or a regional language; • clubhouse activities; • operating libraries and keeping documentation on the cultural and art life of minorities or libraries and documentation concerning a regional language;
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¹¹⁵ Act of 6 January 2005 on National and Ethnic Minorities and the Regional Language, Journal of Laws of 2017, item 823, Article 18 (1) and Article 20 (2).

	• education for children and young people carried out in various forms; • promoting knowledge about minorities or a regional language; • renovation of buildings intended to preserve the cultural identity of minorities or to preserve and develop a regional language. Subject-specific subsidies (for ongoing activities) may be awarded to: • minority organisations that are non-governmental organisations referred to in Article 3 (2) of the Act of 24 April 2003 <i>on public benefit activity and voluntary work</i>¹¹⁶, or entities referred to in Article 3 (3) of the Act <i>on public benefit activity</i>; • cultural institutions of major importance for the culture of a minority or the preservation and development of a regional language, with the proviso that they may be awarded to entities that have had legal personality for at least three years. Subject-specific grants are awarded to entities carrying out at least one of the following tasks: • activities of cultural institutions, the artistic movement and creativity of minorities or communities speaking a regional language, and art events of major importance for the culture of a minority or for the preservation and development of a regional language; • publishing books, magazines, periodicals and pamphlets in minority languages, in a regional language or in Polish, in printed form and in other image and sound recording techniques; • supporting television and radio programmes made by minorities or communities speaking a regional language; • protecting sites relating to the culture of a minority or a regional language; • clubhouse activities; • operating libraries and keeping documentation on the cultural and art life of minorities or libraries and documentation concerning a regional language; • education for children and young people carried out in various forms. In 2022-2024, the Minister of the Interior and Administration allocated funds of: • 2022 – PLN 18,419,000.00 • 2023 - PLN 18,419.,00,00 • 2024 - PLN 18,419.,00,00 •
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¹¹⁶ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1491.

	For the implementation of the aforementioned tasks in 2025, the Minister of Interior and Administration has the amount of PLN 21,419,000.00. h) The establishment and activities of the Institute for Linguistic Diversity of the Republic of Poland, established by the Order of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage of 25 April 2024 On 25 April 2024, by order of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage, the Institute for Linguistic Diversity of the Republic of Poland¹¹⁷, based in Warsaw, was established. The establishment of the aforementioned institution and its activities are related to and result primarily from: - the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages¹¹⁸; - the Act of 6 January 2005 <i>on National and Ethnic Minorities and Regional Languages</i>¹¹⁹; - the Act of 19 August 2011 <i>on the Sign Language and Other Means of Communication</i>¹²⁰; - the statutes of 25 April 2024 granted by order of the Minister of Culture and Cultural Heritage¹²¹. The Institute's activities and support programmes will include national and ethnic minority languages, the regional language (regional languages in the future), the visual and spatial language, colloquial languages (dialects of the Polish language) spoken in Poland today. The Institute's main tasks focus on: - promoting knowledge of the linguistic diversity of Poland; - promoting multilingualism and protecting language rights; - supporting communities, non-governmental organisations and institutions working to preserve and develop linguistic diversity; - documenting linguistic cultural heritage; - preparing recommendations and guidelines for language policy at the national and European levels.
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¹¹⁷ Hereinafter referred to as 'Institute'.

¹¹⁸ Journal of Laws of 2009, no. 137, item 1121.

¹¹⁹ Journal of Laws of 2017, item 823.

¹²⁰ Journal of Laws of 2023, item 20.

¹²¹ Official Gazette of the MCNH, item 50.

	The Institute's activities focus on supporting minority languages and cultures, which serves to preserve the cultural diversity and has a positive impact on the richness of Polish culture. One of the Institute's most important tools for achieving this goal is the grant programme. Its support will be given to tasks promoting, studying or cultivating the varieties of the Polish language as well as national and ethnic minority languages, regional languages, Polish sign language and migrants' languages spoken in Poland today. The programme is intended for entities carrying out cultural activities and undertaking activities aimed at the preservation and development of minority cultures and languages. Designated recipients include cultural institutions, non-governmental organisations, churches, religious associations, and rural women's clubs. The objectives of the grant programme include: - promoting multilingualism and cultural diversity by popularising knowledge of national and ethnic minority languages, regional languages, the Polish sign language and other - local and regional - language varieties present in Poland today; - supporting cultural activities important for the preservation and development of national, ethnic, local or regional identity; - building awareness that language is not only a means of communication, but also the foundation of cultural identity, and a unique way of seeing and interacting with the world; - preserving, supporting and developing linguistic diversity and documenting Poland's linguistic heritage. The Institute's activities are not only aimed at preserving and documenting linguistic heritage, but also at linking tradition, social memory and local history to everyday life. With this in mind, the programme offers the opportunity to apply for grants for a variety of activities including: - artistic endeavours - festivals, reviews, exhibitions, concerts, performances, etc., in which language is the dominant form of expression, presenting artistic and cultural content important for cultural identity that strengthens the sense of connection, identification and awareness of social groups; - educational activities, including those intended for trainers and teachers, in particular workshops, webinars, e-learning courses, video blogs and podcasts to communicate knowledge of languages, the dynamics of their development and their impact on contemporary culture; - meetings, symposia and conferences on languages, as well as publication of conference materials; - developing archives, repositories and portals that document, collect and disseminate knowledge about languages and the culture associated with them; - preparing educational materials for language learning; - promotional campaigns and social campaigns highlighting the values of multilingualism and cultural diversity.
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	i) Activities subsidised from the budget of the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage 1) Representatives of national and ethnic minorities can apply to the Programmes of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage, under which it is possible to fund projects contributing to the maintenance of the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities or the preservation and development of the regional language. As there are now more than 30 programmes of the MCNH, with all applicants subject to the same rules, this is not a measure dedicated directly and exclusively to minorities. Selected examples of tasks aimed at national and ethnic minorities subsidised in the years 2023 - 2025 from the programmes of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage, which serve to strengthen efforts to promote awareness and tolerance in the Polish society as a whole with regard to regional or minority languages and the cultures they represent Kashubian minority 2024 Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - 23rd Kashubian Dictation 'Królewiówka w Pałacu' [The princess in the palace] (Kashubian-Pomeranian Association - PLN 20,000) 2023 Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - On the Kashubian Trail - a Regional Workshop (Cultural Centre in Krokowa - PLN 20,000) Lemko minority 2025 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - Substantive development and printing of the album 'Łemkowskie krywulki - niematerialne dziedzictwo polskich Karpat' [Lemko krywulki - Intangible Heritage of the Polish Carpathians] (Foundation for Intangible Cultural Heritage in Poland, PLN 35,000) - Festival of Lemko culture and traditions 'Od Rusal do Jana' [From Rusaly to Jan] (Society for the Development of the Lemko Culture Museum, PLN 25,000) - 43rd Łemkowska Watra [Lemko bonfire] (Lemko Association in Gorlice, PLN 50,000) - 28th International Folklore Festival 'Świat pod Kyczerą' [The World under Kyczera] (Lemko Song and Dance Ensemble 'Kyczera', PLN 115,000) 2024 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - 42nd Łemkowska Watra [Lemko bonfire] (Lemko Association in Gorlice, PLN 90,000)
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	- 27th International Folklore Festival 'Świat pod Kyczerą' [The World under Kyczera] (Lemko Song and Dance Ensemble 'Kyczera', PLN 80,000) 2023 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - Encounters with Lemko culture - welcoming Lemko Summer in Lubin and the Chocianów Municipality (Holy Trinity Orthodox Parish in Lubin, PLN 34,000) - Foundation for the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Poland (Lemko 'krywulka'-making craft - entry on the national list of intangible cultural heritage. Description, documentation, evaluation, PLN 25,000) - 26th International Folklore Festival 'Świat pod Kyczerą' [The World under Kyczera] (Lemko Song and Dance Ensemble 'Kyczera', PLN 100,000) Roma minority 2025 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - Development of the traditional Roma culture portal E-Drom.pl (Dom Kultury Foundation, PLN 25,000) 2023 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - Development of the traditional Roma culture portal E-Drom.pl (Dom Kultury Foundation, PLN 20,000) Tatar minority 2025 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - 'Tartar Day' - festival of Bukówiec traditions (MANU Association of Bukówiec Residents, PLN 35,000) Jewish minority 2025 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - Hitchhiking Through the World of Judaism (Shtetl Mszana Dolna Foundation, PLN 55,000) 2023 - Folk and Traditional Culture Programme - Lelów - a place where cultures meet (Municipal Cultural Centre, PLN 95,000) 2. Activities of cultural institutions subordinate to the MCNH for the benefit of national and ethnic minorities carried out in 2023 - 2025. It should be noted that some of the activities described in the following material from the MCNH go beyond the scope of the Act of 6 January 2005 on National and Ethnic Minorities and the Regional Language. Museum of the Second World War in Gdańsk - Education and Integration Project: 'Bridges of Culture - Integration Workshop for Ukrainians'. The aim is to promote the integration of the Ukrainian community into the local community by organising
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	artistic, culinary and historical workshops. The project aims to bring Poles and Ukrainians closer, facilitate mutual understanding and build bridges of friendship and cooperation. Classes and workshops take place at the headquarters of the Museum of the Second World War in Gdańsk, but at educational institutions and refugee centres in the Tricity and the surrounding area. Their topics cover: permanent and temporary exhibitions of the Museum, national holidays of Poland and Ukraine, holiday customs of both countries and current educational projects of the Museum. Activities implemented since 2022: - 'Cinema in Ukrainian' series. Cinema screenings, combined with art workshops, are an excellent opportunity to learn something new through play. The activities allow one to forget the personal trauma and the horror of war experienced. The participants create their own versions of the main animation characters using a variety of materials and techniques such as plasticine, paper, paints, crayons, scissors, glue and many others. The programme includes the latest family films with a Ukrainian voiceover, as well as classic animations from years ago that awaken childhood memories in adults and are a special attraction for the youngest viewers. Activities implemented since 2022. In 2024, nearly 1,000 people participated in both projects. - Screening of the film '20 Days in Mariupol', directed by Mstyslav Chernov, 94 min., 2023, Ukraine, documentary. A shocking cinematic indictment of Russia: a record of the extermination of Mariupol made by journalists who risked their lives by staying in the besieged city until the end. The film, which won the Pulitzer Prize and the Academy Award (Oscar) in the Best Documentary Feature Film category. Two screenings were held in April 2024, combined with a discussion. - Screening of the film 'It will rain tomorrow', directed by Sebastian Hermano Karaśkiewicz, Poland. A full-length feature film produced by the 'Aby chciało się chcieć' Foundation. Its action covers the period of 1930-1951 and tells the story of the relationship between Kashubians, Poles and Germans living in the region side by side. The fate of the characters shows the changes that the Second World War brought about in these relationships. We observe the various attitudes of and the dilemmas faced by the inhabitants of Pomerania (e.g. the requirement to sign the German nationality list). The screening in April 2024 was followed by a conversation with the filmmakers. - The 'DROM' performance staged on 26 May 2024 at Długi Targ in Gdańsk by the Migro Theatre as part of the 3rd edition of the Festival of Lost Culture. DROM is a poetic and philosophical story about the wanderings and history of the Roma people - an ethnic group that inhabits almost every country in the world, and about which we know so little. The year 2024 marked the 80th anniversary of the liquidation of the so-called Gypsy camp (Zigeunerlager) at the Auschwitz II - Birkenau concentration camp. That year also marked the 60th anniversary of the end of the Great Migration of the Roma caravans in Poland. The performance was a kind of tribute to the Sinti and Roma people. - A concert to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Extermination of Sinti and Roma people. The purpose of the event, organised by the Harangos Roma Educational Association, was to pay tribute to the victims and to remember the tragic story of 2 August 1944, when the Germans began the liquidation of the so-called Gypsy camp (Zigeunerlager) at Auschwitz-Birkenau II. The concert
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featured moving songs that refer to Roma culture and the memory of the past. In addition, a photograph exhibition showing the life of the Sinti and Roma communities was organised. The concert took place in October 2024 with a large participation of members of the Roma community.

- A special screening of the documentary 'Nie chcemy innej ziemi' [We don't want another land], directed by Basel Adra, Hamdan Ballal, Yuval Abraham and Rachel Szor, 2024, Palestine, Norway. Nominated for the Academy Award (Oscar), the film portrays the decades-long legal battle of the inhabitants of Masafer Yatta in the West Bank to preserve their village. The screening was followed by a discussion with invited experts, during which the participants discussed the current situation of the people of the West Bank, the Israeli-Palestinian relations in a historical and political context, as well as the current situation in the Middle East. The event took place in February 2025 and enjoyed high interest of the public [including representatives of Palestinian and Israeli organisations].
- A theatre performance 'To, co pozostało' [What remains], directed by Daria Sodomir, performed by the museum's youth theatre group. During the Second World War, facing major historical events, young people try to find their way. 'What Remains' is a story about growing up in a time that knew no mercy, and characters searching for meaning, love, friendship and a place to feel at home. The plot takes place in occupied Warsaw, the working-class district of Piotrków Trybunalski, the forests of Kielce inhabited by guerillas and the Kashubian countryside. Four performances were held in May 2025, which enjoyed high interest [nearly 1,000 spectators in total].
- A discussion on the collective publication titled 'Granica polsko-niemiecka na pomorzu (1920–1939): historia – pamięć – ślady w przestrzeni' [The Polish-German border in Pomerania (1920–1939): history - memory - traces in space] edited by Prof. Cezary Obracht-Prondzyński. The event, scheduled for 12 June this year as part of the next instalment of the 'Spotkania z historią' [Meetings with history] series, will be attended by the book's editor and Michał Matheja from the German Minority Research Centre, which published the book.

Stutthof Museum in Sztutowo

The Stutthof Museum in Sztutowo implemented the project Secret Military Organisation 'Gryf Pomorski' in the years 2023-2024 on the 80th anniversary of the imprisonment in the Stutthof concentration camp. 'Gryf Pomorski' is one of the most important symbols of the Kashubians' memory of the Second World War and their resistance.

Polish History Museum in Warsaw

The 'Patriotism of Tomorrow' programme enables the funding of projects aimed at upholding Polish traditions and respect for the heritage of other nations as well as ethnic and religious groups living in Poland and the former Polish - Lithuanian Commonwealth. Accordingly, in the various editions of the programme, it was possible to implement initiatives involving the documentation of the history, culture and collective memory of national and ethnic minorities, as long as they fell within the framework of broadly defined historical and civic education.

