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The volume, part of the FBK Press series, recounts the international significance of the Agreement, which helped make it a highly advanced legal document for its time in the protection of ethnic and linguistic minorities

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The Gruber-De Gasperi Accord was signed in September 1946 with the aim of defining the protection framework for “the German-speaking population” resident in the Alto Adige/Südtirol area. Although its full implementation has led to many years of tensions and complex negotiations, the principles and guidelines of the agreement laid the foundation for the peaceful management of a dispute lasting more than a quarter of a century.

Less known is the international significance of the agreement, which, thanks to the foresight of its drafters constituted an extremely advanced legal document for its time in the protection of ethnic and linguistic minorities. At the same time, it was the subject of discussions and interference by the victors of World War II, interested in solving a problem that had increased tensions in Europe in the past. The book reconstructs the international dimension of the agreement through a broad documentary anthology.

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