

Stop Hating Russians

Olaf Tempelman rightly states that [anyone who collectively labels the Russians](#) lowers himself to Putin's level. Such a label has already been put on Russians by the ban on the Russian language in Ukraine.

On 19 June, shortly after the European Commission's recommendation to conditionally grant Ukraine the candidate membership, Ukraine decided that the publishing of Russian-language books will also be banned from 2023. This provision is in addition to the ban on evangelizing on the radio in Russian or publishing Russian-language newspapers.

The Russian language, like Belarusian, Bulgarian, Gagauz, Greek, Yiddish, Crimean Tatar, Moldovan, German, Polish, Romanian, Slovak and Hungarian, is also a minority language recognized by Ukraine in 2005, in accordance with the European Charter for Regional Languages.

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<https://www.volkskrant.nl/columns-opinie/tijd-om-de-nachtwacht-alvast-te-verplaatsen~b511c63d/>

Law banning Books in Russian of June 19 :

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_book_ban_in_Ukraine

Opinion of the European Commission of 17 June 2022 :

<https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-10321-2022-INIT/nl/pdf>

Copenhagen Criteria :

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN->

[NL/TXT/?from=EN&uri=LEGISSUM%3Aaccession criteria copenhagen](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN-NL/TXT/?from=EN&uri=LEGISSUM%3Aaccession_criteria_copenhagen)

The minority languages explicitly recognised by Ukraine can be found on the website of the Council of Europe :

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list?module=declarations-by-treaty&numSte=148&codeNature=1&codePays=U>

Ukraine explicitly recognized Russian as an official European Minority Language in 2006!

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list?module=signatures-by-treaty&treaty-num=148>

More information and publications can be found on our website. <https://language-rights.eu/NL/>