	Wawel Royal Castle - State Art Collections Museum classes in the Ukrainian language. A programme of museum classes for groups with Ukrainian participants, based on the principles of inclusivity and integration. It is designed for two types of youth groups: firstly, for groups comprising only Ukrainian speakers (e.g. preparatory branches, community centres and other groups that consist of only people of Ukrainian origin); secondly, for mixed, Polish-Ukrainian groups (primarily school groups). <u>Museum of King Jan III's Palace in Wilanów</u> 2022-2023, task entitled 'Wystawa czasowa "Sarmacki splendor Orientu. Sztuka Wschodu w służbie pamięci Rzeczypospolitej Obojga Narodów"' [Temporary exhibition 'Sarmatian splendour of the Orient. Art of the East in the service of the Memory of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth'], in which the activity 'Dokumentacja audiowizualna dziedzictwa niematerialnego Tatarów polsko-litewskich' [Audio-video documentation of the intangible heritage of the Polish-Lithuanian Tatars] was carried out in cooperation with the Wilanów Academy Association and under the substantive direction of Prof. Andrzej Drozd of the Warsaw University. The professor wrote the guidelines for the audiovisual documentation of the intangible heritage of the Polish-Lithuanian Tatars (as part of a field interview), and on the basis of these guidelines documentation tours were carried out in the areas of Poland and Lithuania inhabited by the Tatar minority, combined with the recording of users of the Tatar language, forms of religious rituals - prayers, songs and services, and documentation of architecture - mosques with their furnishings, cemeteries, houses, as well as archival material in selected localities. In total, the museum acquired more than a dozen hours of recordings. 2023-2024 - the King John III's Palace Museum in Wilanów co-organised the 17th International Congress of Turkish Art in Warsaw. The Museum carried out the task 'Wieloletni projekt dokumentacyjno-wystawienniczy, poświęcony dziełom dawnego rękopiśmiennictwa Tatarów polsko-litewskich - etap końcowy' [Multiannual documentation and exhibition project, dedicated to the old manuscripts of the Polish-Lithuanian Tatars - final stage], which included the activity 'Oto Światłość Wielka i Klucz Rajski. Hymny z tatarskich zaścianków króla Sobieskiego' [Behold the great light and the key to paradise. Hymns from the Tatar villages of King Sobieski], as part of which a temporary exhibition was prepared under the same title, dedicated to the intangible heritage of the Polish-Lithuanian Tatars, the historical culture and writings of the Tatars of the former Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and the phenomenon of the ancient writings of the Polish-Lithuanian Tatars linked to old Polish religious literature. The exhibition was curated by Prof. Andrzej Drozd. The main part of the exhibition consisted of Tatar manuscripts from the collection of the Lithuanian National Museum in Vilnius, from the period until World War II, forming part of the library of the Vilnius Muslim religious community. The exhibition was also prepared based on the collections of Polish institutions and private individuals, including those belonging to the Polish Tatar and Karaite minorities. The exhibition was visited, among others, by groups of representatives of the Tatar
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	minority from Poland (Kruszyniany, Gdańsk) and Ukraine (Crimean Tatars, a group under the care of representatives of the Polish Institute in Kyiv). The exhibition space was also used to record materials for a forthcoming documentary film directed by S. Chazbijewicz on the sources of the culture of the Polish-Lithuanian Tatars, and for promotional purposes the exhibition premises were also made available to Karolina Cicha, a composer and singer who sings traditional Tatar songs in the original language. During the events of the 17th International Congress of Turkish Art, held at the Wilanów Palace Museum, a demonstration of Tatar culinary art, prepared by invited members of the Lithuanian Tatar community, was also presented to congress participants and visitors. Thanks to cooperation agreements with the University of Warsaw and the Faculty of Oriental Studies of the University of Warsaw, the Museum is now a partner in efforts to include the intangible heritage of the Polish-Lithuanian Tatars in the UNESCO National List. National Institute of Museums Three grant programmes run by the National Institute of Museums make it possible to apply for funding for projects contributing to the maintenance of the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities or the preservation and development of a regional language. An example of a project carried out within the framework of the NIM's own programme entitled 'Halls of Memory' is the support provided in 2024 to the Municipal and Commune Cultural Centre in Wilamowice for the task entitled 'Inventory and extension of the collection of Wilamowice costumes of the MCCC in Wilamowice and creation of a Wilamowice Costume Hall'. Along with the Wilamowice language, the local costume has been the most important distinguishing feature of the residents of Wilamowice and a symbol of their ethnic identity. The purpose of the task was not only to save the costume from oblivion by collecting original and unique exhibits, but also to provide the town's residents wishing to create their own copies with access to knowledge about the costume through consultations, the possibility of using costume cut-outs and exhibits in digitised form. These activities were therefore focused not only on the past, but also on the present (through the collection of contemporary items), as well as on the future of the costume, through the substantive support to those who will want to wear it in the future. Wojciech Kętrzyński Northern Institute Below is a list of examples of events organised or prepared and presented outside the Institute by the staff of the Wojciech Kętrzyński Northern Institute in Olsztyn in 2023-2025 in relation the designated area of activity (sustaining the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities, preservation and development of the regional language).
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	- 12 June 2023 - a meeting with film director and screenwriter Dominik Wessely, <i>Porozmawiajmy jeszcze raz o pojednaniu polsko-niemieckim</i> [Let's talk about German-Polish reconciliation again] - Wojciech Kętrzyński Northern Institute in Olsztyn (hereinafter referred to as WKNI); - 29 February 2024 - a meeting with Joanna Wańkowska-Sobiesiak about the book entitled <i>Niepamięć. Żydzi Warmii i Mazur wczoraj, dawno i dziś</i> <i>Reportaże z wypraw do miejsc zapomnianych</i> [Oblivion. The Jews of Warmia and Mazury yesterday, long ago and today. Reportages from expeditions to forgotten places] - WKNI; - 25 April 2024 - a meeting with Joanna Wańkowska-Sobiesiak about the book entitled <i>Żydzi na Warmii</i> [Jews in Warmia] - WKNI; - 20 June 2024 - Dr Emilia Figura-Osełkowska <i>Das Kulturleben im ehemaligen Allenstein - Im Kino</i> [Cultural life in former Allenstein - At the cinema] (a field lecture in German) - start at the Copernicus House in Olsztyn; - 16 October 2024 - a meeting with Prof. Dorota Krystyna Rembiszewska on her book <i>Dziewiętnastowieczne materiały gwarowe z obszaru Warmii, Mazur i terenów sąsiednich. Część I</i> [Nineteenth-century dialect materials from the territory of Warmia, Mazury and neighbouring areas. Part I] - led by Dr Iza Matusiak-Kempa, a professor at the University of Warmia and Mazury - WKNI. Alf Kowalski Miedzyrzec Regional Museum The Alf Kowalski Miedzyrzec Regional Museum has been cooperating with representatives of the Lemko minority living in the Międzyrzecz District for more than ten years, with a view to maintaining the cultural identity of this ethnic minority. In 2024, two events were organised with the participation of Lemkos, which contributed to maintaining the cultural identity of this ethnic minority: - On 7 January 2024, a meeting was organised at the Museum premises for 81 people, with the aim of joint carol singing by Greek Catholics - Lemkos from Miedzyrzecz and surrounding villages, led by Fr. Ernest Sekulski, parish priest of the Greek-Catholic Parish of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Miedzyrzecz. At the meeting, in addition to singing carols, the Christmas traditions of this ethnic minority were presented. - On 11 June 2024, a meeting with a Lemko, Mr Stefan Furtak, entitled 'Łemkowie w Miedzyrzeczu - wspomnienia z rodzinnego domu' [Lemkos in Miedzyrzecz - memories from his family home] was organised at the Museum. The meeting was attended by 70 people, mainly Lemkos from Miedzyrzecz and surrounding villages. In 2025, one event were organised with the participation of Lemkos, which contributed to maintaining the cultural identity of this ethnic minority: - On 11 January 2025, a meeting was organised at the Museum premises for 70 people, with the aim of joint carol singing by Greek Catholics - Lemkos from Miedzyrzecz and surrounding villages, led by Fr. Ernest Sekulski, parish priest of the Greek-Catholic Parish of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Miedzyrzecz. At the meeting, in addition to singing carols, Fr. Ernest Sekulski gave a lecture entitled 'Opowieść o Bożym Narodzeniu' [The Christmas Story].
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	These activities were carried out as part of the museum's statutory activities, funded by the two organisers' subject grants. Museum - Castle in Łańcut The functioning of the Museum's Department of Orthodox Church Art (cultural heritage of the historic Przemyśl eparchy) with its permanent exhibition, substantive and conservation facilities, should be considered as a permanent support for the cultural activities of the Ukrainian national minority in the Republic of Poland. The Museum's collection contains historical artefacts constituting part of the cultural heritage of the Ukrainian national minority. It is a separate collection of sacred, Orthodox church art functioning as the Museum's Department of Orthodox Church Art. It comprises a permanent exhibition open to the public as well as storage facilities. The collection contains 2,500 movable artefacts, including around 1,000 icons (15th - 20th centuries), sculptures, arts and crafts, and a 250-volume collection of old Cyrillic prints. The listed monuments are in a good state of preservation. Since 1960, they have been under constant conservation care, and optimum conditions for display and storage (proper constant temperature and air humidity) have been ensured. The exhibits on display are described with information in Polish, Ukrainian and English. All information boards providing the substantive descriptions of the collections and maps in the exhibition also contain texts in these languages. The Department employs two substantive workers, both of whom speak the Ukrainian language. Remembrance Museum of Land of Oświęcim Residents From September 2024 to May 2025, the Remembrance Museum of Land of Oświęcim Residents, together with partners: Małopolska Centre for Professional Development of Teachers - Oświęcim Branch and St. Maximilian Centre in Harmęże implemented another, 3rd edition of the project entitled 'Akademia Dziedzictwa Pamięci' [Memorial Heritage Academy]. This edition, attended by 56 teachers, representatives of NGOs and other interested parties, focused on the issues of learning about and protecting the cultural and ethnic identity of our region. Visits to various places provided an opportunity to learn about Jewish culture: a lecture combined with a walk in the Jewish Cemetery in Chrzanów, and a lecture entitled 'Śladami żydowskiej przeszłości Oświęcimia' [Following the traces of Oświęcim's Jewish past] combined with a visit to the Chewra Lomedi Misznajot Synagogue in Oświęcim. Roma culture was explored during a visit to the Ethnographic Museum, Branch of the Tarnów Region Museum, which collects objects related to Roma life and culture. The Museum of Wilamów Culture provided an insight into the customs and language of the residents of Wilamów. The Wilamów language has been included by UNESCO on the list of languages 'at a serious risk of extinction'. Also, in this 3rd edition, during an educational trip to the Museum of Cieszyn Silesia, the participants became acquainted with the cultural richness of Cieszyn and Cieszyn Silesia - a place where history and cultures intersect. National Museum in Kielce
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	Temporary exhibition entitled '<i>Śląsk. Panorama dziedzictwa</i>' [Silesia. A panorama of heritage]; duration: (13 June 2023 – 31 December 2023). The exhibition had an educational character and is aimed to familiarise the visitors with Silesia as a neighbouring region. The idea behind the exhibition was to show examples of Silesia's shared multicultural material heritage - from the Middle Ages up to and including the post-war period - as well as exhibits characterising each of its sub-regions, including those located beyond Poland's borders. The context of the historical experience of continuity is emphasised by showing the traditions of specific places, institutions and craft and industrial establishments. Educational activities familiarising the participants with the most numerous regional minority in Poland - the Silesians. The strong identity of this group, resulting from its specific history as well as its location at the meeting point of national borders and cultures, is characterised by a strongly developed sense of regional identity. An important element of that identity is language. During the activities, the participants listened to the Silesian dialect and then took part in the staging of dialogues in Silesian. An exhibition focusing on cultural and national diversity through which a diverse audience was reached. The exhibition brought Silesia closer as a neighbouring multicultural region, which remains present in the local perspective, but is still little known. Kazimierz Pułaski Museum in Warka In the years 2023-2025, while contributing to nurturing the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities in Poland, the Kazimierz Pułaski Museum in Warka has allowed visitors to explore the institution and its collections through an audio guide and the free Movi Guide mobile application for smartphones with a Ukrainian language version. In addition to the Ukrainian language version, the system is intended for Polish- and English-speaking tourists. In 2025, the Warka museum finalised the work on and submitted for printing the publication entitled '<i>Napoleon Orda. Ze zbiorów Muzeum im. Kazimierza Pułaskiego</i>' [Napoleon Orda. From the collection of the Kazimierz Pułaski Museum], a catalogue of lithographs made according to drawings by Napoleon Orda and exhibited at the Museum from December 2022 to June 2023. The publication (as well as the earlier exhibition on the content of which it was based) is in the Polish and Ukrainian languages due to the presentation of places related to Polish [but also Ukrainian] culture, which are currently located in Ukraine. Task entitled '<i>Napoleon Orda. Ze zbiorów Muzeum im. Kazimierza Pułaskiego</i>' [Napoleon Orda. From the collection of the Kazimierz Pułaski Museum], which included the above-mentioned exhibition, was co-financed by the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage. Part of one of the permanent exhibitions ('Warka - miasto dotknięte historią' [Warka - a city touched by history]) of the Museum focuses on the Jewish community that once lived in Warka. The Museum also makes it possible to learn about the Jewish community in Warka through its online '<i>Baza Wiedzy o Warce</i>' [Warka knowledge base]. Sandomierz Castle Museum In the years 2023-2025, the Sandomierz Castle Museum has prepared:
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	- in 2023 - free tickets to the Museum for Ukrainian citizens as part of the 'Solidarity with Ukraine' campaign - the campaign ended at the end of 2023; - promotion of the exhibition entitled 'Sandomierzowskie ślady Jarosława Iwaszkiewicza' [Sandomierz traces of Jarosław Iwaszkiewicz] in Belarusian - a radio broadcast by Polish Radio - January 2025. 'Memory and Future' Centre As part of the project entitled 'Ocalone Dziedzictwa. Regionalne Izby Pamięci' [Saved legacies. Regional Halls of Memory], the Centre supports entities that run halls of memory and preserve local cultural heritage in them, including to a large extent the presence of cultural, ethnic, national and religious minorities in the area. The institution cooperates in the organisation of projects to educate and popularise this heritage, carries out inventory and digitisation activities for the permanent preservation of unique collections and intangible heritage, provides training in the preservation and popularisation of various manifestations of minority cultures (language, traditions, clothes, music, etc.) - both in local communities and on a national scale. As a result, the heritage of broadly defined minorities is becoming visible and perceived as an important part of Poland's cultural heritage. The Centre's 'Świadkowie historii' [Witnesses to History] programme is permanently carried out to record oral history accounts of representatives of minorities. In the years prior to the period covered by the enquiry, projects were carried out with a deliberate focus on the experience of ethnic, cultural and religious minorities; such memories are now recorded as part of the Centre's ongoing activities and made available in the Oral History Archive. Centre for Social Archiving In 2023, the Centre for Social Archiving (CSA) organised the 5th Congress of Social Archives, entitled 'Historia na głosy' [History's different voices]. The Congress hosted a group of social archivists from Ukraine (as part of CSA's cooperation with Fundacja Dobra Wola). Events from the main programme of the Congress (opening of the Congress, presentations of artistic and cultural projects, debate on the topic 'When stories become history', conclusion) were translated into Ukrainian. Ukrainian speakers were able to participate both in-person and online. In 2025, the CSA is a partner in the project entitled 'Dziedzictwo Ukraińców w Polsce: co dalej? W stronę raportu o stanie dziedzictwa kulturowego mniejszości ukraińskiej w Polsce' [The heritage of Ukrainians in Poland: what next? Towards a report on the state of the cultural heritage of the Ukrainian minority in Poland], carried out by the Faculty of International and Political Studies of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. The aim of the project is to identify the state of Ukrainian cultural heritage, diagnose the problems and challenges relevant to it, document this heritage and develop recommendations for further action. The Centre for Social Archiving will hold a webinar on the documentation of social heritage as part of the project.
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The Centre for Social Archiving carries out ongoing activities to support organisations running social archives, which include training, consultation and provision of digital tools for describing and publishing their collections (Open Archiving System and Social Collections website). These organisations include entities dealing with national minorities (German, Armenian, Ukrainian) and ethnic minorities (Lemko).

3. Knowledge of minorities

Below you will find brief information on selected activities of cultural institutions subordinate to the MCNH, in which the presentation of knowledge on national and ethnic minorities in Poland is included in the permanent exhibition and educational offer. These activities help intensify the efforts to promote awareness and tolerance in Polish society as a whole with regard to, among other things, regional or minority languages and the cultures they represent.

National Museum in Gdańsk

As part of its statutory and project activities, the Department of Ethnography of the Museum cooperates with ethnic groups living in Eastern Pomerania - Kashubians, Kociewiaks, inhabitants of Żuławy, Powiśle and Bory Tucholskie, but also with national minorities - Ukrainians, Belarusians and Tartars. Each year, themed days are organised as part of the Summer Ethnographic Fair held in the Museum's garden: Kashuby Day, Kociewie Day, Żuławy and Powiśle Day, to which regional bands, artists and craftswomen are invited. In addition, the Department of Ethnography of the Museum is the headquarters of the Association of Folk Artists in Gdańsk, looks after the Association's archives and organises its members' conventions.

Institute for Linguistic Diversity of the Republic

- The 'Linguistic Diversity' grant programme, which was announced in 2025 (the pilot edition has been completed). Under the programme, it was possible to apply for support for cultural activities important for the preservation and development of national, ethnic, local or regional identity, especially that for which language is the primary form of expression. The applicants could apply for funds for artistic events - festivals, reviews, exhibitions, concerts, performances, etc., in which language is the dominant form of expression, presenting artistic and cultural content important for the cultural identity and strengthening the sense of connection, identification and awareness of social groups; educational activities such as workshops, webinars, e-learning courses, video blogs and podcasts to communicate knowledge about languages, the dynamics of their development and their impact on contemporary culture; meetings, symposia, conferences dedicated to languages; development of archives, repositories and portals that document, collect and popularise knowledge about languages and the culture associated with them; preparation of educational materials for language learning, i.e. materials that replace or complement textbooks, in paper or electronic form, e.g. workbooks, board games, digital games, applications; promotional campaigns, social activities demonstrating the value of multilingualism and cultural diversity.

	The programme's budget amounted to PLN 1,500,000. A total of 266 applications were submitted, of which 33 were awarded funding. The following amounts were allocated for the support for projects designed to support the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities and preserve and develop a regional language, listed in the Act of 6 January on national and ethnic minorities and the regional language: Kashubian language - PLN 126,300, Lemko language - PLN 100,100, Armenian language - PLN 58,500. It is important to note that the grant programme is a competition in which the highest rated applications receive funding. It does not have a separate mechanism to guarantee the award of a grant to a minority as defined in the aforementioned Act, and the quality of the projects determines whether they receive a grant. This is therefore different from the grant programme of the Ministry of the Interior and Administration, which systemically supports the social groups in question. - A series of webinars on linguistic diversity organised with the Mazovian Local Government Centre for the Education of Teachers in Warsaw. It is intended to support the STEAM education model, which is related to the participation of children, young people and teachers in the broadly defined world of culture. The topics of the webinars are regional dialects in the context of their related culture and art of the community and the region in which they are used. The webinars are conducted by academic teachers and linguistic and cultural experts. A pilot programme is being implemented this year, which the Institute is planning to develop in other provinces. A webinar on the Kashubian language is planned for this edition (November 2025). - In 2025, in collaboration with the Studnia O. Foundation, as part of the International Storytelling Art Festival, the Institute announced the competition entitled 'Opowieść. Siła różnorodności' [Story. The power of diversity]. The aim of this activity is to create a space for storytelling in minority languages/dialects. The competition is designed for anyone who is passionate about storytelling and does so in regional varieties of Polish, a national or ethnic minority language, a regional language or the Polish sign language. - Publishers. Editorial work was carried out on the book entitled 'Gwarno. O różnorodności językowej w Polsce' [Gwarno. On linguistic diversity in Poland] (working title) by Martyna Skibińska, published in cooperation with the publishing house Dwie Siostry in Warsaw. This is a popular science book for children aged 8 and older. The introduction includes reflections on the role of language in communication and culture, and discusses the concept of linguistic diversity. The key part of the book is a description of selected languages and dialects currently spoken in Poland. The following languages are described: Belarusian, Czech, Yiddish, Karaite, Kashubian, Lithuanian, Lemko, German, Armenian, Roma, Slovak, Silesian, Tatar, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, Wilamów and the Polish sign language; as well as the following dialects: Krakow, Kurpie, Podhale, Poznań, Świętokrzyskie, Warsaw, Wielkopolskie and Przemyśl 'bałak'. The illustrations for the book were prepared by Agnieszka Probola. - The Institute designed a study to gain knowledge about the presence and functioning of linguistic and cultural communities in Poland. The study will include, among other things, an analysis of the presence of measures for linguistic diversity in national and regional strategic documents, the
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	location of centres of linguistic/cultural activity, and the identification of community leaders in minority groups. Ultimately, the study is intended to determine the situation of individual languages and identify the necessary and most urgent actions that need to be taken. The results of the study will form the basis for the preparation of effective and precise intervention programmes (grant programme, scholarships, publications, promotion) aimed at protecting, preserving and documenting linguistic diversity and safeguarding linguistic rights. The project will be implemented by the University of Gdańsk. E. Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute Information on the programmes or activities conducted by the Jewish Historical Institute (JHI) in the years 2023 -2025, which have enabled funding projects that contribute to maintaining the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities or preserving and developing the regional language. - Yiddish course - Yiddish classes have been held from autumn 2017 until now. During the week, 2 groups are taught: on Mondays the advanced group (3 participants), and on Fridays the intermediate group (4 participants). The only participants are employees of the JHI. - Purim ball - co-organised every year on the occasion of Purim by the JHI together with other Jewish institutions and organisations: 11 March 2023, 23 March 2024, 15 March 2025. - Hanukkah concerts - the programme includes excerpts from Georg Friedrich Händel's oratorio Judah Maccabaeus HWV 63 performed by the orchestra and choir of the National Philharmonic conducted by Maciej Tomaszewicz: 7 December 2023. - The meeting '100. jorcajt Reginy Lilentalowej. O dziedzictwie pionierki, etnografki i publicystki' [Regina Lilentalowa's 100th anniversary. On the legacy of the pioneer, ethnographer and publicist] - the participants of the discussion included Regina Lilentalowa's granddaughter Dorota Liliental, Dr. Adam Czyżewski and Prof. Marcin Wodziński, 5 December 2024. POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews The POLIN Museum conducts a range of activities involving national and ethnic minorities, with a particular focus on projects concerning the identity of the Jewish minority. It also carries out educational activities on the history and culture of the Roma, Ukrainian and Belarusian minorities. It is worth mentioning that some of these projects were carried out as part of the 'Jewish Cultural Heritage (JCH) programme, the 'Education and Innovation Development' (EID) programme, as well as with the support of the Foundation 'Erinnerung, Verantwortung und Zukunft' (EVZ Foundation - 'Remembrance, Responsibility and Future'). Treblinka Museum The celebrations have been organised annually, also in 2023-2025: - 14 June - National Day of Remembrance for the Victims of German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camps;
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	- 2 August - anniversary of the outbreak of the revolt of the prisoners of the Treblinka death camp; - September - patriotic and religious events at the Execution Site; - a meeting of the Polish and Israeli youth - on 20 November 2024, representatives of both countries once again met to commemorate and pay tribute to those murdered at the Treblinka II extermination camp. More than 300 participants from Israel and Poland attended the event, with the young people participating together in educational and integration workshops. - publishing books, magazines, periodicals and pamphlets in minority languages or in Polish, in printed form and in other image and sound recording techniques; articles by the Museum's staff: 'Zagłada ludności żydowskiej, polskiej i romskiej w obozie zagłady Treblinka II w relacjach świadków' [The extermination of the Jewish, Polish and Roma population in the Treblinka II extermination camp in the accounts of witnesses] [in:] <i>Formy zniewolenia na okupowanych przez Niemcy ziemiach polskich (1939–1945). Obozy, getta, więzienia (2023)</i> [Forms of enslavement in German-occupied Polish territories (1939-1945). Camps, ghettos, prisons (2023)]; 'Medal Zasłużony dla Muzeum Treblinka' [Medal of merit for the Treblinka Museum] [in:] <i>Romano Atmo 3 2023 (105)</i> (Roma quarterly); 'Pamięć o Zagładzie zapisana w wierszach' [Memory of the Holocaust written in poems], Treblinka Museum 2023, the authors included a person of Roma origin; - running libraries and documenting the cultural and artistic life of minorities; the Treblinka Museum's library offers books in German, Czech, Russian and Hebrew on the history of World War II and the Treblinka II extermination camp and Treblinka I labour camp; - education of children and young people in various forms; the educational activities and workshops carried out at the Treblinka Museum include the history, culture and Holocaust of national and ethnic minorities. Since 2024, the Treblinka Museum has been organising activities jointly with the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews as part of the latter's programme entitled 'Muzeum w pudełku' [Museum in a Box]. Visitors to Treblinka have the opportunity to learn about the culture and history of Polish Jews - promoting knowledge of minorities; during tours guided by museum guides, publications issued, an audio guide made available at the Treblinka II extermination camp - a free app for smartphones in Hebrew and German - and an audio guide - Treblinka I Labour Camp - available in German, translation into German of the catalogue of the exhibition entitled 'W 80. rocznicę śmierci Henryka Goldszmita/Janusza Korczaka' [On the 80th anniversary of the death of Henryk Goldszmit/Janusz Korczak]; - other tasks to achieve the objectives referred to in paragraph 1, in particular implemented under multiannual programmes: cooperation with the Polish Roma Association in Oświęcim, the Union of Polish Roma with its seat in Szczecinek, the Central Council of Roma in Białystok and the Foundation Towards Dialogue. In cooperation with one of these organisations, a publication entitled 'Romowie. Historia i poezja. Zagłada Romów, wiersze Romów Europejskich' [Roma people. History and poetry. The extermination of the Roma, poems by European Roma people]. Esther Rachel and Ida Kamińska Jewish Theatre - Centre for Yiddish Culture
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	This institution is jointly managed by the City of Warsaw and the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage (under an unlimited contract). In 2025, the grant from the MCNH for the Jewish Theatre, according to the UB plan, is PLN 3,620,000. The institution is the only Jewish Theatre in Poland and one of only two permanent theatres in Europe staging plays in Yiddish. Since July 2012, in accordance with its statute, the Theatre has also operated the Yiddish Culture Centre (JCC), whose activities in 2023- 2024 were as follows: - In 2023, the JCC carried out 1,228 hours of educational and artistic activities, workshops and lectures as part of the University of the Third Age, the Jewish Open University, the Educational and Cultural Programme and Yiddish and Hebrew language courses. A total of 3,789 people took part in all activities. The activities had a classroom, online and hybrid form. - In 2024, the JCC carried out 1,310 hours of educational and artistic activities, workshops and lectures as part of the University of the Third Age, the Jewish Open University, the Educational and Cultural Programme and Yiddish and Hebrew language courses. The educational offer of activities for seniors was expanded, with the introduction of, among other things, psychological workshops, art therapy and film club sessions, information technology classes and additional trips to activate seniors. In March 2024, the JCC launched a new project entitled 'Kinderwelt' [Children's world] - a place for family education and sensory activities for infants, turning children at a young age into culture recipients. A total of 4,555 people took part in all these activities. The activities had a classroom, online and hybrid form. National Library - Between 2023 and 2025, the National Library collected publications of national and ethnic minorities and in regional languages, coming both from the obligatory deposit and from bibliophile auction purchases. The collections of the National Library received publications published in Poland by and for national and ethnic minorities, including: Besida (quarterly of the Main Association of Lemkos), Awedis: posłaniec niosący dobrą nowinę: czasopismo ormiańskie (Polish Armenian Culture and Heritage Foundation); Život: kultúrno - spoločenský časopis' (Association of Slovaks in Poland), Przegląd Tatarski (Muslim Religious Union in the Republic of Poland), Naše Slovo (Union of Ukrainians in Poland) and many other titles of both periodicals and non-serial printed publications. The National Library's staff catalogued the collections for perpetual storage and to make them available to all interested parties in the Library's reading rooms. A number of activities aimed at the protection, preservation and development of the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities and the preservation and development of the regional language were also carried out by the National Library through the Digital National Library Polona.pl. The materials published in the digital library include text and iconographic documents bearing witness to the functioning of national minorities in the territories of Poland, such as the Belarusian 'Z belaruskaga paletku: adnadněka: Vil'nâ, Traven', the iconographic documents 'Typy z Jaremcza' and the pre-war publications 'O języku Ormian Polskich' [On the language of the Polish Armenians], Głosownia gwary ormiańskiej w Kutach Jana Hanusza' [Voice of the Armenian dialect in Kuty by Jan Hanusz]
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and 'Kwestya alfabetu litewskiego w państwie rosyjskiem i jej rozwiązanie Jana Niecisława Baudouina de Courtenay' [The question of the Lithuanian alphabet in the Russian state and its solution by Jan Niecisław Baudouin de Courtenay].

