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LINGUISTIC ASPECTS OF MINORITIES' INTEGRATION IN MONTENEGRO: APPLYING EUROPEAN VALUES IN THE CONTEXT OF LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY

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ABSTRACT:

The process of accession to the European Union involves establishing an institutional and legal framework that aligns with its norms and values. Montenegro aspires to become a new EU member, but developing a sustainable multicultural policy requires profound changes in value systems. Respect for unity and diversity is crucial for societal prosperity and reflects EU values whose motto is "United in diversity". As a multi-ethnic and multicultural country, Montenegro faces challenges in integrating minority communities, and linguistic aspects play a key role in preserving cultural identity and enabling equal participation of all citizens

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in social life. This paper analyzes the extent to which European values are applied in Montenegro through support for linguistic diversity and integration of minority communities, focusing on the legal framework and representation of minority languages in the education system and media.

KEY WORDS:

Minority communities; Minority languages; European values; Montenegro;

SAŽETAK:

Proces pristupanja Evropskoj uniji uključuje uspostavljanje institucionalnog i pravnog okvira koji je u skladu sa njenim normama i vrijednostima. Crna Gora teži da postane nova članica EU, ali razvijanje održive politike multikulturalnosti zahtijeva duboke promjene u sistemima vrijednosti. Poštovanje jedinstvenosti i raznolikosti je ključno za prosperitet društva i odražava vrijednosti EU čiji je moto „Ujedinjeni u različitosti“. Kao multietnička i multikulturalna zemlja, Crna Gora se suočava s izazovima integracije manjinskih zajednica, a lingvistički aspekti igraju ključnu ulogu u očuvanju kulturnog identiteta i mogućnosti ravnopravnog učešća svih građana u društvenom životu. Ovaj rad analizira u kojoj mjeri se evropske vrijednosti primjenjuju u Crnoj Gori kroz podršku jezičkoj raznolikosti i integraciji manjinskih zajednica, usmjeravajući pažnju na pravni okvir i zastupljenost manjinskih jezika u obrazovnom sistemu i medijima.

KLJUČNE RIJEČI:

Manjinske zajednice; Manjinski jezici; Evropske vrijednosti; Crna Gora;