

# The ECHR finds violation of the right to education by the Russian Federation in a new case of schools in Transnistria

Today, September 17, 2019, the European Court of Human Rights has published 8 rulings on 17 cases concerning human rights violations in the Transnistrian region. In 15 of the 17 cases, the applicants are represented by the Promo-LEX lawyers. A summary of the Court's rulings will be published shortly.

The first ruling refers to the case of Iovcev and 13 others, against the Republic of Moldova and the Russian Federation.

The High Court found that the **Government of the Russian Federation** violated art. 2 of Protocol 1, the right to education; art. 8 of the Convention, the right to respect for private and family life, art. 5 para. 1 the right to freedom and security. More details in this respect can be found [here](#).

***Thus, the Court ordered the collection of the amount of 126,000 Euros as moral damages and 5,000 Euros as costs and representation expenses from the account of the Russian Federation.***

The applicants are teachers, employees, students and parents of four schools in the Transnistrian region that teach using the Latin script, namely: Lucian Blaga Theoretical Lyceum in Tiraspol; Mihai Eminescu Theoretical Lyceum in Dubasari; Stefan cel Mare Theoretical Lyceum in Grigoriopol and the secondary school in Corjova, Dubasari District.

Although the ruling of the ECHR on the case of [Catan and](#)

[others was issued in October 2012](#), the situation of schools using the Latin script in the Transnistrian region has not improved. Moreover, the local administration continued to put administrative and financial pressure on the institutions and the psychological harassment of the teachers and students never stopped.

We remind the reader that, in February 2014, the headmaster of Lucian Blaga Theoretical Lyceum of Tiraspol, Ion Iovcev, the accountant and the driver of the educational institution were stopped by the Transnistrian militia and subsequently deprived of liberty. They were accused of money smuggling. They tried to pass through the so-called customs post, having on them a large amount of money (the salaries of the teachers of Lucian Blaga Theoretical Lyceum of Tiraspol).

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