Silesian Institute

Since 2019, the Silesian Institute has been implementing an interdisciplinary research programme to analyse the presence of minority languages in public spaces. The project combines political science, linguistics and historical and sociological perspectives. The research focuses on the use of minority languages in everyday life, official systems, the press and the education system. The result is three volumes of scientific monographs and a series of international conferences. The project documents the changing position of minority languages, showing their importance in shaping local identity and language policy in Poland and Europe.

Dictionary of Silesian dialects - 18 volumes (up to letter M), the last volume published in 2024. 'Słownik gwar śląskich' [The dictionary of Silesian dialects] is a long-term research project carried out by the Linguistic Research Laboratory of the Silesian Institute. Its aim is the documentation and scientific study of the lexis of Silesian dialects. The project is based on a unique file of more than one million fiches, collected over several decades. The dictionary records the meanings, forms, geographical occurrences and etymology of words, also taking into account phraseologisms and proverbs, and provides quotations to illustrate the use of words (often in phonetic spelling). It is a tool for researchers, teachers and language enthusiasts. By May 2024, 18 volumes covering letters A to M had been published.

From the very beginning, the work on the creation of the 'Dictionary of Silesian Dialects' has focused not only on the acquisition of lexicographical material, but primarily on its consolidation, ordering, description and cataloguing. The work on the dictionary was led in turn by eminent linguists: Prof. S. Bąk, Prof. S. Rospond, Prof. F. Pluta and Prof. Bogusław Wyderka. Today, the 'Dictionary of Silesian Dialects' is compiled by a four-person team of dialectologists consisting of Dr Agata Haas, Dr Małgorzata Iżykowska, Dr Krzysztof Kleszcz and Dr Marzena Muszyńska.

This multi-volume lexicon notes and describes a huge number of individual words characteristic of the Silesian dialects and shows their diversity in terms of semantics, word formation and phonetics. The material collected at the Laboratory is compiled according to an established methodology in such a way that it can also be used by people without philological training.

The 'Dictionary of Silesian Dialects' helps to preserve and promote the unique vocabulary characteristic of the region and the richness of Silesian dialects and their great diversity. It provides a better understanding of the local identity, history and traditions of the people of Silesia.

- Multilingualism of national and ethnic minorities in Poland and Central and Eastern Europe: conditions, practices, policies - planned measure. The project would investigate the conditions and practices of multilingualism in national and ethnic minority communities in Poland and compare

	them with selected countries in Central and Eastern Europe (Lithuania, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary and Balkan countries). State language policies, educational practices, the attitude of families and local communities towards the minority language and the extent of the presence of minority languages in public and media spaces would be analysed. The project would involve field research, i.e. interviews with representatives of minority communities (teachers, parents, local leaders) and analysis of programme documents and statistical data. The project would help identify patterns of support for (or disappearance of) multilingualism and the factors favouring its preservation. - Policies in favour of national and ethnic minorities in Poland after 2005: analysis of implementation, effects and challenges - planned measures. The aim of the project would be to conduct a comprehensive analysis of public policies towards national and ethnic minorities in Poland after 2005 - i.e. after the enactment of the Act on National and Ethnic Minorities and the Regional Language. The research would focus on evaluating the implementation of national programmes (e.g. programmes for the Roma community, grant funds) and activities at the local level. Public documents, financial data, performance reports and expert interviews with minority and administrative representatives would be analysed. - Cultural heritage of minorities in Poland - protection, transmission, presence in public space - planned measure. The project would address the preservation, transmission and presence of the cultural heritage of national and ethnic minorities in Poland in contemporary public space. The analysis would cover the activities of state institutions, NGOs and minority communities themselves for the protection of heritage - both tangible (historical monuments, museums, archives) and intangible (language, music, customs, historical memory). The research would include case studies relating to the Lemko, German, Karaite and Tatar communities, among others. The result would be an interactive map of minority heritage projects in Poland, a scientific publication and proposals for cultural and educational policies. Podlasie Museum in Białystok The Historical Museum is particularly active in maintaining the cultural identity of the Polish Tatars. We are the custodians of the largest collection of memorabilia related to this ethnic group in Poland. The collection is being actively developed, and each expansion of the collection is particularly promoted. This resource, enriched by scholarly studies prepared by the museum staff, is used frequently and regularly by researchers of Tatar culture from Polish and European research centres, the media, Polish diplomatic missions and, last but not least, by visitors to the museum. For many years, the museum has cooperated with the Union of Tatars of the Republic of Poland and the Muslim Religious Union in the Republic of Poland. At the end of 2025, both organisations will celebrate the hundredth anniversary of their founding. The Podlasie Museum in Białystok, counting on the support of the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage, is planning to organise exhibitions and cultural events related to these anniversaries. Between 2023 and 2025, we engaged in a lively
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	dialogue with representatives of the Tatar community, taking part in events and celebrations it organised and seeking new grounds for cooperation. We are regular visitors to the Summer Academy of Knowledge about Tatars. The materials we make available and the consultations we provide result in several publications and papers presented at scientific conferences every year. Museum of Two Nations in Bielsko Podlaskie / Branch of the Podlasie Museum in Białystok The Museum of Both Nations in Bielsk Podlaski collects artefacts that are an extremely important part of the culture and traditions of national minorities, including Belarusian and Ukrainian, living in the Bielsk district. These include museum artefacts from the folk towel collection acquired through many years of searches, field research and donations. The ethnographic collection also includes elements of old folk costumes and textiles that are important for national minorities, which we use during museum activities for the Ukrainian or Belarusian minorities, as well as for schools and kindergartens with Belarusian as the language of instruction. Students who are members of the Union of Podlasie Ukrainians and individuals also benefit from the activities. The museum also supports the activities of artists, including folk artists, of national minorities by carrying out research on textile and costume design for them. It is systematically developing a collection of works by well-known artists from national minorities. Its collections include works by Małgorzata Dmitruk, Sławomir Rybak, Oleg Kobzar and Mirosław Zdrajkowski, whose work was inspired by the collection of folk towels from the collections of the Museum of Two Nations. Museum of Icons in Supraśl / Branch of the Podlasie Museum in Białystok Another institution worth mentioning is the Museum of Icons in Supraśl, whose activities focus the culture of Poland's eastern neighbours. The museum promotes icon and church art associated with the Orthodox Church, both regionally and in a broader historical context. The Museum's permanent multimedia exhibition presents various works of Orthodox church art. Among the artefacts on display are works related to Podlasie, as well as the former territories of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, the Old Believers (a religious minority separated from the Orthodox Church), and other manifestations of icon art. The section of the exhibition devoted to relics of Podlasie churches presents priceless 16th-century post-Byzantine frescoes from the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Supraśl Monastery, as well as other important monuments of Orthodox church art and works from the region. An important part of the permanent exhibition is one of the richest collections of old rite icons in the country, which delight with their diversity resulting from many iconographic traditions. The artefacts from the former territory of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth include icons from temples dating from the 16th to 18th centuries. In addition to ancient iconography, in Prof. J. Nowosielski's Room, the museum presents the master's works as well as contemporary icons with references to the tradition of icon art. In 2023-2024, the Museum of Icons purchased monuments of Orthodox church art with funds from a grant received from the MCNH under the National Institute of Museums' own programme entitled 'Rozbudowa zbiorów muzealnych' [Expansion of Museum Collections] for a total of PLN 234,000 (grant amount PLN 184,578.08). The Museum of Icons is also expanding its collection by purchasing artefacts as part of its internal collection policy, financed from the institution's own funds.
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	Central Prisoners-of-War Museum The Central Prisoners-of-War Museum (CPWM) is systematically preserving and digitising archival documents from the Wehrmachtsauskunftsstelle für Kriegerverluste und Kriegsgefangene group from the year 1939-1945 and creating a database on their basis. The task aims to restore and preserve the unique files of the museum's archive, which are at risk of irreversible damage due to high paper acidification, and to digitise them and make the information they contain available. These documents constitute the most important and often the only available source of information in Poland concerning the individual fate of Polish prisoners of war during World War II, including representatives of national and ethnic minorities such as Belorussian, Czech, Lithuanian, German, Armenian, Russian, Slovak, Ukrainian and Jewish. The documents provide a basis for making information available to descendants of families of Polish prisoners of war, including representatives of national minorities. In 2023, the CPWM has joined in the organisation of the 80th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. As part of this project, from 19 April to 30 June, the Museum presented in Opole a temporary exhibition entitled 'They were neighbours: human choices and behaviour in the face of the Holocaust', prepared by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC, and held a series of workshops for secondary school students. In connection with the reconstruction of the headquarters of the CPWM in Łambinowice and the dismantling of the permanent exhibitions that existed there, the Museum undertook work on a new exhibition, including one dedicated to the post-war labour camp in Łambinowice for the German population and people recognised as Germans. Research queries, collection of materials and work on the concept for this exhibition are planned for 2025. In 2026, the Museum is planning to prepare a graphic design for the exhibition. Ultimately, the exhibition prepared in Polish, German and English will be accompanied by an educational programme designed for schools in the Opolskie Province (including those teaching German as a minority language). The CPWM is carrying out research, including scientific queries in state and family archives planned for 2025, on the subject of 'Jews - soldiers of the Polish Armed Forces in the captivity of the Wehrmacht and the NKVD', which is expected to culminate in the preparation of a scientific publication and a temporary exhibition devoted to this subject. The CPWM regularly supports (also as a partner) and participates in the commemoration of the Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Upper Silesian Tragedy (the last Sunday of January - 26 January this year), organised by the Social and Cultural Society of Germans in Opole Silesia. The ceremonies take place at the Cemetery of Victims of the Labour Camp in Łambinowice and are accompanied by scientific meetings, film screenings, seminars and, for example, presentations of exhibitions initiated by the CPWM. On 22 January 2025, the CPWM, in cooperation with the Opole Board of Education and the Silesian Institute in Opole, organised an educational conference in Łambinowice entitled 'The Upper Silesian Tragedy of 1945 in school education'. Apart from the desire to provide a historical overview of the
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	dramatic events that are nowadays referred to as the Upper Silesian Tragedy, the aim of the conference was to discuss the practical side of education on this topic and to discuss ways of conveying this difficult knowledge to students. As part of the meeting, the participants took part, among other things, in demonstration workshops conducted using the innovative Avatar method. According to the final results of the 2021 Census, Roma are an ethnic minority of 13,179 people. Their largest concentrations are found in southern Poland (in the Dolnośląskie, Śląskie and Małopolskie Provinces), in central Poland (Mazowieckie and Łódzkie Provinces) and in the Wielkopolska region. It is a dispersed community that does not constitute a significant percentage of the total population of any municipality. The 2011 Census data indicated that the number of Roma people in Poland was 17,000. On the other hand, estimates of the number and distribution of Roma people in Poland, prepared for the 'Content of the Programme for the Roma community in Poland 2004-2013' by provincial offices on the basis of information sent by local government units, indicated that the size of this group was 20,750 people. The <i>Programme for social and civic integration of Roma people in Poland for 2021-2030</i>, implemented by the government administration, is a continuation of the activities undertaken in Poland since 2001¹²². This programme was then adopted by Resolution 190/2020 of the Council of Ministers on 21 December 2020. It enables the implementation of tasks in the areas of education, housing and innovative integration projects. The main objective of the Programme is to increase the level of social and civic integration of Roma people in Poland. At the same time, support for Roma minority organisations operating throughout the country is also provided by the minister competent for national and ethnic minorities in the framework of annual calls for applications to maintain the identity and culture of these minorities. Below are data on the amount of public funds at the disposal of the minister competent for religious denominations and national and ethnic minorities, which in the years 2022-2025 were allocated for the implementation of public tasks aimed at protecting, preserving and developing the cultural identity of national and ethnic minorities or preserving and developing a regional language.
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¹²² Pilot government programme for the Roma community in the Małopolskie Province for 2011-2003, Programme for the Roma community in Poland for 2004-2013 and Programme for the integration of the Roma community in Poland for 2014-2020

	2022		2023		2024		2025	
mniejszość	celowe	podmiotowe	celowe	podmiotowe	celowe	podmiotowe	celowe	podmiotowe
białoruska	2 315 480,00	266 020,00	2 368 220,00	311 190,00	2 475 320,00	291 700,00	2 583 734,00	383 800,00
czeska	119 179,00	15 095,00	141 014,00	19 700,00	164 000,00	18 470,00	187 274,00	22 000,00
karaimska	166 600,00	56 925,00	146 500,00	70 800,00	168 467,00	79 033,00	235 350,00	52 000,00
j. kaszubski	1 555 747,00	201 300,00	1 645 520,00	236 500,00	1 574 538,00	222 700,00	1 757 190,00	247 000,00
litewska	799 000,00	337 000,00	861 990,00	393 876,00	894 390,00	356 155,00	1 063 300,00	381 200,00
łemkowska	1 496 200,00	139 200,00	1 442 500,00	134 650,00	1 517 500,00	179 800,00	1 633 000,00	202 600,00
niemiecka	2 776 321,00	838 150,00	2 475 195,00	955 554,00	2 619 986,00	995 451,00	2 909 327,00	1 034 535,00
ormiańska	560 477,00	194 925,00	554 466,00	234 114,00	549 800,00	270 211,00	586 916,00	280 084,00
promocja	76 920,00	0,00	244 770,00	0,00	283 550,00	0,00	259 300,00	0,00
romska	1 176 220,00	318 764,00	1 174 000,00	335 447,00	1 149 400,00	325 340,00	1 066 680,00	466 510,00
rosyjska	110 700,00	35 400,00	124 270,00	23 400,00	111 150,00	22 400,00	135 580,00	24 800,00
słowacka	599 600,00	112 200,00	577 800,00	131 520,00	623 009,00	142 400,00	613 200,00	134 000,00
tatarska	433 950,00	57 700,00	391 150,00	69 240,00	462 210,00	74 680,00	516 850,00	71 000,00
ukraińska	1 760 376,00	478 000,00	1 732 140,00	546 260,00	1 786 820,00	553 650,00	1 981 380,00	687 236,00
żydowska	1 156 067,00	321 900,00	1 171 730,00	388 981,00	1 271 430,00	408 850,00	1 340 428,00	448 972,00
SUMA	15 102 837,00	3 372 579,00	15 051 265,00	3 851 232,00	15 651 570,00	3 940 840,00	16 869 509,00	4 435 737,00
razem	18 475 416,00		18 902 497,00		19 592 410,00		21 305 246,00	
BUDŻET	18 419 000,00 zł		18 419 000,00 zł		18 419 000,00 zł		21 342 000,00	
REZERWA			718 000,00 zł		1 000 000,00 zł			
			19 137 000,00 zł		19 419 000,00 zł			

As can be seen from the above summary, the total support for the Roma minority from the pool of funds at the disposal of the minister competent for national and ethnic minorities (for targeted and subject-specific grants) amounted to PLN 1,494,984 in 2022, PLN 1,509,447 in 2023, PLN 1,474,740 in 2024 and PLN 1,533,190 in 2025. As part of the activities carried out with this support, concerts and cultural events, meetings and celebrations to maintain identity and commemorate were held across the country. Thanks to this support, the Roma minority also carries out media projects, publishing magazines, maintaining websites or publishing programmes and podcasts on their culture and identity in the virtual space. These activities undoubtedly contribute to building greater awareness and promoting tolerance in the majority society regarding the Roma language and Roma culture as an integral part of Poland's cultural heritage.

2.10 Russian	a. Take steps to develop teaching in/of Russian at all levels, in the area where the language is traditionally spoken including by providing adequate teacher training and textbooks. In other situations, each student has the right to learn a minority language in the form of additional classes of that language (3 hours per week). With regard to the support for teachers in 2019, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 28 May 2019 <i>on teacher training centres</i>¹²³ oblige school superintendents to: - include, as appropriate, in the plan of the methodological counselling network in a given province, methodological counselling for teachers employed in schools where a national or ethnic minority language or regional language is taught; - cooperate with organisations of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the creation of the above-mentioned methodological counselling network. In 2023, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of Education and Science of 14 September 2023 amending the Regulation on the <i>standard of education preparing for the teaching profession</i>¹²⁴ enabled universities to provide training for regional language teachers in accordance with the demand expressed by the Committee on National and Ethnic Minorities of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, i.e. also during first-cycle programme studies. Kashubian language teacher training is provided by the University of Gdańsk. Adequately to the changes in the way teachers are trained, the questions of qualifications for teaching or conducting classes in kindergartens, schools, groups or branches that enable students belonging to national minorities, ethnic minorities or communities speaking a regional language to maintain their sense of national, ethnic or linguistic identity have been regulated. In addition to measures concerning languages of national minorities and ethnic minorities as well as regional languages, initiatives were also taken in 2024 concerning regional education and the Silesian language. In 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 20 July 2018 - <i>Higher Education and Science Law</i>¹²⁵, the Minister of Education commissioned and funded: - the preparation and delivery of a two-semester postgraduate course for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, for at least 25 professionally active teachers; this course was delivered - in the academic year 2024/2025 - by the University of Silesia in Katowice; - the provision of packages of methodical materials and teaching aids in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature for teachers participating in the above-mentioned
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¹²³ Journal of Laws of 2023, item 2738, as amended.

¹²⁴ Journal of Laws, item 2003.

¹²⁵ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended.

	postgraduate course and for at least 500 schools and kindergartens conducting classes in regional education; - the creation of a freely accessible Internet platform with methodological materials and teaching aids for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature. The implementation of the above tasks is supported by a nationwide teacher training establishment, i.e. the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw, to which the Minister of Education commissioned and financed the preparation and dissemination of methodological materials for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, teaching aids and translations. As part of the performance of the above task, the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw - in the period from 11 October 2024 to 31 December 2024 - carried out the following activities: - four classroom training courses entitled 'Silesia - History, Culture, Language', aimed at popularising cultural heritage focused on cultivating customs and learning about the Upper Silesian region. The training courses were attended by 199 participants, i.e. teachers-consultants, methodological advisers and teachers interested in the topic of the training; - two online training courses entitled 'How to Conduct Regional Education Classes Using Quests?'. The participants learnt about the methodology for creating quests, acquired the skills needed to conduct classes using this technique and had individual consultations with the instructors; - lectures and workshops, visiting museums and places of cultural heritage in Upper Silesia, and watching a theatre play entitled 'Mianujom mie Hanka', which enabled participants to acquire knowledge about the region and the diversity of Silesian history and culture; - methodological materials on literature, art and customs shaping everyday life and the specific characteristics of the regional language have been posted on the website of the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw for general access and use by teachers when planning and conducting regional education classes. The teaching of a minority language, a regional language, a minority's own history and culture and the geography of the country with whose cultural area the minority identifies is carried out on the basis of curricula approved for use in a school by the school principal. Pursuant to Article 22aa of the Act of 7 September 1991 <i>on the Education System</i>¹²⁶, a teacher may decide to implement a curriculum with the use of a textbook, educational material or exercise material, or without these teaching aids. The selection of a textbook or educational material that replaces a textbook and exercise materials for educational classes is made by a team of teachers teaching the specific classes. If a textbook is selected to implement a curriculum, this selection is made from among the textbooks approved for school use.
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¹²⁶ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 750, as amended.

