

Cultural Policy towards the Bulgarians in Moldova, Ukraine and Romania and the Challenges of COVID-19

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(Summary)

This study is developed within the framework of the research programme *Cultural Heritage, National Memory and Social Development*. Without setting the goal to exhaust thoroughly the question, it starts with a survey of the cultural policy of the Bulgarian state towards the Bulgarian communities in Ukraine, Moldova and Romania before the epidemiological situation of the COVID-19 pandemic was officially announced in Bulgaria. Afterwards, in comparative perspective, the author presents the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Bulgarian state policy aiming to delineate the different points of view to the current situation. She notes the first reactions to the “new reality” and identifies some suggestions for coping with the pandemic crisis.

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