

RUSSIAN FORBIDDEN

In opinion, Duvekot rightly argues that the EU should be stricter in admitting new countries and that the admission criteria with regard to rule of law and democracy. However, he forgets to mention that the EU recently did just the opposite in June by applying Ukraine for EU membership, without Ukraine having made efforts to meet these admission criteria by withdrawing its discriminatory language law. After all, the rights of minorities are explicitly included in the Copenhagen Criteria, but Ukraine does not take these accession criteria seriously. For example, from 1 January next, it will be forbidden in the country to publish Russian-language books. It is now also forbidden to sing in Russian on the radio and Ukraine has not yet restored the existing language rights of vulnerable historical minorities such as Hungarians and Romanians to this day.

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