	The minister responsible for education approves a textbook for school use after obtaining positive opinions from textbook experts¹²⁷. Textbooks approved for school use that are in line with the current core curriculum are included in the lists published on the website of the Ministry of National Education. Textbooks, including textbooks for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, are approved for school use at the request of an entity (publisher) holding the author's economic rights for the textbook. Most textbooks for teaching a minority language, the history and culture of a minority are written gradually, usually by publishers associated with or representing minority communities in Poland. Pursuant to Article 68 of the Act of 27 October 2017 <i>on the Financing of Educational Tasks</i>¹²⁸, textbooks and supporting books for the education of students within the scope necessary to sustain a sense of national, ethnic and linguistic identity may be subsidised from the state budget from the part at the disposal of the minister competent for education and upbringing. Due to the high unit price of textbooks for minorities (high cost of preparation combined with low circulation), the Ministry of National Education finances all costs related to the preparation, writing and publication of textbooks and supplementary books for the education of students declaring membership in national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language. Subsidies are available for textbooks that have been approved for school use by the minister responsible for education and were included in the list of textbooks intended for general education for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, as well as for so-called supplementary books (e.g. exercise books, subject dictionaries, method books) which are not subject to approval for school use. According to the rules laid down by the Ministry of National Education, textbooks for teaching the language of the national minority, the history and culture and geography of the country with whose territory the national minority identifies, are financed first, and supplementary books are subsidised second. The textbooks and supplementary books are distributed free of charge to the relevant school superintendent's offices and then to school libraries or inter-school teaching teams, as ordered by school principals. This system guarantees adequate distribution of and access to free textbooks and supplementary books for successive year groups of students attending minority or regional language classes. In 2023-2024, the following textbooks and supplementary books for national minorities were funded:										
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¹²⁷ Article 22an(1) of the Act on the *Education System*.

¹²⁸ Journal of Laws of 2025, item 439.

	2023	Kashubian-speaking community	2 titles	PLN 286,800.00	Kashubian-Pomeranian Association
		Lithuanian	5 titles	PLN 423,300.00	Wydawnictwo "Aušra" Sp. z o.o.
		German	3 titles	PLN 42,774.32	Wydawnictwo Lektor Klett
		Slovak	1 title	PLN 26,700.00	Main Board of the Society of Slovaks in Poland
		Belarusian	1 title	PLN 116,000.00	Association for Children and Young People Learning the Belarussian Language AB-BA
	2024	German	3 titles	PLN 42,304.00	Wydawnictwo Lektor Klett
		Lithuanian	2 titles	PLN 218,650.00	Wydawnictwo "Aušra" Sp. z o.o.
		Ukrainian	1 title	PLN 122,700.00	PROSVITA Foundation
		Kashubian-speaking community	2 titles	PLN 293,500.00	Kashubian-Pomeranian Association

		Slovak	1 title	PLN 28,500.00	Main Board of the Society of Slovaks in Poland
		Belarusian	2 titles (reprint)	PLN 44,547.00	Association for Children and Young People Learning the Belarussian Language AB-BA
	Textbooks and supplementary books funded by the Minister are made public on the Integrated Education Platform, allowing students and teachers to access electronic versions of these materials as well. The list of textbooks approved for school use is published on the website of the Ministry of National Education, under the tab https://podreczniki.men.gov.pl/podreczniki/2. In 2025, the MNE has financed or is planning to finance the following textbooks and supplementary books for national minorities, ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language:				
	Publication year	National or ethnic minority/regional language	List of titles	Estimated amount/amount spent	Publisher/entity performing the contract
	2025	German	1) 'Niko 1'. German language textbook for the German minority 2) 'Niko 2'. German language textbook for the German minority 3) 'Niko 3'. German language textbook for the German minority	PLN 46,968.00 (contract completed)	Wydawnictwo Lektor Klett

		Kashubian-speaking community	1) Supplementary book for the regional Kashubian language 'Z kaszëbsczim w swiat' [With Kashubian into the world] by Danuta Pioch (1st stage of education) 2) Supplementary book for the regional Kashubian language 'Przewodnik literacki' [Literary guide] by Adela Kuk-Kalinowska (1st and 2nd stages of education)	PLN 102,000.00 PLN 131,000.00	Kashubian-Pomeranian Association	
		Ukrainian	1) Supplementary book: Ukrainian studies exercise book 'Podróż po Ukrainie część 5 dla klasy VII szkoły podstawowej' [Journey in Ukraine part 5 for grade 7 of elementary school], authors: Marek	PLN 131,200.00 (contract completed)	PROSVITA Foundation	

			Syrnyk, Natalia Bogdanets'- Biloskalenko, Yulia Shumeyko, Olena Horoshkina 2) Supplementary book: Two parts of the exercise book for grade 1 of elementary school, authors: Marek Syrnyk, Natalia Bogdanets' Biloskalenko, Yulia Shumeyko	PLN 129,700.00	
	Lithuanian	1) Pradinio ugdymo vadovėlis III klasei, 1 dalis. Textbook for early childhood education for grade 3, part 1. Author: Gražina Karaneckienė 2) Pradinio ugdymo vadovėlis III klasei, 2 dalis. Textbook for early childhood education for grade 3, part 2. Author: Gražina Karaneckienė 3) Supplementary book: 'Mokausi ir	PLN 119,700.00 (contract completed) PLN 123,000.00 PLN 111,300.00	Wydawnictwo "Aušra" Sp. z o.o.	

			augu'. Pratybų sąsiuvinis II klasei, 1 dalis. Exercise book for early childhood education for grade 2, part 1. Author: Gražina Karaneckienė			
	Lemko	A supplementary textbook for the study of the Lemko language 'Preselyly nas musowo'. Letters of Lemkos from 1947-1948. Volumes 1-3 (2nd and 3rd stage of education)	PLN 77,000.00	KY CZERA Song and Dance Ensemble		
	Slovak	Supplementary textbook - Renáta Milčáková, <i>Słownik obrazkowy polsko słowacki</i> [Polish-Slovak Picture Dictionary] for elementary school students (1st and 2nd stage of education)	PLN 30,000.00	Main Board of the Society of Slovaks in Poland		
	Belarusian	Textbook for teaching the Belarusian language for grade 7 of elementary school	PLN 129,900.00 (textbook in the process of being approved for school use)	Association for Children and Young People Learning the Belarusian Language AB-BA		

		‘Żywoje Słowa’ [Living words] by Alina Wawrzeniuk		
b. Take measures to increase the use of Russian in the media (broadcasting media, online and print media, audiovisual works). a) National and ethnic minorities and regional language users in the public media <i>[Material prepared on the basis of materials of the National Broadcasting Council available to the MIA]</i> According to Article 21(1a) (8a) of the Broadcasting Act, one of the tasks of public broadcasting entities fulfilling the public service mission is to take into account the needs of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the programme offer. The joint discussions of the National Broadcasting Council, public broadcasters, representatives of organisations bringing together members of these communities and the Joint Commission of the Government and National and Ethnic Minorities has resulted in the development of uniform criteria for the qualification of programmes meeting the expectations of different minority groups. They were finally proposed by the National Broadcasting Council and accepted by the Joint Commission when it published the <i>Position on programmes for national and ethnic minorities and programmes in the regional language in public radio and television</i> on 24 February 2010. The document sets out the conditions that programmes qualified by public broadcasters for this type of offer should meet. According to the <i>Position</i>, programmes that public service broadcasters intend to address national and ethnic minorities should fulfil all of the following conditions: • they should be entirely devoted to issues concerning national minorities, ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language; • they should enable representatives of a national or ethnic minority not only to take part in the programme, but also to speak about themselves and their issues; • a specific national or ethnic minority or community speaking a regional language should be the explicit addressee of such programmes; • they should be delivered in a language of an national or ethnic minority or in a regional language; • they should be prepared by a team comprising representatives of a national minority, ethnic minority or community speaking a regional language concerned.				

Public broadcasters were also obliged to comply with the quality criteria for these programmes, i.e., they are to exercise all journalistic care, professionalism and integrity in their production.

On the basis of the annual reporting documentation submitted by the broadcasters, the National Broadcasting Council verifies each year the correctness of the qualification of such programmes and analyses the content of the offer and evaluates it in terms of quantity and quality. If any of the indicated programmes do not meet the criteria contained in the aforementioned *Position*, they are not qualified by the Council for this category of programmes. The verifications conducted by the Council to date indicate that broadcasters generally qualify programmes correctly for this type of offer and that errors occurred incidentally. This mode of operation has been closely linked to the way in which this type of offer is funded. When allocating subscription funds for the next calendar year to companies that had programmes for national and ethnic minorities in their planned programme offer, the National Broadcasting Council allocates 100% of the subscription funds to cover the costs indicated by the broadcasters for the creation and dissemination of such programmes.

Characteristics of the offer implemented between 2020 and 2024 in the public media

The detailed characteristics of the offer addressed to national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language presented below were drawn up by the National Broadcasting Council on the basis of an analysis of the public broadcasters' annual reports on their programme and financial plans approved annually by the Council in this respect in the years 2020-2024.

IX. Telewizja Polska SA

In the years 2020-2024, programmes for individual national and ethnic minorities were broadcast - although not systematically (consistently, every year) in each programme - in 11 local branches of Telewizja Polska SA, i.e. the Białystok, Gdańsk, Katowice, Gorzów Wielkopolski, Kielce, Kraków, Olsztyn, Opole, Rzeszów, Szczecin and Wrocław Branches and in the common band of TVP3 Regionalna. The programme offer, i.e. the titles of the programmes broadcast periodically (mainly once a week) was constant. More often than not, their titles were left in place for subsequent years, while the content of the programmes was changed to address the current events affecting this audience. Each minority was represented in individual programmes constituting part of programme cycles, usually broadcast once a week, in the form of news and current affairs magazines. This offer, addressed to national and ethnic minorities living in Poland, consisted of the following series of programmes broadcast between 2020 and 2024:

	Belarusian minority: ➤ <i>Tydzień Białoruski</i> [Belarusian Week] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in the Belarusian language, presenting issues relating to the social and cultural life of Belarusians living in the Podlaskie Province. Lithuanian minority: ➤ <i>Panorama Litewska</i> [Lithuanian Panorama] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Lithuanian, presenting issues concerning the social and cultural life of Lithuanians living in the Podlaskie Province. ➤ <i>Pomerania ethnica</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Szczecin) - an information programme; broadcast in the languages of minorities living in Western Pomerania, including Lithuanians, it addresses social issues and cultural events of minority communities in the region. German minority: ➤ <i>Schlesien Journal</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Katowice and TVP3 Opole) - a news and current affairs magazine for the German minority living in Silesia and the Opole region, broadcast in German with subtitles in Polish; it presents social, political, economic and cultural events concerning the German minority living in these regions. ➤ <i>Pomerania ethnica</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Szczecin) - an information programme; broadcast in the languages of minorities living in Western Pomerania, including the German minority, it addresses social issues and cultural events of minority communities in the region. Roma minority: ➤ <i>My Romowie</i> [We the Roma people] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a magazine for the Roma minority, dealing with the social and cultural life of the Roma people living in the Podlaskie Province and the social problems of the Roma people in Poland; created in cooperation with representatives of Roma communities in the Podlaskie Province. The magazine is broadcast in Polish due to the lack of systematisation of the Roma language and the fact that the Roma people commonly speak Polish. Materials showing Roma rituals and songs by Roma bands have been broadcast in the Romani language. Russian minority:
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	➤ <i>Wiadomości Rosyjskie</i> [Russian News] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, addressed to the Russian minority living in the Podlaskie Province, broadcast in Russian; it discusses current social and political problems and presents cultural events organised by the Russian minority in the region. ➤ <i>Syberyjski Bard zaprasza</i> [Siberian bard invites] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a magazine addressed to the Russian minority, dealing with the social and cultural life of Russians living both in the Podlaskie Poland and other parts of Poland, including the issue of new emigration of Russians to Poland, broadcast in Russian. Tatar minority: ➤ <i>Tatarskie wieści</i> [Tatar news] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a magazine for the Tatar minority, dealing with the social and cultural life of the Tatars living in the Podlaskie Province, created in cooperation with representatives of the Tatar community in the Podlaskie Province. The magazine is broadcast in Polish, as the Tatar minority has for a long time spoken Polish on a daily basis. Ukrainian minority: ➤ <i>Telenowyny</i> [Television news] (broadcast on TVP3 Regionalna in the common band) - a magazine containing informative, journalistic and educational elements concerning the Ukrainian community living in Poland, broadcast in Ukrainian. It presents historical themes and information on Polish-Ukrainian relations; it often includes commentaries by guest speakers on current political and cultural events organised by the Ukrainian minority. ➤ <i>Przegląd Ukraiński</i> [Ukrainian Review] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, addressed to the Ukrainian minority living in the Podlaskie Province, broadcast in Ukrainian; it discusses socio-cultural issues concerning this minority. ➤ <i>Pomerania ethnica</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Szczecin) - an information programme; broadcast in the languages of minorities living in Western Pomerania, including the Ukrainian minority, it addresses social issues and cultural events of minority communities in the region. ➤ <i>Ukraińskie Wieści</i> [Ukrainian News] (broadcast on TVP3 Olsztyn) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it presents issues of social and cultural life, as well as the current problems of the Ukrainian minority living in Warmia and Mazury. It presents the traditions, customs and social activities organised by this community and informs about events in Ukraine and the cooperation between Ukraine and the Warmia and Mazury region. ➤ <i>Daleko od domu</i> [Away from home] (broadcast on TVP3 Katowice) - a programme created in Ukrainian and Polish to integrate the Ukrainian minority into Polish society, introducing Poles to Ukrainian culture and tradition.
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	Kashubian minority: ➤ <i>Tedë Jo</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Gdańsk) - a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Kashubian, with subtitles in Polish; addressed to the Kashubians living in Pomerania. It deals with the broadly defined life of this community: its culture, language, customs and history. ➤ <i>Farwe Kaszeb</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Gdańsk) - a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Kashubian with subtitles in Polish; it addresses the contemporary life of the Kashubian community in Pomerania. ➤ <i>Reportaże dla społeczności kaszubskiej</i> [Reportages for the Kashubian community] (broadcast on TVP3 Gdańsk) - reportages addressed to Kashubians, dealing with a wide range of issues concerning the life of this community and created in their language with subtitles in Polish. X. Regional public radio Between 2020 and 2024, the regional radio stations distributed - similarly to the television programmes - fixed program series, created in the languages of national and ethnic minorities and regional languages spoken by local communities. They were present in eleven of the radio station's programmes, namely: Radio Białystok, Radio Gdańsk, Radio Katowice, Radio Koszalin, Radio Kraków, Radio Olsztyn, Radio Opole, Radio Rzeszów, Radio Szczecin, Radio Wrocław and Radio Zachód. The programme offer in 2020-2024 for the different national and ethnic minorities and the communities speaking a regional language consisted mainly - as in the case of the television offer - of news and current affairs magazines focusing on the regional problems of the minorities living in the respective province. This offer consisted of the following programme series broadcast in the period of 2020-2024: Belarusian minority: ➤ <i>Pod Znakiem Pogoni</i> [Under the Pahonia emblem] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Belarusian; it addresses the problems of the Belarusian minority living in Poland and Podlasie. ➤ <i>Duchowe Spotkania</i> [Spiritual encounters] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a religious programme dedicated to the affairs of Orthodox believers in Podlasie. The programme is created in Belarusian and Ukrainian. ➤ <i>Przed wyjściem do cerkwi</i> [Before going to church] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a religious programme addressed to Orthodox believers living in Podlasie, of a journalistic and educational nature.
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	➤ <i>Pożadlanaja Pieśnia</i> (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a music programme with commentary broadcast in Belarusian; it presents both folk and contemporary music of this minority. Lithuanian minority: ➤ <i>Głos polskich Litwinów</i> [Voice of the Polish Lithuanians] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Lithuanian, addressing current problems of the Lithuanian minority living in the region. Lemko minority: ➤ <i>Sami Swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław) - a news programme for various minorities: Lemko, Ukrainian, German and Armenian, broadcast in the languages of these minorities. It addresses political, social and cultural topics in a regional context. ➤ <i>Kermesz</i> (broadcast on Radio Kraków) - a magazine with current news about the life of these communities and a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian, intended for the Lemko and Ukrainian minorities living in Małopolska. Created and run by representatives of these minorities. It presents the traditions and rituals of these communities, as well as the products of their material and spiritual culture. German minority: ➤ <i>Pojednanie i Przyszłość</i> [Reconciliation and future] (broadcast on Radio Katowice) - a journalistic programme produced in German, edited by the Katowice-based 'Reconciliation and Future' minority organisation; topics include the traditions and culture of the German minority living in Silesia; it presents the achievements of representatives of German culture, science and art born in Silesia. ➤ <i>Praesent</i> (broadcast on Radio Katowice) - a programme produced by the Socio-Cultural Association of Germans of the Silesian Province, based in Racibórz; it has a journalistic character; it contains reports on events, interviews and commentary on the life and activities of the German minority communities in the region; it is broadcast in German. ➤ <i>Allensteiner Welle</i> (broadcast on Radio Olsztyn) - a programme broadcast in German, it has an informative and journalistic character and focuses on the problems of the German minority in Warmia and Mazury. ➤ <i>Die Musik, Hudba, Zene</i> (broadcast on Radio Opole) - a music programme featuring contemporary German music with commentary broadcast in the German language.
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	➤ <i>Czas mniejszości</i> [Minority time] (broadcast on Radio Opole) - a programme of a journalistic nature, broadcast in German; it presents the problems of the various German minority communities living in the Opole region. ➤ <i>Wiadomości niemieckojęzyczne/Magazyn niemieckojęzyczny</i> [German-language news/German-language magazine] (broadcast on Radio Opole) - programmes in the form of news services, presenting the affairs of the region and the German minority, including reports on events, statements by minority activists and interventions. ➤ <i>Sami Swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław) - a news programme for various minorities: Lemko, Ukrainian, German and Armenian, broadcast in the languages of these minorities. It addresses political, social and cultural topics in a regional context. Armenian minority: ➤ <i>Sami swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław), addressed to various minorities living in the region, including Armenians; see the description above for programme's content. Roma minority: ➤ <i>Serwis Romski</i> [Roma service] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news programme; it includes coverage of current events in the region that may be of interest to Roma people. ➤ <i>Magazyn Romski</i> [Roma magazine] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news and current affairs programme addressing current issues concerning this minority living in the region. ➤ <i>Szlakiem taborów</i> [On the caravan trail] (broadcast on Radio Zachód) - a journalistic and educational programme. The purpose of the programme is to popularise the history, traditions, customs and culture of the Roma people among the inhabitants of the Lubuskie Province, as well as to increase Roma participation in the region's social life and to overcome their reluctance to attend school. Slovak minority: ➤ <i>Pramen - Magazyn słowacki</i> [Pramen - Slovak magazine] (broadcast on Radio Kraków) - a Slovak language magazine broadcast in 2020 for the Slovak minority living in Małopolska. It was produced and conducted by journalists from these minorities. It provided knowledge about the life of this community and documented the voices of older generations, witness accounts of historical events, manifestations of disappearing rituals, customs, and products of spiritual and material culture. In 2021 and 2022, Radio Kraków did not broadcast any
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	programmes for the Slovak minority due to staff shortages (the existing presenters resigned and the minority representatives did not recommend any replacements, despite the efforts of Radio Kraków SA). ➤ <i>'Na slovíčko'/'Na słówko'</i> [For a word] (broadcast in 2023 on Radio Kraków) - a programme for the Slovak minority living in the Małopolska region and all those interested in Slovakia who have a sufficient understanding of the Slovak language; the programme is broadcast entirely in Slovak. It was intended to integrate the Slovak minority living in Małopolska, as well as people who have any links with the country. From 2024, the programme for the Slovak minority was not broadcast under the above title, but was part of the programme entitled <i>Audycja dla mniejszości - magazyn</i> [Programme for minorities - a magazine], which consisted of content for the Lemko and Ukrainian minorities but also for the Slovak minority. The programme was created in cooperation with the Slovak Association in Poland. Ukrainian minority: ➤ <i>Przed wyjściem do cerkwi</i> [Before going to church] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a religious programme on issues of the Orthodox Church, broadcast in Belarusian and Ukrainian. ➤ <i>Ukraińska Dumka</i> [Ukrainian song] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it addresses various current issues of the Ukrainian community living in the region. ➤ <i>Serwis Ukraiński</i> [Ukrainian service] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news programme, broadcast in Ukrainian; it presents current events concerning the Ukrainian community living in the region. ➤ <i>Magazyn Ukraiński</i> [Ukrainian Magazine] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it focuses on current socio-political and cultural issues concerning the communities linked to the Ukrainian minority living in the region; it also deals with contemporary problems faced by Ukraine. ➤ <i>Od Niedzieli do Niedzieli</i> [From Sunday to Sunday] (broadcast on Radio Olsztyn) - a programme edited by members of the Social and Cultural Association of Ukrainians in Poland; it is a news and current affairs magazine; in addition to discussing problems concerning the Ukrainian community in the region, it also includes a news service on Ukraine. ➤ <i>Wiadomości dla Ukraińców</i> [News for Ukrainians] (broadcast on Radio Rzeszów) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it contains up-to-date information on the activities of the Ukrainian community in the Podkarpacie region and comments on current events in the Ukrainian minority community in the Podkarpacie region. ➤ <i>Skrynia - magazyn</i> [Skrynia - magazyn] (broadcast on Radio Rzeszów) - a programme of a journalistic nature; addressed to the inhabitants of south-eastern Poland of Ukrainian origin.
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	It has a magazine format, because in addition to journalistic elements, it also broadcasts current information on the life of the Ukrainian community living in Poland and a historical calendar. Reports of exhibitions, scientific conferences, concerts and meetings of this community are also broadcast. The programme is illustrated with Ukrainian music (from folk to pop and rock) and features Ukrainian performers and composers. The magazine has been broadcast on Radio Rzeszów since 1959. ➤ <i>Posydeńki</i> (broadcast on Radio Szczecin) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian, focusing on presenting the culture, customs and everyday problems of the Ukrainian minority living in the region, also including information on the most important political events in Ukraine. ➤ <i>Sami Swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław), addressed to various minorities living in the region, including Ukrainians; see the description above for programme's. ➤ <i>Gawędy o Ukrainie - Besidy pro Ukrainu</i> [Talks about Ukraine](broadcast on Radio Zachód) - produced in the form of a magazine; a news and current affairs programme; it focuses on the life of Ukrainians in the Lubuskie Province and their history in the region; it also includes current news from Ukraine. ➤ <i>Kermesz</i> (broadcast on Radio Kraków) - a programme with current news about the life of these communities and a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian, intended for the Lemko and Ukrainian minorities living in Małopolska. Created and run by representatives of these minorities. It presents the traditions and rituals of these communities, as well as the products of their material and spiritual culture. Kashubian regional language: ➤ <i>Kleka</i> (broadcast on Radio Gdańsk) - a news programme, broadcast in Kashubian, focusing on current social, political and cultural issues of the Kashubian community in the region. ➤ <i>Magazyn Kaszubski</i> [Kashubian magazine] (broadcast on Radio Gdańsk) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Kashubian; it deals with contemporary economic and culture issues concerning the Kashubian community; it presents the work of the creators of Kashubian culture. ➤ <i>Pogoda po Kaszubsku</i> [Weather in Kashubian] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a weather forecast in Kashubian for the region and Poland. ➤ <i>Magazyn Kaszubski</i> [Kashubian magazine] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a programme of a journalistic nature, broadcast in Kashubian. It addresses issues concerning Kashubian culture in the region but also the identity of this ethnic group. Important scientific and cultural events concerning the achievements of this community are presented ➤ <i>Serwis Kaszubski</i> [Kashubian service] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news programme; it presents current topics on culture, politics and Kashubian life in the region; it presents
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announcements of important entertainment events with the participation of the Kashubian community.

