

EXAMPLES OF POSITIVE ACTION

Romania – Parliamentary representation of minorities

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General data

- Law to combat discrimination: ***Gov. Ord. 137/2000***
- Equality body: National Council to Combat discrimination (2002) – all grounds, any domains; applies fines

Legal provision on positive action

- **Gov. Ord. 137/2000**, art. 2 para. 9: measures taken by public authorities or private legal persons in favour of a person, a group or a community, aiming to **ensure their natural development and effective implementation of their equal opportunities** in relation to other persons, groups or communities, also positive measures aiming to **protect disadvantaged groups** do not constitute discrimination.

Parliamentary representation of minorities

- **Constitution:** organizations representing ethnic minorities, if do not obtain the legal limit, have a place assured in the lower chamber of the Parliament (one place for one organization)
- **Law:** organizations representing ethnic minorities could have the same candidate in all electoral districts; general threshold: 5%, but for minority organizations a coefficient (10% of minimum votes for a regular candidate); if there are more organizations, who has more votes

Parliamentary representation of minorities

- **Effect:** Hungarian minority: more than 5%
- other 18 minorities: 1 representative in the Romanian Parliament (600.000 Roma, 1.000 Armenians)