

Why is a multilingual town sign necessary in Cluj?

Legally:

- based on Art. 33 of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (1995);
- based on Art. 113 of the Romanian-Hungarian State Treaty (1996);
- Moreover, Hungarian made up more than 20% of the population of Cluj at the time when the above two treaties were signed!
- based on Art. 282 of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (2007);
- based on Resolution no. 99/2002 of the Cluj City Council;
- Cluj is included on page 15 of Government Decree no. 1206/2001 – the lack of a multilingual town sign in Cluj amounts to geographical discrimination;
- the multilingual town sign offers protection against nationalism and racism;
- Law no. 215/2001 does not prohibit it, therefore it is at any time possible.

Since the Hungarian population of Cluj dropped below 20% of the total population, our Foundation has offered to cover the costs of the sign. Read the judgment of first instance on our website! The court of second instance did not refute the language rights! It was only stated that a foundation registered in the Netherlands is not competent in this matter. In our opinion, this is incorrect, and therefore our Foundation will appeal.

Based on reciprocity and on the European mentality:

- Romania requests bilingualism for the Romanian minority in Cernăuți province(Ukraine) wherever they exceed 10% of the total population.
- In Hungary, the indigenous Romanian minority can exercise these rights wherever they exceed 10% of the population.
- In Serbia, Romanian is an official regional language and therefore multilingual town signs are the norm.
- In the Republic of Moldova it is likewise a matter of course that both names of the capital city – Chișinău in Romanian, Kishinev in Russian – can be used without restrictions.
- Romania owes Europe to maintain ethnic stability and harmony.
- The repression of the rights of an indigenous minority is unprecedented in Europe.
- Romania wishes to be a respected member of the EU and wishes to be included in the Schengen area. Such animosity is inconceivable within the Schengen area. Examples: Frisian in the Netherlands, Swedish in Finland, German in South Tirol, Welsh in England etc.
- Not posting of multilingual signs is completely against European values and mentality. This is a minimal sign of respect that is due to the two destroyed ethnic groups (Jewish and German) of Transylvania.



Based on economic reasons:

- This is the only relevant and acute economic problem in Transylvania. Moreover, it can be solved immediately and it does not cost any money!
- This is an explanation to why there still isn't a motorway, why Romania is still not part of the Schengen Agreement since 2011 and why the wages are low.
- Cluj will never, ever be a better place to live in than Bucharest or Budapest as long as it steadfastly denies its own (linguistic) identity.
- The corrupt politicians in Romania always play the ethnic card as a distraction.
- Ethnic hatred and ethnic conflicts are detrimental to transparency.
- The aggressive nationalism may appear to create an atmosphere of hostility to western tourists and investors.



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