- *Pogadanka o języku kaszubskim* [Kashubian language talk] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - radio lessons in the Kashubian language.

Number of hours of the offer implemented in 2020-2024

Telewizja Polska SA

In 2020-2024, the minority offer disseminated in the regional programmes of Telewizja Polska S.A. occupied, on average, between approximately 1% and 1.5% of the annual programmes of each branch broadcasting minority programmes on a regular basis.

The table below illustrates the annual number of hours of programmes for national and ethnic minorities broadcast systematically (i.e. in each year under analysis) in the 6 programmes of the company TVP SA in the years 2020-2024.

No.	TVP SA - programme name	Annual number of hours offered to national and ethnic minorities and to communities speaking a regional language in 2020-2024 (rounded up to the nearest whole hour)				
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1.	TVP3 Białystok	76	85	90	103	100
2.	TVP3 Gdańsk	28	31	40	34	12
3.	TVP3 Katowice	9	26	40	18	11
4.	TVP3 Olsztyn	12	15	32	15	8
(5)	TVP3 Opole	10	10	10	10	15
6.	TVP3 Regionalna - common band	4	4	6	4	4
	Total	139	171	218	184	150

In the period in question, the richest offer in terms of hours of programmes for minorities was provided by two local TVP SA centres: first and foremost TVP3 Białystok, with the largest number of hours allocated to this type of offer, and secondly, although with a significantly lower number of hours, TVP3 Gdańsk. In the other stations - as the data in the table above indicate - programmes for national and ethnic minorities occupied far fewer hours in the successive years analysed. There were also stations (such as TVP3 Szczecin) in which the offer for minorities was broadcast very irregularly, i.e. in one year (2020) a minimum number of hours was allocated to it, in the next three years (2021, 2022, 2023) no such programmes were broadcast at all, and in the last of

the years under analysis (2024) the broadcasting of this type of programme was resumed, although - which must be emphasised - in a minimal amount.

Regional broadcasting companies

In 2020-2024, slightly more time than in TVP SA's regional stations was taken up by the offer for minorities distributed in regional radio programmes, i.e. on average between approximately 1.3% and 2% of the annual programmes of each company broadcasting programmes for minorities. The table below illustrates the annual number of hours of programmes for national and ethnic minorities broadcast by regional public radio stations:

No.	Name of regional radio station	Annual number of hours offered to national and ethnic minorities and to communities speaking a regional language in 2020-2024 (rounded up to the nearest whole hour)				
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1.	Radio Białystok SA	291	287	291	287	286
2.	Radio Gdańsk SA	388	618	712	716	704
3.	Radio Katowice SA	48	45	45	45	46
4.	Radio Koszalin SA	87	114	157	168	168
(5)	Radio Kraków SA	65	87	88	87	88
6.	Radio Olsztyn SA*	48	186	199	186	185
7.	Radio Opole SA	79	66	64	66	68
8.	Radio Rzeszów SA	191	189	195	189	204
9.	Radio Szczecin SA	48	48	61	51	48
10.	Radio Wrocław SA	38	38	54	37	38
11.	Radio Zachód SA	17	17	23	18	18
	Total	1,300	1,695	1,889	1,850	1,853

Radio Olsztyn also broadcasts a separate daily programme for the Ukrainian minority from a transmitter in Miłki near Giżycko at 99.6 FM. Programmes created in the Ukrainian language at a constant annual level (approximately 140 hours) are broadcast in this band.

During the period in question, the richest offer in terms of hours of programmes for minorities was provided by:

	➤ Radio Gdańsk SA - over 600 to over 700 hours per year in the last 4 years (2021-2024) of the period under analysis; ➤ Radio Białystok SA - nearly 300 hours were devoted to this type of offer in each year of the analysed period. Further places, but also with a large number of hours allocated to programmes for minorities, were taken by: ➤ Radio Rzeszów SA and Radio Olsztyn SA - in each year of the period under analysis, nearly 200 hours were devoted to this type of offer, and Radio Rzeszów SA even exceeded this annual number of hours in 2024, ➤ Radio Koszalin SA - steadily increased the number of hours allocated to this offer from 2021 onwards, approaching more than 160 hours in 2024. In 2020-2024, the following companies allocated the fewest hours to programmes for minorities: Radio Katowice SA, Radio Szczecin SA, Radio Wrocław SA and Radio Zachód SA. Funding of the offer The funding of the offer for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language created by public media companies has been provided on the same basis for many years (since 2013). The National Broadcasting Council, on the basis of an analysis of the programme and financial plans submitted to it by public media companies for a given calendar year, transfers to them subscription funds covering 100% of the costs indicated by the companies for the creation and dissemination of this type of offer. Only those companies that have such programmes scheduled receive these funds. After the end of each calendar year, the Council - on the basis of the companies' reports on the implementation of the programme and financial plans approved for a given year - verifies whether a given company has implemented the number of hours of programmes for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language as declared in the aforementioned plans and whether the programmes met the criteria for this type of programmes contained in the aforementioned <i>Position</i> of the Joint Commission of the Government and Minorities (...). If the Council finds that the plan has not been fulfilled in this regard, in the following calendar year, when the subscription fee is distributed, the respective company has its subscription funds reduced by an amount equivalent to the cost of the programme hours that were not broadcast. It should be added that the companies spend not only the subscription funds, but also their own funds (e.g. from advertising revenues) and subsidies from the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage (at a time when public media companies are in liquidation) to create this offer. It should be emphasised that the funds allocated to cover the costs of the offer for minorities in TVP SA's regional branches are allocated by the company's governing bodies.
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b) Media content for national and ethnic minorities and users of regional languages is created not only as part of the activities of public broadcasters, but also with the support of the Minister of Interior and Administration.

It is made possible by the support of the minister competent for national and ethnic minorities provided to magazines, television programmes and radio programmes, as well as online programmes, broadcasts or podcasts through grants awarded annually. Many radio stations have been run and television and radio programmes have been broadcast systematically in this way for many years.

In 2023-2025, the minister responsible for national and ethnic minorities provided grants to national and ethnic minority and regional language users organisations for a total of PLN 3,199,559.00 for tasks concerning the promotion of audiovisual works produced in a regional language or in the languages of national and ethnic minorities. The table below provides details of the grants issued for this purpose.

Funding of tasks related to the promotion of audiovisual works produced in regional or minority languages by the Minister of Interior and Administration in 2023-2025

Organisation name	Programme name	2023	2024	2025	Minority
TUTAKA Foundation	Tutaka podcast	PLN 22,800.00	PLN 22,574.00	PLN 30,000.00	Belarusian
Puck Region Association	Radio Kaszebe	PLN 300,000.00	PLN 310,000.00	PLN 335,000.00	
Kashubian-Pomeranian Association	Skarby Kaszub [Treasures of Kashubia] (from 2024 as Kashubian-	PLN 70,000.00	PLN 68,000.00	PLN 72,800.00	

		Pomeranian Television)				Kashubian language
	Good Energy Foundation* - the organisation is not an entity working for the benefit of the Kashubian community. It was only the producer of the documentary entitled 'Kaszubi' [Kashubians]	Documentary film 'Kaszubi' [Kashubians]	PLN 50,000.00	not applicable	not applicable	
	Ministry for National and Ethnic Minorities in the Diocese of Opole	Multimedia Bible musings	PLN 12,800.00	not applicable	not applicable	
	Socio-Cultural Association of Germans of the Silesian Province in Racibórz	Production of German-language radio programmes	PLN 78,747.00	PLN 91,347.00	PLN 100,000.00	
	Association of German Social	Production of the German-language programme				

	and Cultural Associations in Poland	Musikschachtel-Abgekanzelt	PLN 40,600.00	PLN 42,120.00	PLN 75,000.00	German
		Production of the German-language programme TV Schlesien Journal	60,000.00 PLN	62,771.00 PLN	100,000.00 PLN	
	'RUSKA BURSA' Association	Lemko radio LEM.fm together with the news website www.lem.fm	320,000.00 PLN	335,000.00 PLN	335,000.00 PLN	Lemko
	Lemko Tower Association	Lemko online television - LEMKO TV	PLN 16,000.00	PLN 18,000.00	PLN 28,000.00	
		Radio Lemko - Lemko online radio	PLN 46,000.00	PLN 53,500.00	PLN 47,000.00	
	Russkij Dom Association (Our House	Podcasts in Russian - audio recordings series 'Rosyjski akcent w historii Polski' [Russian accent in Poland's history]	PLN 8,500.00	PLN 9,500.00	PLN 9,000.00	

	Association from 2024)	Multimedia recordings in the series entitled 'Historia i kultura Rosjan w Polsce' [History and culture of Russians in Poland]	9,000.00 PLN	9,500.00 PLN	11,000.00 PLN	Russian
		total	PLN 1,034,447.00	PLN 1,022,312.00	PLN 1,142,800.00	

The table below shows the funding of national and ethnic minority newspapers and magazines published with the support of the Minister of Interior and Administration. These publishers have been operating continuously in recent years, receiving annual, but continuous, funding for their activities. These include weekly (including Ukrainian and Belarusian ones), biweekly, monthly, bimonthly and quarterly magazines.

No.	Organisation name	Periodical name	Grant awarded			
			2022	2023	2024	2025
1.	Union of Ukrainians in Poland	Publication of the weekly magazine Nasze Słowo	PLN 445,000	PLN 460,000	PLN 461,600	PLN ¹²⁹ 505,000
2.	Union of Ukrainians of Podlasie	Publication of the magazine Nad Buhom i Narwoju	PLN 109,500	PLN 118,000	PLN 124,500	PLN 134,500
3.	St. Kasimir Lithuanian Society in Sejny	Publication of the quarterly magazine Saltinis	PLN 32,000	PLN 34,100	PLN 34,100	PLN 35,500

¹²⁹ Task name: Periodicals of the UUP

	4.	Association of Lithuanians in Poland	Publication of 24 issues of the biweekly magazine Ausra	PLN 325,000	PLN 370,000	PLN 406,000	PLN 422,000
	5.	Association of Lithuanians in Poland	Publication of the bimonthly magazine Ausrele for the children of the Lithuanian minority in Poland	PLN 34,000	PLN 36,000	(combined with Ausra)	(combined with Ausra)
	6.	Social and Cultural Society of Jews in Poland	Publication of the monthly magazine Słowo Żydowskie / Dos Yiddish Wort	PLN 260,000	PLN 295,000	PLN 300,000	PLN 320,000
	7.	German Cultural and Social Association in Wrocław	Publication of the magazine Niederschlesische Informationen	PLN 6,960	PLN 7,000	PLN 10,200	PLN 12,240
	8.	Olsztyn Association of the German Minority	Publication of the periodical Allensteiner Nachrichten	PLN 8,200	PLN 10,000	PLN 17,500	PLN 15,500
	9.	Mazurian Association Polish-German Union in Olsztyn	Publishing of the monthly magazine Masurische Storchenpost [Mazurian Stork Post]	PLN 23,000	PLN 25,000	PLN 27,000	PLN 25,000
	10.	Socio-Cultural Association of Germans of the Silesian Province in Racibórz	Publishing, editing and distributing the magazine Oberschlesische Stimme	PLN 55,000	PLN 60,000	PLN 60,000	PLN 62,000

	11.	Association of German Social and Cultural Associations in Poland	Publication of the weekly magazine of Germans in Poland Wochenblatt.pl	PLN 380,000	PLN 400,000	PLN 400,000	PLN ¹³⁰ 455,000
	12.	Union of German Associations of Warmia and Mazury	Information and cultural monthly of the German minority Mitteilungsblatt	PLN 22,000	PLN 28,000	PLN 34,886	PLN 40,000
	13.	Advisory Board of NIWA Weekly	Publication of the socio-cultural weekly NIWA in the Belarusian language	PLN 445,000	PLN 448,000	PLN 450,000	PLN 460,000
	14.	Association of Belarusian Journalists	Publishing the Belarusian socio-cultural monthly Czasopis together with the website Czasopis.pl	PLN 177,000	PLN 180,000	PLN 180,000	PLN 180,000
	15.	Union of Polish Karaites	Publication of Karaite periodicals: Awazymyz and Karaite Almanac	PLN 27,000	PLN 27,000	PLN 27,000	PLN 30,000
	16.	Armenian Cultural Society	Publication of four issues of the Bulletin of the Armenian Cultural Society	PLN 12,000	PLN 12,800	PLN 11,600	PLN 17,000
	17.	Armenian-Polish Social Committee	Publication of the Armenian magazine Munetik	–	PLN 50,000	PLN 56,000	PLN 70,000
	18.	Polish Armenian	The bilingual magazine of the	PLN 44,800	PLN 50,066	PLN 52,000	PLN 59,000

¹³⁰ The weekly Wochenblatt has been replaced by a monthly magazine and a website as part of the measure

		Heritage and Culture Foundation	Armenian national minority Awedis				
	19.	Society of Slovaks in Poland	Publication of the magazine Zivot	PLN 240,000	PLN 243,000	PLN 243,000	PLN 235,000
	20.	Lemko Association	The bi-monthly magazine Besida	PLN 30,000	PLN 33,000	–	PLN¹³¹ 49,000
	21.	Union of Polish Roma	Publication of the Roma newspaper Romano Atmo – Cygańska Dusza	PLN 125,000	PLN 130,000	PLN 150,000	PLN 150,000
	22.	Association of Roma in Poland	Publication of the socio-cultural quarterly Dialog-Pheniben	PLN 48,500	PLN 50,000	PLN 52,000	PLN 52,000
	23.	Muslim Religious Union in the Republic of Poland	Cultural and social quarterly Przegląd Tatarski	PLN 32,500	PLN 32,500	PLN 33,400	PLN 33,500
	24.	Russkij Dom Association	Publishing a cultural and informational review in Russian Zdravstvujte!	PLN 38,500	PLN 41,500	PLN 43,000	PLN 43,000
	c. Draw up, in co-operation with the speakers, an action plan on the implementation of the Charter for Russian. In Polish education law, the languages of all national and ethnic minorities and the Kashubian regional language have the same status. However, due to regional variations, dispersion across the country or the number of users, the forms of support for the teaching of these languages can vary considerably. Funding for minority/regional language teaching is systemically provided by the government and transferred to local authorities in the form of an increased education subsidy (currently the amount allocated to education needs).						

¹³¹ Task entitled 'Biblioteka Besidy – Czasopisma' [Besida library - periodicals]

	With regard to the support for teachers in 2019, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 28 May 2019 <i>on teacher training centres</i>¹³² oblige school superintendents to: - include, as appropriate, in the plan of the methodological counselling network in a given province, methodological counselling for teachers employed in schools where a national or ethnic minority language or regional language is taught; - cooperate with organisations of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the creation of the above-mentioned methodological counselling network. In 2023, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of Education and Science of 14 September 2023 amending the Regulation on the <i>standard of education preparing for the teaching profession</i>¹³³ enabled universities to provide training for regional language teachers in accordance with the demand expressed by the Committee on National and Ethnic Minorities of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, i.e. also during first-cycle programme studies. Kashubian language teacher training is provided by the University of Gdańsk. Adequately to the changes in the way teachers are trained, the questions of qualifications for teaching or conducting classes in kindergartens, schools, groups or branches that enable students belonging to national minorities, ethnic minorities or communities speaking a regional language to maintain their sense of national, ethnic or linguistic identity have been regulated. In addition to measures concerning languages of national minorities and ethnic minorities as well as regional languages, initiatives were also taken in 2024 concerning regional education and the Silesian language. In 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 20 July 2018 - <i>Higher Education and Science Law</i>¹³⁴, the Minister of Education commissioned and funded: - the preparation and delivery of a two-semester postgraduate course for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, for at least 25 professionally active
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¹³² Journal of Laws of 2023, item 2738, as amended.

¹³³ Journal of Laws, item 2003.

¹³⁴ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended.

	teachers; this course was delivered - in the academic year 2024/2025 - by the University of Silesia in Katowice; - the provision of packages of methodical materials and teaching aids in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature for teachers participating in the above-mentioned postgraduate course and for at least 500 schools and kindergartens conducting classes in regional education; - the creation of a freely accessible Internet platform with methodological materials and teaching aids for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature. The implementation of the above tasks is supported by a nationwide teacher training establishment, i.e. the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw, to which the Minister of Education commissioned and financed the preparation and dissemination of methodological materials for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, teaching aids and translations. As part of the performance of the above task, the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw - in the period from 11 October 2024 to 31 December 2024 - carried out the following activities: - four classroom training courses entitled 'Silesia - History, Culture, Language', aimed at popularising cultural heritage focused on cultivating customs and learning about the Upper Silesian region. The training courses were attended by 199 participants, i.e. teachers-consultants, methodological advisers and teachers interested in the topic of the training; - two online training courses entitled 'How to Conduct Regional Education Classes Using Quests?'. The participants learnt about the methodology for creating quests, acquired the skills needed to conduct classes using this technique and had individual consultations with the instructors; - lectures and workshops, visiting museums and places of cultural heritage in Upper Silesia, and watching a theatre play entitled 'Mianujom mie Hanka', which enabled participants to acquire knowledge about the region and the diversity of Silesian history and culture; - methodological materials on literature, art and customs shaping everyday life and the specific characteristics of the regional language have been posted on the website of the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw for general access and use by teachers when planning and conducting regional education classes.
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	The teaching of a minority language, a regional language, a minority's own history and culture and the geography of the country with whose cultural area the minority identifies is carried out on the basis of curricula approved for use in a school by the school principal. Pursuant to Article 22aa of the Act of 7 September 1991 <i>on the Education System</i>¹³⁵, a teacher may decide to implement a curriculum with the use of a textbook, educational material or exercise material, or without these teaching aids. The selection of a textbook or educational material that replaces a textbook and exercise materials for educational classes is made by a team of teachers teaching the specific classes. If a textbook is selected to implement a curriculum, this selection is made from among the textbooks approved for school use. The minister responsible for education approves a textbook for school use after obtaining positive opinions from textbook experts¹³⁶. Textbooks approved for school use that are in line with the current core curriculum are included in the lists published on the website of the Ministry of National Education. Textbooks, including textbooks for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, are approved for school use at the request of an entity (publisher) holding the author's economic rights for the textbook. Most textbooks for teaching a minority language, the history and culture of a minority are written gradually, usually by publishers associated with or representing minority communities in Poland. Pursuant to Article 68 of the Act of 27 October 2017 <i>on the Financing of Educational Tasks</i>¹³⁷, textbooks and supporting books for the education of students within the scope necessary to sustain a sense of national, ethnic and linguistic identity may be subsidised from the state budget from the part at the disposal of the minister competent for education and upbringing. Due to the high unit price of textbooks for minorities (high cost of preparation combined with low circulation), the Ministry of National Education finances all costs related to the preparation, writing and publication of textbooks and supplementary books for the education of students declaring membership in national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language. Subsidies are available for textbooks that have been approved for school use by the minister responsible for education and were included in the list of textbooks intended for general education for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language,
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¹³⁵ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 750, as amended.

