

# Media Advisory

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## Council of Europe photo exhibition on national minorities in Novi Sad, Serbia

**Date:** 4-17 July 2009

**Location:** Novi Sad (Serbia)

**Organised** by the Council of Europe

**Description:** The Council of Europe has launched a photo exhibition on national minorities on Liberty Square (Trg Slobode) in the heart of the city of Novi Sad.

Entitled "**National Minorities, Breath of Diversity, Breath of Europe**", it aims at raising awareness on the diversity of European societies, taking the example of the multi-ethnic region of Vojvodina. It was born out of the desire to speak about the people we refer to under the abstract name of "national minorities". The exhibition will allow visitors to learn about the Roms, Hungarians, Croats, Bunjevci, Slovaks or Macedonians living in Vojvodina and bring them closer to their everyday lives.

This exhibition was first launched in Strasbourg in 2008 and will continue be shown in other cities throughout Europe in 2009.

### Additional information:

The Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities is a Council of Europe treaty aimed at ensuring respect, free expression and development of the ethnic, cultural, linguistic, and religious identities of the national minorities. It is open for signature to the 47 member states of the Council of Europe. So far, 39 have already ratified it, thus expressing their commitment to a genuinely pluralistic Europe.

Website of the exhibition: [www.coe.int/MinoritiesExpo](http://www.coe.int/MinoritiesExpo)

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