¹³⁶ Article 22an(1) of the Act on the *Education System*.

¹³⁷ Journal of Laws of 2025, item 439.

	as well as for so-called supplementary books (e.g. exercise books, subject dictionaries, method books) which are not subject to approval for school use. According to the rules laid down by the Ministry of National Education, textbooks for teaching the language of the national minority, the history and culture and geography of the country with whose territory the national minority identifies, are financed first, and supplementary books are subsidised second. The textbooks and supplementary books are distributed free of charge to the relevant school superintendent's offices and then to school libraries or inter-school teaching teams, as ordered by school principals. This system guarantees adequate distribution of and access to free textbooks and supplementary books for successive year groups of students attending minority or regional language classes. In 2023-2024, the following textbooks and supplementary books for national minorities were funded:
2.11 Slovak	a. Take steps to develop teaching in/of Slovak at all levels, including by providing adequate teacher training and textbooks. With regard to the support for teachers in 2019, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 28 May 2019 <i>on teacher training centres</i>¹³⁸ oblige school superintendents to: - include, as appropriate, in the plan of the methodological counselling network in a given province, methodological counselling for teachers employed in schools where a national or ethnic minority language or regional language is taught; - cooperate with organisations of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the creation of the above-mentioned methodological counselling network. In 2023, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of Education and Science of 14 September 2023 amending the Regulation on the <i>standard of education preparing for the teaching profession</i>¹³⁹ enabled universities to provide training for regional language teachers in accordance with the demand expressed by the Committee on National and Ethnic Minorities of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, i.e. also during first-cycle programme studies. Kashubian language teacher training is provided by the University of Gdańsk. Adequately to the changes in the way teachers are trained, the questions of qualifications for teaching or conducting classes in kindergartens, schools, groups or branches that enable students

¹³⁸ Journal of of Laws of 2023, item 2738, as amended.

¹³⁹ Journal of of Laws, item 2003.

	belonging to national minorities, ethnic minorities or communities speaking a regional language to maintain their sense of national, ethnic or linguistic identity have been regulated. In addition to measures concerning languages of national minorities and ethnic minorities as well as regional languages, initiatives were also taken in 2024 concerning regional education and the Silesian language. In 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 20 July 2018 - <i>Higher Education and Science Law</i>¹⁴⁰, the Minister of Education commissioned and funded: - the preparation and delivery of a two-semester postgraduate course for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, for at least 25 professionally active teachers; this course was delivered - in the academic year 2024/2025 - by the University of Silesia in Katowice; - the provision of packages of methodical materials and teaching aids in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature for teachers participating in the above-mentioned postgraduate course and for at least 500 schools and kindergartens conducting classes in regional education; - the creation of a freely accessible Internet platform with methodological materials and teaching aids for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature. The implementation of the above tasks is supported by a nationwide teacher training establishment, i.e. the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw, to which the Minister of Education commissioned and financed the preparation and dissemination of methodological materials for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, teaching aids and translations. As part of the performance of the above task, the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw - in the period from 11 October 2024 to 31 December 2024 - carried out the following activities: - four classroom training courses entitled 'Silesia - History, Culture, Language', aimed at popularising cultural heritage focused on cultivating customs and learning about the Upper Silesian region. The training courses were attended by 199 participants, i.e. teachers-consultants, methodological advisers and teachers interested in the topic of the training; - two online training courses entitled 'How to Conduct Regional Education Classes Using Quests?'. The participants learnt about the methodology for creating quests, acquired the skills needed to conduct classes using this technique and had individual consultations with the instructors; - lectures and workshops, visiting museums and places of cultural heritage in Upper Silesia, and watching a theatre play entitled 'Mianujom mie Hanka', which enabled participants to acquire knowledge about the region and the diversity of Silesian history and culture; - methodological materials on literature, art and customs shaping everyday life and the specific characteristics of the regional language have been posted on the website of the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw for general access and use by teachers when planning and conducting regional education classes.
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¹⁴⁰ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended.

	The teaching of a minority language, a regional language, a minority's own history and culture and the geography of the country with whose cultural area the minority identifies is carried out on the basis of curricula approved for use in a school by the school principal. Pursuant to Article 22aa of the Act of 7 September 1991 <i>on the Education System</i>¹⁴¹, a teacher may decide to implement a curriculum with the use of a textbook, educational material or exercise material, or without these teaching aids. The selection of a textbook or educational material that replaces a textbook and exercise materials for educational classes is made by a team of teachers teaching the specific classes. If a textbook is selected to implement a curriculum, this selection is made from among the textbooks approved for school use. The minister responsible for education approves a textbook for school use after obtaining positive opinions from textbook experts¹⁴². Textbooks approved for school use that are in line with the current core curriculum are included in the lists published on the website of the Ministry of National Education. Textbooks, including textbooks for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, are approved for school use at the request of an entity (publisher) holding the author's economic rights for the textbook. Most textbooks for teaching a minority language, the history and culture of a minority are written gradually, usually by publishers associated with or representing minority communities in Poland. Pursuant to Article 68 of the Act of 27 October 2017 <i>on the Financing of Educational Tasks</i>¹⁴³, textbooks and supporting books for the education of students within the scope necessary to sustain a sense of national, ethnic and linguistic identity may be subsidised from the state budget from the part at the disposal of the minister competent for education and upbringing. Due to the high unit price of textbooks for minorities (high cost of preparation combined with low circulation), the Ministry of National Education finances all costs related to the preparation, writing and publication of textbooks and supplementary books for the education of students declaring membership in national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language. Subsidies are available for textbooks that have been approved for school use by the minister responsible for education and were included in the list of textbooks intended for general education for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, as well as for so-called supplementary books (e.g. exercise books, subject dictionaries, method books) which are not subject to approval for school use. According to the rules laid down by the Ministry of National Education, textbooks for teaching the language of the national minority, the history and culture and geography of the country with whose territory the national minority identifies, are financed first, and supplementary books are subsidised second. The textbooks and supplementary books are distributed free of charge to the relevant
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	school superintendent's offices and then to school libraries or inter-school teaching teams, as ordered by school principals. This system guarantees adequate distribution of and access to free textbooks and supplementary books for successive year groups of students attending minority or regional language classes. In 2023-2024, the following textbooks and supplementary books for national minorities were funded:				
	Publication year	National or ethnic minority	Number of titles	Amount	Publisher/entity performing the contract
	2023	Kashubian-speaking community	2 titles	PLN 286,800.00	Kashubian-Pomeranian Association
		Lithuanian	5 titles	PLN 423,300.00	Wydawnictwo "Aušra" Sp. z o.o.
		German	3 titles	PLN 42,774.32	Wydawnictwo Lektor Klett
		Slovak	1 title	PLN 26,700.00	Main Board of the Society of Slovaks in Poland
		Belarusian	1 title	PLN 116,000.00	Association for Children and Young People Learning the Belarussian Language AB-BA
	2024	German	3 titles	PLN 42,304.00	Wydawnictwo Lektor Klett
		Lithuanian	2 titles	PLN 218,650.00	Wydawnictwo "Aušra" Sp. z o.o.
		Ukrainian	1 title	PLN 122,700.00	PROSVITA Foundation

		Kashubian-speaking community	2 titles	PLN 293,500.00	Kashubian-Pomeranian Association
		Slovak	1 title	PLN 28,500.00	Main Board of the Society of Slovaks in Poland
		Belarusian	2 titles (reprint)	PLN 44,547.00	Association for Children and Young People Learning the Belarussian Language AB-BA
	Textbooks and supplementary books funded by the Minister are made public on the Integrated Education Platform, allowing students and teachers to access electronic versions of these materials as well. The list of textbooks approved for school use is published on the website of the Ministry of National Education, under the tab https://podreczniki.men.gov.pl/podreczniki/2. In 2025, the MNE has financed or is planning to finance the following textbooks and supplementary books for national minorities, ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language:				
	Publication year	National or ethnic minority/regional language	List of titles	Estimated amount/amount spent	Publisher/entity performing the contract
	2025	German	1) 'Niko 1'. German language textbook for the German minority 2) 'Niko 2'. German language textbook	PLN 46,968.00 (contract completed)	Wydawnictwo Lektor Klett

		for the German minority 3) 'Niko 3'. German language textbook for the German minority		
	Kashubian-speaking community	1) Supplementary book for the regional Kashubian language 'Z kaszëbsczim w swiat' [With Kashubian into the world] by Danuta Pioch (1st stage of education) 2) Supplementary book for the regional Kashubian language 'Przewodnik literacki' [Literary guide] by Adela Kuk-Kalinowska (1st and 2nd stages of education)	PLN 102,000.00 PLN 131,000.00	Kashubian-Pomeranian Association
	Ukrainian	1) Supplementary book: Ukrainian studies exercise book ' <i>Podróż po Ukrainie część 5 dla klasy VII szkoły podstawowej</i> [Journey in Ukraine	PLN 131,200.00 (contract completed)	PROSVITA Foundation

			part 5 for grade 7 of elementary school], authors: Marek Syrnyk, Natalia Bogdanets'-Biloskalenko, Yulia Shumeyko, Olena Horoshkina 2) Supplementary book: Two parts of the exercise book for grade 1 of elementary school, authors: Marek Syrnyk, Natalia Bogdanets' Biloskalenko, Yulia Shumeyko	PLN 129,700.00	
	Lithuanian	1) Pradinio ugdymo vadovėlis III klasei, 1 dalis. Textbook for early childhood education for grade 3, part 1. Author: Gražina Karaneckienė 2) Pradinio ugdymo vadovėlis III klasei, 2 dalis. Textbook for early childhood education for grade 3, part 2. Author:	PLN 119,700.00 (contract completed)	PLN 123,000.00	Wydawnictwo "Aušra" Sp. z o.o.
				PLN 111,300.00	

			Gražina Karaneckienė 3) Supplementary book: 'Mokausi ir augu'. Pratybų sąsiuvinis II klasei, 1 dalis. Exercise book for early childhood education for grade 2, part 1. Author: Gražina Karaneckienė			
		Lemko	A supplementary textbook for the study of the Lemko language 'Preselyly nas musowo'. Letters of Lemkos from 1947-1948. Volumes 1-3 (2nd and 3rd stage of education)	PLN 77,000.00	KYCZERA Song and Dance Ensemble	
		Slovak	Supplementary textbook - Renáta Milčáková, <i>Słownik obrazkowy polsko słowacki</i> [Polish-Slovak Picture Dictionary] for elementary school students (1st and 2nd stage of education)	PLN 30,000.00	Main Board of the Society of Slovaks in Poland	

		Belarusian	Textbook for teaching the Belarusian language for grade 7 of elementary school 'Żywoje Słowa' [Living words] by Alina Wawrzeniuk	PLN 129,900.00 (textbook in the process of being approved for school use)	Association for Children and Young People Learning the Belarusian Language AB-BA
	In other situations, each student has the right to learn a minority language in the form of additional classes of that language (3 hours per week).				
	2023	1 title		PLN 26,700.00	Main Board of the Society of Slovaks in Poland
	2024	1 title		PLN 28,500.00	Main Board of the Society of Slovaks in Poland
	2025	Supplementary textbook - Renáta Milčáková, <i>Słownik obrazkowy polsko słowacki</i> [Polish-Slovak Picture Dictionary] for elementary school students (1st and 2nd stage of education)		PLN 30,000.00	Main Board of the Society of Slovaks in Poland

	b. Take measures to increase the use of Slovak in the media (broadcasting media, online and print media, audiovisual works). a) National and ethnic minorities and regional language users in the public media <i>[Material prepared on the basis of materials of the National Broadcasting Council available to the MIA]</i> According to Article 21(1a) (8a) of the Broadcasting Act, one of the tasks of public broadcasting entities fulfilling the public service mission is to take into account the needs of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the programme offer. The joint discussions of the National Broadcasting Council, public broadcasters, representatives of organisations bringing together members of these communities and the Joint Commission of the Government and National and Ethnic Minorities has resulted in the development of uniform criteria for the qualification of programmes meeting the expectations of different minority groups. They were finally proposed by the National Broadcasting Council and accepted by the Joint Commission when it published the <i>Position on programmes for national and ethnic minorities and programmes in the regional language in public radio and television</i> on 24 February 2010. The document sets out the conditions that programmes qualified by public broadcasters for this type of offer should meet. According to the <i>Position</i>, programmes that public service broadcasters intend to address national and ethnic minorities should fulfil all of the following conditions: • they should be entirely devoted to issues concerning national minorities, ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language; • they should enable representatives of a national or ethnic minority not only to take part in the programme, but also to speak about themselves and their issues; • a specific national or ethnic minority or community speaking a regional language should be the explicit addressee of such programmes; • they should be delivered in a language of an national or ethnic minority or in a regional language; • they should be prepared by a team comprising representatives of a national minority, ethnic minority or community speaking a regional language concerned. Public broadcasters were also obliged to comply with the quality criteria for these programmes, i.e., they are to exercise all journalistic care, professionalism and integrity in their production. On the basis of the annual reporting documentation submitted by the broadcasters, the National Broadcasting Council verifies each year the correctness of the qualification of such programmes and analyses the content of the offer and evaluates it in terms of quantity and quality. If any of the indicated programmes do not meet the criteria contained in the aforementioned <i>Position</i>, they are not qualified by the Council for this category of programmes. The verifications
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	conducted by the Council to date indicate that broadcasters generally qualify programmes correctly for this type of offer and that errors occurred incidentally. This mode of operation has been closely linked to the way in which this type of offer is funded. When allocating subscription funds for the next calendar year to companies that had programmes for national and ethnic minorities in their planned programme offer, the National Broadcasting Council allocates 100% of the subscription funds to cover the costs indicated by the broadcasters for the creation and dissemination of such programmes. Characteristics of the offer implemented between 2020 and 2024 in the public media The detailed characteristics of the offer addressed to national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language presented below were drawn up by the National Broadcasting Council on the basis of an analysis of the public broadcasters' annual reports on their programme and financial plans approved annually by the Council in this respect in the years 2020-2024. XI. Telewizja Polska SA In the years 2020-2024, programmes for individual national and ethnic minorities were broadcast - although not systematically (consistently, every year) in each programme - in 11 local branches of Telewizja Polska SA, i.e. the Białystok, Gdańsk, Katowice, Gorzów Wielkopolski, Kielce, Kraków, Olsztyn, Opole, Rzeszów, Szczecin and Wrocław Branches and in the common band of TVP3 Regionalna. The programme offer, i.e. the titles of the programmes broadcast periodically (mainly once a week) was constant. More often than not, their titles were left in place for subsequent years, while the content of the programmes was changed to address the current events affecting this audience. Each minority was represented in individual programmes constituting part of programme cycles, usually broadcast once a week, in the form of news and current affairs magazines. This offer, addressed to national and ethnic minorities living in Poland, consisted of the following series of programmes broadcast between 2020 and 2024: Belarusian minority: ➤ <i>Tydzień Białoruski</i> [Belarusian Week] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in the Belarusian language, presenting issues relating to the social and cultural life of Belarusians living in the Podlaskie Province. Lithuanian minority:
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	➤ <i>Panorama Litewska</i> [Lithuanian Panorama] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Lithuanian, presenting issues concerning the social and cultural life of Lithuanians living in the Podlaskie Province. ➤ <i>Pomerania ethnica</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Szczecin) - an information programme; broadcast in the languages of minorities living in Western Pomerania, including Lithuanians, it addresses social issues and cultural events of minority communities in the region. German minority: ➤ <i>Schlesien Journal</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Katowice and TVP3 Opole) - a news and current affairs magazine for the German minority living in Silesia and the Opole region, broadcast in German with subtitles in Polish; it presents social, political, economic and cultural events concerning the German minority living in these regions. ➤ <i>Pomerania ethnica</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Szczecin) - an information programme; broadcast in the languages of minorities living in Western Pomerania, including the German minority, it addresses social issues and cultural events of minority communities in the region. Roma minority: ➤ <i>My Romowie</i> [We the Roma people] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a magazine for the Roma minority, dealing with the social and cultural life of the Roma people living in the Podlaskie Province and the social problems of the Roma people in Poland; created in cooperation with representatives of Roma communities in the Podlaskie Province. The magazine is broadcast in Polish due to the lack of systematisation of the Roma language and the fact that the Roma people commonly speak Polish. Materials showing Roma rituals and songs by Roma bands have been broadcast in the Romani language. Russian minority: ➤ <i>Wiadomości Rosyjskie</i> [Russian News] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, addressed to the Russian minority living in the Podlaskie Province, broadcast in Russian; it discusses current social and political problems and presents cultural events organised by the Russian minority in the region. ➤ <i>Syberyjski Bard zaprasza</i> [Siberian bard invites] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a magazine addressed to the Russian minority, dealing with the social and cultural life of Russians living both in the Podlaskie Poland and other parts of Poland, including the issue of new emigration of Russians to Poland, broadcast in Russian. Tatar minority:
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	➤ <i>Tatarskie wieści</i> [Tatar news] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a magazine for the Tatar minority, dealing with the social and cultural life of the Tatars living in the Podlaskie Province, created in cooperation with representatives of the Tatar community in the Podlaskie Province. The magazine is broadcast in Polish, as the Tatar minority has for a long time spoken Polish on a daily basis. Ukrainian minority: ➤ <i>Telenowyny</i> [Television news] (broadcast on TVP3 Regionalna in the common band) - a magazine containing informative, journalistic and educational elements concerning the Ukrainian community living in Poland, broadcast in Ukrainian. It presents historical themes and information on Polish-Ukrainian relations; it often includes commentaries by guest speakers on current political and cultural events organised by the Ukrainian minority. ➤ <i>Przegląd Ukraiński</i> [Ukrainian Review] (broadcast on TVP3 Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, addressed to the Ukrainian minority living in the Podlaskie Province, broadcast in Ukrainian; it discusses socio-cultural issues concerning this minority. ➤ <i>Pomerania ethnica</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Szczecin) - an information programme; broadcast in the languages of minorities living in Western Pomerania, including the Ukrainian minority, it addresses social issues and cultural events of minority communities in the region. ➤ <i>Ukraińskie Wieści</i> [Ukrainian News] (broadcast on TVP3 Olsztyn) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it presents issues of social and cultural life, as well as the current problems of the Ukrainian minority living in Warmia and Mazury. It presents the traditions, customs and social activities organised by this community and informs about events in Ukraine and the cooperation between Ukraine and the Warmia and Mazury region. ➤ <i>Daleko od domu</i> [Away from home] (broadcast on TVP3 Katowice) - a programme created in Ukrainian and Polish to integrate the Ukrainian minority into Polish society, introducing Poles to Ukrainian culture and tradition. Kashubian minority: ➤ <i>Tedë Jo</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Gdańsk) - a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Kashubian, with subtitles in Polish; addressed to the Kashubians living in Pomerania. It deals with the broadly defined life of this community: its culture, language, customs and history. ➤ <i>Farwe Kaszeb</i> (broadcast on TVP3 Gdańsk) - a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Kashubian with subtitles in Polish; it addresses the contemporary life of the Kashubian community in Pomerania. ➤ <i>Reportaże dla społeczności kaszubskiej</i> [Reportages for the Kashubian community] (broadcast on TVP3 Gdańsk) - reportages addressed to Kashubians, dealing with a wide
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range of issues concerning the life of this community and created in their language with subtitles in Polish.

XII. Regional public radio

Between 2020 and 2024, the regional radio stations distributed - similarly to the television programmes - fixed program series, created in the languages of national and ethnic minorities and regional languages spoken by local communities. They were present in eleven of the radio station's programmes, namely: Radio Białystok, Radio Gdańsk, Radio Katowice, Radio Koszalin, Radio Kraków, Radio Olsztyn, Radio Opole, Radio Rzeszów, Radio Szczecin, Radio Wrocław and Radio Zachód.

The programme offer in 2020-2024 for the different national and ethnic minorities and the communities speaking a regional language consisted mainly - as in the case of the television offer - of news and current affairs magazines focusing on the regional problems of the minorities living in the respective province. This offer consisted of the following programme series broadcast in the period of 2020-2024:

Belarusian minority:

- *Pod Znakiem Pogoni* [Under the Pahonia emblem] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Belarusian; it addresses the problems of the Belarusian minority living in Poland and Podlasie.
- *Duchowe Spotkania* [Spiritual encounters] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a religious programme dedicated to the affairs of Orthodox believers in Podlasie. The programme is created in Belarusian and Ukrainian.
- *Przed wyjściem do cerkwi* [Before going to church] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a religious programme addressed to Orthodox believers living in Podlasie, of a journalistic and educational nature.
- *Pożadlanaja Pieśnia* (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a music programme with commentary broadcast in Belarusian; it presents both folk and contemporary music of this minority.

Lithuanian minority:

- *Głos polskich Litwinów* [Voice of the Polish Lithuanians] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Lithuanian, addressing current problems of the Lithuanian minority living in the region.

Lemko minority:

	➤ <i>Sami Swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław) - a news programme for various minorities: Lemko, Ukrainian, German and Armenian, broadcast in the languages of these minorities. It addresses political, social and cultural topics in a regional context. ➤ <i>Kermesz</i> (broadcast on Radio Kraków) - a magazine with current news about the life of these communities and a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian, intended for the Lemko and Ukrainian minorities living in Małopolska. Created and run by representatives of these minorities. It presents the traditions and rituals of these communities, as well as the products of their material and spiritual culture. German minority: ➤ <i>Pojednanie i Przyszłość</i> [Reconciliation and future] (broadcast on Radio Katowice) - a journalistic programme produced in German, edited by the Katowice-based 'Reconciliation and Future' minority organisation; topics include the traditions and culture of the German minority living in Silesia; it presents the achievements of representatives of German culture, science and art born in Silesia. ➤ <i>Praesent</i> (broadcast on Radio Katowice) - a programme produced by the Socio-Cultural Association of Germans of the Silesian Province, based in Racibórz; it has a journalistic character; it contains reports on events, interviews and commentary on the life and activities of the German minority communities in the region; it is broadcast in German. ➤ <i>Allensteiner Welle</i> (broadcast on Radio Olsztyn) - a programme broadcast in German, it has an informative and journalistic character and focuses on the problems of the German minority in Warmia and Mazury. ➤ <i>Die Musik, Hudba, Zene</i> (broadcast on Radio Opole) - a music programme featuring contemporary German music with commentary broadcast in the German language. ➤ <i>Czas mniejszości</i> [Minority time] (broadcast on Radio Opole) - a programme of a journalistic nature, broadcast in German; it presents the problems of the various German minority communities living in the Opole region. ➤ <i>Wiadomości niemieckojęzyczne/Magazyn niemieckojęzyczny</i> [German-language news/German-language magazine] (broadcast on Radio Opole) - programmes in the form of news services, presenting the affairs of the region and the German minority, including reports on events, statements by minority activists and interventions. ➤ <i>Sami Swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław) - a news programme for various minorities: Lemko, Ukrainian, German and Armenian, broadcast in the languages of these minorities. It addresses political, social and cultural topics in a regional context.
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	Armenian minority: ➤ <i>Sami swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław), addressed to various minorities living in the region, including Armenians; see the description above for programme's content. Roma minority: ➤ <i>Serwis Romski</i> [Roma service] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news programme; it includes coverage of current events in the region that may be of interest to Roma people. ➤ <i>Magazyn Romski</i> [Roma magazine] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news and current affairs programme addressing current issues concerning this minority living in the region. ➤ <i>Szlakiem taborów</i> [On the caravan trail] (broadcast on Radio Zachód) - a journalistic and educational programme. The purpose of the programme is to popularise the history, traditions, customs and culture of the Roma people among the inhabitants of the Lubuskie Province, as well as to increase Roma participation in the region's social life and to overcome their reluctance to attend school. Slovak minority: ➤ <i>Pramen - Magazyn słowacki</i> [Pramen - Slovak magazine] (broadcast on Radio Kraków) - a Slovak language magazine broadcast in 2020 for the Slovak minority living in Małopolska. It was produced and conducted by journalists from these minorities. It provided knowledge about the life of this community and documented the voices of older generations, witness accounts of historical events, manifestations of disappearing rituals, customs, and products of spiritual and material culture. In 2021 and 2022, Radio Kraków did not broadcast any programmes for the Slovak minority due to staff shortages (the existing presenters resigned and the minority representatives did not recommend any replacements, despite the efforts of Radio Kraków SA). ➤ <i>'Na slovíčko'/'Na słówko'</i> [For a word] (broadcast in 2023 on Radio Kraków) - a programme for the Slovak minority living in the Małopolska region and all those interested in Slovakia who have a sufficient understanding of the Slovak language; the programme is broadcast entirely in Slovak. It was intended to integrate the Slovak minority living in Małopolska, as well as people who have any links with the country. From 2024, the programme for the Slovak minority was not broadcast under the above title, but was part of the programme entitled <i>Audycja dla mniejszości - magazyn</i> [Programme for minorities - a magazine], which
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consisted of content for the Lemko and Ukrainian minorities but also for the Slovak minority. The programme was created in cooperation with the Slovak Association in Poland.

Ukrainian minority:

- *Przed wyjściem do cerkwi* [Before going to church] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a religious programme on issues of the Orthodox Church, broadcast in Belarusian and Ukrainian.
- *Ukraińska Dumka* [Ukrainian song] (broadcast on Radio Białystok) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it addresses various current issues of the Ukrainian community living in the region.
- *Serwis Ukraiński* [Ukrainian service] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news programme, broadcast in Ukrainian; it presents current events concerning the Ukrainian community living in the region.
- *Magazyn Ukraiński* [Ukrainian Magazine] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it focuses on current socio-political and cultural issues concerning the communities linked to the Ukrainian minority living in the region; it also deals with contemporary problems faced by Ukraine.
- *Od Niedzieli do Niedzieli* [From Sunday to Sunday] (broadcast on Radio Olsztyn) - a programme edited by members of the Social and Cultural Association of Ukrainians in Poland; it is a news and current affairs magazine; in addition to discussing problems concerning the Ukrainian community in the region, it also includes a news service on Ukraine.
- *Wiadomości dla Ukraińców* [News for Ukrainians] (broadcast on Radio Rzeszów) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian; it contains up-to-date information on the activities of the Ukrainian community in the Podkarpacie region and comments on current events in the Ukrainian minority community in the Podkarpacie region.
- *Skrynia - magazyn* [Skrynia - magazyn] (broadcast on Radio Rzeszów) - a programme of a journalistic nature; addressed to the inhabitants of south-eastern Poland of Ukrainian origin. It has a magazine format, because in addition to journalistic elements, it also broadcasts current information on the life of the Ukrainian community living in Poland and a historical calendar. Reports of exhibitions, scientific conferences, concerts and meetings of this community are also broadcast. The programme is illustrated with Ukrainian music (from folk to pop and rock) and features Ukrainian performers and composers. The magazine has been broadcast on Radio Rzeszów since 1959.
- *Posydeńki* (broadcast on Radio Szczecin) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian, focusing on presenting the culture, customs and everyday problems of the Ukrainian minority living in the region, also including information on the most important political events in Ukraine.

	➤ <i>Sami Swoi</i> [Our folks] (broadcast on Radio Wrocław), addressed to various minorities living in the region, including Ukrainians; see the description above for programme's. ➤ <i>Gawędy o Ukrainie - Besidy pro Ukrainu</i> [Talks about Ukraine](broadcast on Radio Zachód) - produced in the form of a magazine; a news and current affairs programme; it focuses on the life of Ukrainians in the Lubuskie Province and their history in the region; it also includes current news from Ukraine. ➤ <i>Kermesz</i> (broadcast on Radio Kraków) - a programme with current news about the life of these communities and a socio-cultural magazine, broadcast in Ukrainian, intended for the Lemko and Ukrainian minorities living in Małopolska. Created and run by representatives of these minorities. It presents the traditions and rituals of these communities, as well as the products of their material and spiritual culture. Kashubian regional language: ➤ <i>Kleka</i> (broadcast on Radio Gdańsk) - a news programme, broadcast in Kashubian, focusing on current social, political and cultural issues of the Kashubian community in the region. ➤ <i>Magazyn Kaszubski</i> [Kashubian magazine] (broadcast on Radio Gdańsk) - a news and current affairs magazine, broadcast in Kashubian; it deals with contemporary economic and culture issues concerning the Kashubian community; it presents the work of the creators of Kashubian culture. ➤ <i>Pogoda po Kaszubsku</i> [Weather in Kashubian] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a weather forecast in Kashubian for the region and Poland. ➤ <i>Magazyn Kaszubski</i> [Kashubian magazine] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a programme of a journalistic nature, broadcast in Kashubian. It addresses issues concerning Kashubian culture in the region but also the identity of this ethnic group. Important scientific and cultural events concerning the achievements of this community are presented ➤ <i>Serwis Kaszubski</i> [Kashubian service] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - a news programme; it presents current topics on culture, politics and Kashubian life in the region; it presents announcements of important entertainment events with the participation of the Kashubian community. ➤ <i>Pogadanka o języku kaszubskim</i> [Kashubian language talk] (broadcast on Radio Koszalin) - radio lessons in the Kashubian language. Number of hours of the offer implemented in 2020-2024 Telewizja Polska SA
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In 2020-2024, the minority offer disseminated in the regional programmes of Telewizja Polska S.A. occupied, on average, between approximately 1% and 1.5% of the annual programmes of each branch broadcasting minority programmes on a regular basis.

The table below illustrates the annual number of hours of programmes for national and ethnic minorities broadcast systematically (i.e. in each year under analysis) in the 6 programmes of the company TVP SA in the years 2020-2024.

No.	TVP SA - programme name	Annual number of hours offered to national and ethnic minorities and to communities speaking a regional language in 2020-2024 (rounded up to the nearest whole hour)				
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1.	TVP3 Białystok	76	85	90	103	100
2.	TVP3 Gdańsk	28	31	40	34	12
3.	TVP3 Katowice	9	26	40	18	11
4.	TVP3 Olsztyn	12	15	32	15	8
(5)	TVP3 Opole	10	10	10	10	15
6.	TVP3 Regionalna - common band	4	4	6	4	4
	Total	139	171	218	184	150

In the period in question, the richest offer in terms of hours of programmes for minorities was provided by two local TVP SA centres: first and foremost TVP3 Białystok, with the largest number of hours allocated to this type of offer, and secondly, although with a significantly lower number of hours, TVP3 Gdańsk. In the other stations - as the data in the table above indicate - programmes for national and ethnic minorities occupied far fewer hours in the successive years analysed. There were also stations (such as TVP3 Szczecin) in which the offer for minorities was broadcast very irregularly, i.e. in one year (2020) a minimum number of hours was allocated to it, in the next three years (2021, 2022, 2023) no such programmes were broadcast at all, and in the last of the years under analysis (2024) the broadcasting of this type of programme was resumed, although - which must be emphasised - in a minimal amount.

Regional broadcasting companies

In 2020-2024, slightly more time than in TVP SA's regional stations was taken up by the offer for minorities distributed in regional radio programmes, i.e. on average between approximately 1.3% and 2% of the annual programmes of each company broadcasting programmes for minorities. The table below illustrates the annual number of hours of programmes for national and ethnic minorities broadcast by regional public radio stations:

	No.	Name of regional radio station	Annual number of hours offered to national and ethnic minorities and to communities speaking a regional language in 2020-2024 (rounded up to the nearest whole hour)				
			2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	1.	Radio Białystok SA	291	287	291	287	286
	2.	Radio Gdańsk SA	388	618	712	716	704
	3.	Radio Katowice SA	48	45	45	45	46
	4.	Radio Koszalin SA	87	114	157	168	168
	(5)	Radio Kraków SA	65	87	88	87	88
	6.	Radio Olsztyn SA*	48	186	199	186	185
	7.	Radio Opole SA	79	66	64	66	68
	8.	Radio Rzeszów SA	191	189	195	189	204
	9.	Radio Szczecin SA	48	48	61	51	48
	10.	Radio Wrocław SA	38	38	54	37	38
	11.	Radio Zachód SA	17	17	23	18	18
		Total	1,300	1,695	1,889	1,850	1,853
Radio Olsztyn also broadcasts a separate daily programme for the Ukrainian minority from a transmitter in Miłki near Giżycko at 99.6 FM. Programmes created in the Ukrainian language at a constant annual level (approximately 140 hours) are broadcast in this band. During the period in question, the richest offer in terms of hours of programmes for minorities was provided by: ➤ Radio Gdańsk SA - over 600 to over 700 hours per year in the last 4 years (2021-2024) of the period under analysis; ➤ Radio Białystok SA - nearly 300 hours were devoted to this type of offer in each year of the analysed period. Further places, but also with a large number of hours allocated to programmes for minorities, were taken by: ➤ Radio Rzeszów SA and Radio Olsztyn SA - in each year of the period under analysis, nearly 200 hours were devoted to this type of offer, and Radio Rzeszów SA even exceeded this annual number of hours in 2024,							

	➤ Radio Koszalin SA - steadily increased the number of hours allocated to this offer from 2021 onwards, approaching more than 160 hours in 2024. In 2020-2024, the following companies allocated the fewest hours to programmes for minorities: Radio Katowice SA, Radio Szczecin SA, Radio Wrocław SA and Radio Zachód SA. Funding of the offer The funding of the offer for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language created by public media companies has been provided on the same basis for many years (since 2013). The National Broadcasting Council, on the basis of an analysis of the programme and financial plans submitted to it by public media companies for a given calendar year, transfers to them subscription funds covering 100% of the costs indicated by the companies for the creation and dissemination of this type of offer. Only those companies that have such programmes scheduled receive these funds. After the end of each calendar year, the Council - on the basis of the companies' reports on the implementation of the programme and financial plans approved for a given year - verifies whether a given company has implemented the number of hours of programmes for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language as declared in the aforementioned plans and whether the programmes met the criteria for this type of programmes contained in the aforementioned <i>Position</i> of the Joint Commission of the Government and Minorities (...). If the Council finds that the plan has not been fulfilled in this regard, in the following calendar year, when the subscription fee is distributed, the respective company has its subscription funds reduced by an amount equivalent to the cost of the programme hours that were not broadcast. It should be added that the companies spend not only the subscription funds, but also their own funds (e.g. from advertising revenues) and subsidies from the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage (at a time when public media companies are in liquidation) to create this offer. It should be emphasised that the funds allocated to cover the costs of the offer for minorities in TVP SA's regional branches are allocated by the company's governing bodies. b) Media content for national and ethnic minorities and users of regional languages is created not only as part of the activities of public broadcasters, but also with the support of the Minister of Interior and Administration. It is made possible by the support of the minister competent for national and ethnic minorities provided to magazines, television programmes and radio programmes, as well as online programmes, broadcasts or podcasts through grants awarded annually. Many radio stations have been run and television and radio programmes have been broadcast systematically in this way for many years. In 2023-2025, the minister responsible for national and ethnic minorities provided grants to national and ethnic minority and regional language users organisations for a total of PLN 3,199,559.00 for
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	tasks concerning the promotion of audiovisual works produced in a regional language or in the languages of national and ethnic minorities. The table below provides details of the grants issued for this purpose.					
	Funding of tasks related to the promotion of audiovisual works produced in regional or minority languages by the Minister of Interior and Administration in 2023-2025					
	Organisation name	Programme name	2023	2024	2025	Minority
	TUTAKA Foundation	Tutaka podcast	PLN 22,800.00	PLN 22,574.00	PLN 30,000.00	Belorussian
	Puck Region Association	Radio Kaszebe	PLN 300,000.00	PLN 310,000.00	PLN 335,000.00	Kashubian language
	Kashubian-Pomeranian Association	Skarby Kaszub [Treasures of Kashubia] (from 2024 as Kashubian-Pomeranian Television)	PLN 70,000.00	PLN 68,000.00	PLN 72,800.00	
Good Energy Foundation* - the organisation is not an entity working for the benefit of the Kashubian community. It	Documentary film ‘Kaszubi’ [Kashubians]	PLN 50,000.00	not applicable	not applicable		

	was only the producer of the documentary entitled 'Kaszubi' [Kashubians]					
	Ministry for National and Ethnic Minorities in the Diocese of Opole	Multimedia Bible musings	PLN 12,800.00	not applicable	not applicable	German
	Socio-Cultural Association of Germans of the Silesian Province in Racibórz	Production of German-language radio programmes	PLN 78,747.00	PLN 91,347.00	PLN 100,000.00	
	Association of German Social and Cultural Associations in Poland	Production of the German-language programme Musikschachtel-Abgekanzelt	PLN 40,600.00	PLN 42,120.00	PLN 75,000.00	
		Production of the German-language programme TV Schlesien Journal	60,000.00 PLN	62,771.00 PLN	100,000.00 PLN	

	'RUSKA BURSA' Association	Lemko radio LEM.fm together with the news website www.lem.fm	320,000.00 PLN	335,000.00 PLN	335,000.00 PLN	Lemko
	Lemko Tower Association	Lemko online television - LEMKO TV	PLN 16,000.00	PLN 18,000.00	PLN 28,000.00	
		Radio Lemko - Lemko online radio	PLN 46,000.00	PLN 53,500.00	PLN 47,000.00	
	Russkij Dom Association (Our House Association from 2024)	Podcasts in Russian - audio recordings series 'Rosyjski akcent w historii Polski' [Russian accent in Poland's history]	PLN 8,500.00	PLN 9,500.00	PLN 9,000.00	Russian
		Multimedia recordings in the series entitled 'Historia i kultura Rosjan w Polsce' [History and culture of Russians in Poland]	9,000.00 PLN	9,500.00 PLN	11,000.00 PLN	

		total	PLN 1,034,447.00	PLN 1,022,312.00	PLN 1,142,800.00	
The table below shows the funding of national and ethnic minority newspapers and magazines published with the support of the Minister of Interior and Administration. These publishers have been operating continuously in recent years, receiving annual, but continuous, funding for their activities. These include weekly (including Ukrainian and Belarusian ones), biweekly, monthly, bimonthly and quarterly magazines.						
No.	Organisation name	Periodical name	Grant awarded			
			2022	2023	2024	2025
1.	Union of Ukrainians in Poland	Publication of the weekly magazine Nasze Słowo	PLN 445,000	PLN 460,000	PLN 461,600	PLN ¹⁴⁴ 505,000
2.	Union of Ukrainians of Podlasie	Publication of the magazine Nad Buhom i Narwoju	PLN 109,500	PLN 118,000	PLN 124,500	PLN 134,500
3.	St. Kasimir Lithuanian Society in Sejny	Publication of the quarterly magazine Saltinis	PLN 32,000	PLN 34,100	PLN 34,100	PLN 35,500
4.	Association of Lithuanians in Poland	Publication of 24 issues of the biweekly magazine Ausra	PLN 325,000	PLN 370,000	PLN 406,000	PLN 422,000
5.	Association of Lithuanians in Poland	Publication of the bimonthly magazine Ausrele for the children of the Lithuanian minority in Poland	PLN 34,000	PLN 36,000	(combined with Ausra)	(combined with Ausra)
6.	Social and Cultural Society of Jews in Poland	Publication of the monthly magazine Słowo Żydowskie / Dos Yiddish Wort	PLN 260,000	PLN 295,000	PLN 300,000	PLN 320,000

¹⁴⁴ Task name: Periodicals of the UUP

	7.	German Cultural and Social Association in Wrocław	Publication of the magazine Niederschlesische Informationen	PLN 6,960	PLN 7,000	PLN 10,200	PLN 12,240
	8.	Olsztyn Association of the German Minority	Publication of the periodical Allensteiner Nachrichten	PLN 8,200	PLN 10,000	PLN 17,500	PLN 15,500
	9.	Mazurian Association Polish-German Union in Olsztyn	Publishing of the monthly magazine Masurische Storchenpost [Mazurian Stork Post]	PLN 23,000	PLN 25,000	PLN 27,000	PLN 25,000
	10.	Socio-Cultural Association of Germans of the Silesian Province in Racibórz	Publishing, editing and distributing the magazine Oberschlesische Stimme	PLN 55,000	PLN 60,000	PLN 60,000	PLN 62,000
	11.	Association of German Social and Cultural Associations in Poland	Publication of the weekly magazine of Germans in Poland Wochenblatt.pl	PLN 380,000	PLN 400,000	PLN 400,000	PLN ¹⁴⁵ 455,000
	12.	Union of German Associations of Warmia and Mazury	Information and cultural monthly of the German minority Mitteilungsblatt	PLN 22,000	PLN 28,000	PLN 34,886	PLN 40,000
	13.	Advisory Board of NIWA Weekly	Publication of the socio-cultural weekly NIWA in the	PLN 445,000	PLN 448,000	PLN 450,000	PLN 460,000

¹⁴⁵ The weekly Wochenblatt has been replaced by a monthly magazine and a website as part of the measure

			Belarusian language				
	14.	Association of Belarusian Journalists	Publishing the Belarusian socio-cultural monthly Czasopis together with the website Czasopis.pl	PLN 177,000	PLN 180,000	PLN 180,000	PLN 180,000
	15.	Union of Polish Karaites	Publication of Karaite periodicals: Awazymyz and Karaite Almanac	PLN 27,000	PLN 27,000	PLN 27,000	PLN 30,000
	16.	Armenian Cultural Society	Publication of four issues of the Bulletin of the Armenian Cultural Society	PLN 12,000	PLN 12,800	PLN 11,600	PLN 17,000
	17.	Armenian-Polish Social Committee	Publication of the Armenian magazine Munetik	–	PLN 50,000	PLN 56,000	PLN 70,000
	18.	Polish Armenian Heritage and Culture Foundation	The bilingual magazine of the Armenian national minority Awedis	PLN 44,800	PLN 50,066	PLN 52,000	PLN 59,000
	19.	Society of Slovaks in Poland	Publication of the magazine Zivot	PLN 240,000	PLN 243,000	PLN 243,000	PLN 235,000
	20.	Lemko Association	The bi-monthly magazine Besida	PLN 30,000	PLN 33,000	–	PLN ¹⁴⁶ 49,000
	21.	Union of Polish Roma	Publication of the Roma newspaper Romano Atmo – Cygańska Dusza	PLN 125,000	PLN 130,000	PLN 150,000	PLN 150,000

¹⁴⁶ Task entitled 'Biblioteka Besidy – Czasopisma' [Besida library - periodicals]

	22.	Association of Roma in Poland	Publication of the socio-cultural quarterly Dialog-Pheniben	PLN 48,500	PLN 50,000	PLN 52,000	PLN 52,000
	23.	Muslim Religious Union in the Republic of Poland	Cultural and social quarterly Przegląd Tatarski	PLN 32,500	PLN 32,500	PLN 33,400	PLN 33,500
	24.	Russkij Dom Association	Publishing a cultural and informational review in Russian Zdravstvujte!	PLN 38,500	PLN 41,500	PLN 43,000	PLN 43,000
c. Draw up, in co-operation with the speakers, an action plan on the implementation of the Charter for Slovak. In Polish education law, the languages of all national and ethnic minorities and the Kashubian regional language have the same status. However, due to regional variations, dispersion across the country or the number of users, the forms of support for the teaching of these languages can vary considerably. Funding for minority/regional language teaching is systemically provided by the government and transferred to local authorities in the form of an increased education subsidy (currently the amount allocated to education needs). With regard to the support for teachers in 2019, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 28 May 2019 <i>on teacher training centres</i>¹⁴⁷ oblige school superintendents to: - include, as appropriate, in the plan of the methodological counselling network in a given province, methodological counselling for teachers employed in schools where a national or ethnic minority language or regional language is taught; - cooperate with organisations of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the creation of the above-mentioned methodological counselling network.							

¹⁴⁷ Journal of Laws of 2023, item 2738, as amended.

	In 2023, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of Education and Science of 14 September 2023 amending the Regulation on the <i>standard of education preparing for the teaching profession</i>¹⁴⁸ enabled universities to provide training for regional language teachers in accordance with the demand expressed by the Committee on National and Ethnic Minorities of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, i.e. also during first-cycle programme studies. Kashubian language teacher training is provided by the University of Gdańsk. Adequately to the changes in the way teachers are trained, the questions of qualifications for teaching or conducting classes in kindergartens, schools, groups or branches that enable students belonging to national minorities, ethnic minorities or communities speaking a regional language to maintain their sense of national, ethnic or linguistic identity have been regulated. In addition to measures concerning languages of national minorities and ethnic minorities as well as regional languages, initiatives were also taken in 2024 concerning regional education and the Silesian language. In 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 20 July 2018 - <i>Higher Education and Science Law</i>¹⁴⁹, the Minister of Education commissioned and funded: - the preparation and delivery of a two-semester postgraduate course for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature, for at least 25 professionally active teachers; this course was delivered - in the academic year 2024/2025 - by the University of Silesia in Katowice; - the provision of packages of methodical materials and teaching aids in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature for teachers participating in the above-mentioned postgraduate course and for at least 500 schools and kindergartens conducting classes in regional education; - the creation of a freely accessible Internet platform with methodological materials and teaching aids for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and literature. The implementation of the above tasks is supported by a nationwide teacher training establishment, i.e. the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw, to which the Minister of Education commissioned and financed the preparation and dissemination of methodological materials for teachers in the field of regional education, Silesian culture and
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¹⁴⁸ Journal of Laws, item 2003.

¹⁴⁹ Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended.

	literature, teaching aids and translations. As part of the performance of the above task, the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw - in the period from 11 October 2024 to 31 December 2024 - carried out the following activities: - four classroom training courses entitled 'Silesia - History, Culture, Language', aimed at popularising cultural heritage focused on cultivating customs and learning about the Upper Silesian region. The training courses were attended by 199 participants, i.e. teachers-consultants, methodological advisers and teachers interested in the topic of the training; - two online training courses entitled 'How to Conduct Regional Education Classes Using Quests?'. The participants learnt about the methodology for creating quests, acquired the skills needed to conduct classes using this technique and had individual consultations with the instructors; - lectures and workshops, visiting museums and places of cultural heritage in Upper Silesia, and watching a theatre play entitled 'Mianujom mie Hanka', which enabled participants to acquire knowledge about the region and the diversity of Silesian history and culture; - methodological materials on literature, art and customs shaping everyday life and the specific characteristics of the regional language have been posted on the website of the Centre for Education Development in Warsaw for general access and use by teachers when planning and conducting regional education classes. The teaching of a minority language, a regional language, a minority's own history and culture and the geography of the country with whose cultural area the minority identifies is carried out on the basis of curricula approved for use in a school by the school principal. Pursuant to Article 22aa of the Act of 7 September 1991 <i>on the Education System</i>¹⁵⁰, a teacher may decide to implement a curriculum with the use of a textbook, educational material or exercise material, or without these teaching aids. The selection of a textbook or educational material that replaces a textbook and exercise materials for educational classes is made by a team of teachers teaching the specific classes. If a textbook is selected to implement a curriculum, this selection is made from among the textbooks approved for school use. The minister responsible for education approves a textbook for school use after obtaining positive opinions from textbook experts¹⁵¹. Textbooks approved for school use that are in line with the current core curriculum are included in the lists published on the website of the
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¹⁵⁰ Journal of of Laws of 2024, item 750, as amended.

¹⁵¹ Article 22an(1) of the Act on the *Education System*.

	Ministry of National Education. Textbooks, including textbooks for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, are approved for school use at the request of an entity (publisher) holding the author's economic rights for the textbook. Most textbooks for teaching a minority language, the history and culture of a minority are written gradually, usually by publishers associated with or representing minority communities in Poland. Pursuant to Article 68 of the Act of 27 October 2017 <i>on the Financing of Educational Tasks</i>¹⁵², textbooks and supporting books for the education of students within the scope necessary to sustain a sense of national, ethnic and linguistic identity may be subsidised from the state budget from the part at the disposal of the minister competent for education and upbringing. Due to the high unit price of textbooks for minorities (high cost of preparation combined with low circulation), the Ministry of National Education finances all costs related to the preparation, writing and publication of textbooks and supplementary books for the education of students declaring membership in national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language. Subsidies are available for textbooks that have been approved for school use by the minister responsible for education and were included in the list of textbooks intended for general education for national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language, as well as for so-called supplementary books (e.g. exercise books, subject dictionaries, method books) which are not subject to approval for school use. According to the rules laid down by the Ministry of National Education, textbooks for teaching the language of the national minority, the history and culture and geography of the country with whose territory the national minority identifies, are financed first, and supplementary books are subsidised second. The textbooks and supplementary books are distributed free of charge to the relevant school superintendent's offices and then to school libraries or inter-school teaching teams, as ordered by school principals. This system guarantees adequate distribution of and access to free textbooks and supplementary books for successive year groups of students attending minority or regional language classes. In 2023-2024, the following textbooks and supplementary books for national minorities were funded:
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¹⁵² Journal of Laws of 2025, item 439.

2.12 Tatar	a. Draw up, in co-operation with the minority, an action plan on the revitalisation of Tatar and for the implementation of the Charter for this language. In Polish education law, the languages of all national and ethnic minorities and the Kashubian regional language have the same status. However, due to regional variations, dispersion across the country or the number of users, the forms of support for the teaching of these languages can vary considerably. Funding for minority/regional language teaching is systemically provided by the government and transferred to local authorities in the form of an increased education subsidy (currently the amount allocated to education needs).
2.13 Ukrainian	a. Make education in Ukrainian available at pre-school, primary and secondary levels, including by providing adequate teacher training and textbooks. Education in minority languages (Belarusian, German, Kashubian, Lemko and Ukrainian) at kindergarten, elementary school and secondary school level can be provided when a minimum of 7 students (children in kindergarten) at a grade level in a school or kindergarten wish to take advantage of this form of education. Declarations by parents of children/students to this effect oblige the school or kindergarten principal to look for teachers with the appropriate qualifications to carry out these activities. With regard to the support for teachers in 2019, the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 28 May 2019 <i>on teacher training centres</i>¹⁵³ oblige school superintendents to: - include, as appropriate, in the plan of the methodological counselling network in a given province, methodological counselling for teachers employed in schools where a national or ethnic minority language or regional language is taught; - cooperate with organisations of national and ethnic minorities and communities speaking a regional language in the creation of the above-mentioned methodological counselling network.

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	2024	1 title	PLN 122,700.00	PROSVITA Foundation
	2025	1) Supplementary book: Ukrainian studies exercise book ' <i>Podróż po Ukrainie część 5 dla klasy VII szkoły podstawowej</i> [Journey in Ukraine part 5 for grade 7 of elementary school], authors: Marek Syrnyk, Natalia Bogdanets'-Biloskalenko, Yulia Shumeyko, Olena Horoshkina 2) Supplementary book: Two parts of the exercise book for grade 1 of elementary school, authors: Marek Syrnyk, Natalia Bogdanets'-Biloskalenko, Yulia Shumeyko	PLN 131,200.00 (contract completed) PLN 129,700.00	PROSVITA Foundation
	b. Take concrete measures to implement the ratified provisions of Article 10 regarding Ukrainian in all those local and regional administrative units where the speakers are traditionally present in sufficient numbers, irrespective of the 20% threshold.			

	Article 9 of the Act on National and Ethnic Minorities gives representatives of minorities the right to use the minority language before the municipal authorities as a so-called auxiliary language. An auxiliary language may be used in those municipalities where the number of residents belonging to the minority in question constitutes at least 20% of the total population of the municipality. This means that minority representatives have the right to: '(1) address municipal authorities in the auxiliary language in written or oral form; (2) obtain, upon express request, a reply also in the auxiliary language in written or oral form'. Municipalities in which members of a minority can use an auxiliary language must be entered in the Official Register of Municipalities¹⁵⁹, which is kept by the minister responsible for national minorities and religious denominations. A municipality is entered in the official register on the basis of an application by the municipal council supported by a resolution to that effect by the municipal council. Between 2006 and 2025, 33 municipalities have been included in this register nationwide. Of these, 22 municipalities are located in the Opolskie Province, where German is the auxiliary language. The largest number of speakers of an auxiliary language is in municipalities of the Opolskie Province, as well as in the Pomorskie and Podlaskie Provinces. In a municipality included in the Official Register, an allowance for knowledge of the auxiliary language used in that municipality may be granted to employees working in the municipal office, in auxiliary units of the municipality and in municipal budgetary units and establishments'. The rules for granting this allowance and its amount are laid down in the regulations on the remuneration of local government employees. Knowledge of the auxiliary language must be proven by means of a certificate or diploma. Research conducted in 2019 - A query of 71 municipalities in the Opolskie Province (all) The following question was sent out to the municipalities : 'Does German have the status of an auxiliary language in your municipality? If yes - since when? If yes - please provide information on what proportion of the cases reported to you by clients/residents are dealt with in the auxiliary language (German) (the data can be given in figures or percentages)'. The responses, emailed by the vast majority of municipalities providing their residents with the possibility to handle official matters in an auxiliary language, show that few people take advantage of this. For example: - the municipality of Dobrzeń Wielki, which was entered in the Official Register of municipalities where an auxiliary language is used on 22 April 2009, the response stated: 'At present, the number of cases handled [...] in German is negligible (less than 1%)';
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¹⁵⁹ <https://www.gov.pl/web/mniejszosci-narodowe-i-etniczne/urzedowy-rejestr-gmin-w-ktorych-jest-uzywany-jezyk-pomocniczy2>

	- the reply from Izbicko, where a person was hired at the Municipal Office in March 2006 to provide customer service in German (this employee also handled cooperation with German partners), stated: 'There are rare cases of applications (2-3 per year) submitted to the Civil Registry Office in German'. - the municipality of Kolonowskie, entered in the Official Register of Municipalities on 22 September 2006, explained that 'As far as the number of cases handled in the auxiliary language is concerned, it is small (a few per year). These are usually handled verbally'; - in Walce, it was 'on average, one case per year'; - in Bierawa it was annually around 2% of cases; - in Chrzastowice, this happened 'sporadically', i.e. 2-6 cases per year; - in Jemielnica, it was 2-3 cases per year; - in the municipality of Komprachcice, where German as an auxiliary language was introduced in May 2009 and additional names of localities in German were adopted in December 2009, 'In the period of 2009-2019, no case was handled in German, because no one asked for a case to be handled in German'; - in Ujazd, where German has had the status of an auxiliary language since 2006, 'There are very few cases handled in German, e.g. in the case of the Civil Registry Office , there have been about 5 over the whole period'; - in the municipality of Dobrodzień, where German has had the status of an auxiliary language since 2008, 15-20 cases per year were handled until 2019; - in the municipalities of Prószków, Biała, Murów and Tarnów Opolski, there were no cases dealt with in the auxiliary language at all; - the municipalities of Popielów and Cisek indicated that, although there is no auxiliary language, the office can and does serve German-speaking clients if necessary. 'The Popielów Municipal Office employs clerks who speak German, so if the need arises, clients can have their matters handled in this language'. b) The Act of 6 January 2005 <i>on National and Ethnic Minorities and the Regional Language</i> provides for the possibility to use - in addition to official names of localities and physiographic objects and street names - additional traditional names in the minority language. An additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language may be established at the request of the municipal council if the number of residents of the locality belonging to a minority is not less than 20% of the total number of residents of the locality, or if more than half of the residents of the locality participating in the public consultations are in favour of establishing an additional name in a minority language. Additional names in the minority language may be used alongside official names of localities. The replacement of information boards with the names of localities or physiographic objects within a municipality with boards containing additional names of designated localities or physiographic
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objects in a minority or regional language is done on the basis of an agreement concluded between the municipal office and the Minister of Interior and Administration. Under the agreement, the Minister entrusts the municipality with the task of replacing the aforementioned boards in connection with the establishment of an additional name in the national or ethnic minority language or regional language.

The first entry in the Register of Municipalities¹⁶⁰ was made on 22 December 2006 for the municipality of Radłów. As of September 2025, the Register of municipalities in which names in a minority language³ is used includes 66 municipalities and 1,282 localities.

2024

In the budget of the MIA for 2024, an amount of PLN 123,000.00 was planned for the replacement of information boards with the names of localities or physiographic objects with boards containing the additional names of these localities or physiographic objects in a minority or regional language.

In March and April 2024, letters requesting confirmation of the validity of the cost estimates for the replacement of the boards submitted with the applications or, alternatively, update of the estimates, were sent to the municipalities of Strzelce Opolskie, Zawadzkie and Rudnik. The municipalities indicated have completed the formalities in this regard. A framework model agreement has been agreed at the MIA for the task of replacing information boards with ones that included additional names of localities in a minority or regional language. Subsequently, the MIA has approached several times the municipalities of Strzelce Opolskie, Rudnik, Zawadzkie and Władysławowo to send data and information enabling the preparation of agreements on the replacement of information boards in these areas in connection with the establishment of additional names of Localities in German or Kashubian, as appropriate. The municipalities of Zawadzkie and Rudnik did not respond to these letters by the deadline. Accordingly, the MIA has concluded agreements with the municipalities that have completed the formalities.

On 25 November 2024, an agreement was concluded with the municipality of Władysławowo for the implementation of a task involving the replacement of information boards with the names of the villages Rozewie and Tupadły with boards containing additional names established for both villages in the Kashubian language. The value of the agreement was PLN 27,836.00.

Official name in Polish	Additional name in Kashubian
Rozewie	Rozewié

¹⁶⁰ <https://www.gov.pl/web/mniejszosci-narodowe-i-etniczne/rejestr-gmin-na-ktorych-obszarze-sa-uzywane-nazwy-w-jezyku-mniejszosci2>

Tupadly	Tëpadla

In November 2024, an agreement was also concluded with the municipality of Strzelce Opolskie for the implementation of a task involving the replacement of information boards with the names of 3 localities with boards with additional names in German established for these localities. The value of the agreement was PLN 11,670.24.

Official name in Polish	Additional name in German
Jędrynie	Jendrin
Rozmierz	Rosmierz
Warmątowice	Warmuntowitz

2025

As of the beginning of February 2025, applications for inclusion in the Register of municipalities in which names in a minority language are used or for the establishment of additional names of localities relating to the following municipalities were still pending:

- a) Pietrowice Wielkie Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2016. The application concerned the establishment of additional traditional names in German for 11 localities.
- b) Zawadzkie Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2017. The application concerned the establishment of an additional traditional name in German for 1 locality.
- c) Rudnik Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2017. The application concerned the establishment of additional traditional place names for 15 villages in the German language.
- d) Puck Municipality - the application was received by the MIA in 2021. The application concerned the establishment of additional traditional names in Kashubian for 35 localities.

e) Rumia Municipality - the application was received by the MIA on 22 August 2024. The application concerned the entry of the municipality in the Register and the establishment of the name for 1 town, Rumia.

In the budget of the MIA for 2025, an amount of PLN 200,000.00 was planned for the replacement of information boards with the names of localities or physiographic objects with boards containing the additional names of these localities or physiographic objects in a minority or regional language.

The Zawadzkie Municipality was added to the Register of municipalities in which names of localities in a minority language are used in February 2025. In addition, the following additional name of a locality has been added to the Register:

Official name in Polish	Additional name in German
Żędowice	Sandowitz

The Pietrowice Wielkie Municipality was added to the Register of municipalities in which names of localities in a minority language are used in March 2025. In addition, the following additional names of localities were included in the Register:

Official name of a locality or physiographic object	Additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language
Amandów	Amandhof
Cyprzanów	Jasnowitz
Gródczanki	Ratsch
Kornice	Kornitz
Krowiarki	Polnisch Krawarn
Lekartów	Lekartow
Maków	Makau

	Pawłów	Pawlau
	Pietrowice Wielkie	Gross Peterwitz
	Sambrowice	Schammerwitz
	Żerdziny	Schardzin
	The Rumia Municipality was entered in the Register in June 2025. The following additional name of a locality was therefore entered in the Register:	
	Official name of a locality or physiographic object	Additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language
	Rumia	Rëmiô
	In August 2025, the Rudnik Municipality was added to the Register. In addition, additional names of localities were included in the Register:	
	Official name of a locality or physiographic object	Additional name of a locality or physiographic object in a minority language
	Brzeźnica	Bresnitz
	Czerwęcice	Czerwentzütz
	Dolędzin	Dollendzin
	Gamów	Gammau
	Jastrzębie	Habicht
	Lasaki	Lassoki
	Modzurów	Mosurau
	Ponięcice	Ponientzütz

Rudnik	Rudnik
Strzybnik	Silberkopf
Sławienko	Ehrenfeld
Sławików	Sławikau
Szonowice	Schonowitz

A draft agreement to commission the municipality of Rudnik to replace the information boards with the names of the above-mentioned localities was sent in August 2025. According to the cost estimate provided by the said municipality in May 2025, the cost of replacing the information boards will amount to PLN 69,167.62.

However, the localities of Grzegorzowice and Ligota Książęca were not included in the Register due to the negative opinion of the Commission for Names of Localities and Physiographic Objects.

In the Puck Municipality, by its resolution no. 28/IV/2025 of 28 April 2025, the Commission gave a positive opinion on the establishment of 24 names in the Kashubian language for places located in that municipality, and it gave a negative opinion on 11 names. The Puck Municipality and 24 localities located therein were entered in the Register on 22 September 2025

c. Ensure sufficient funding for the maintenance and development of a weekly newspaper in Ukrainian.

No.	Organisation name	Periodical name	Grant awarded			
			2022	2023	2024	2025
1.	Union of Ukrainians of Podlasie	Publication of the magazine Nad Buhom i Narwoju	PLN 109,500	PLN 118,000	PLN 124,500	PLN 134,500

	d. Draw-up, in co-operation with the speakers, an action plan on the implementation of the Charter for Ukrainian. In Polish education law, the languages of all national and ethnic minorities and the Ukrainian in regional language have the same status. However, due to regional variations, dispersion across the country or the number of users, the forms of support for the teaching of these languages can vary considerably. Funding for minority/regional language teaching is systemically provided by the government and transferred to local authorities in the form of an increased education subsidy (currently the amount allocated to education needs).
2.14 Yiddish	a. Draw up, in co-operation with the speakers, an action plan on the revitalisation of Yiddish and for the implementation of the Charter for this language. b. Take steps to develop teaching in/of Yiddish at pre-university level.