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“Diversity is no neologism. It is a linguistic fact. The word is used by each of the ethnic groups in Romania. With a lot of care, I should add, so as not to include any other ethnic groups in its content. Therefore, at the level of interethnic relations, for the time being, diversity is indeed a neologism. So as to reduce the space between the word and reality, EDRC has taken upon itself the role of the interpreter. An interpreter that changes the neologism into normality.”

Mircea Toma, member of the Governing Board





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Mission. Values

EDRC's mission is to contribute to the construction of democracy in Romania by improving the country's interethnic climate and promoting principles of ethnocultural peace and justice based on institutional solutions acceptable both to majority and minorities.

Premises of EDRC's activities

In its endeavor to accommodate a large number of national minorities, representing a significant percentage of the total population, Romania has to face several challenges on the road to democracy.

Progress toward democracy is hindered by several problems that continue to plague Romania's handling of minority questions, as well as other aspects of development, although the past ten years have witnessed a number of noteworthy civic initiatives in this field. These problems include, beside certain forms of discriminatory practices that still persist in the public sphere, the lack of widely accepted institutional solutions for accommodating ethnocultural difference, a shortage of qualified policy-makers to address the diverse needs of the country's eighteen minorities, and a generally underdeveloped institutionalized framework for interethnic dialogue which might contribute to raising awareness on various problems related to ethnocultural diversity.

Positioning

EDRC contributes to the improvement of ethnic relations revealing the value of diversity.

Values

diversity
multiculturalness
good governance
development
sustainability
partnership
dialog
equal chances

Objectives

- to gradually provide a more favorable climate for the interethnic relations in Romania
- to increase the participation and visibility of minorities in the public sphere
- to promote interethnic dialog
- to initiate interethnic partnerships
- to promote public policies concerning ethnocultural diversity
- to encourage and assist nongovernmental organizations of the minorities
- to investigate, document and monitor interethnic relations
- to cooperate with local authorities with a view to promoting the interests of the minorities
- to initiate partnerships with public authorities
- to promote good governance in multiethnic communities
- to support ethnic minorities in the assertion of their cultural identity
- to promote multicultural educational programs





Evaluation of activities. Perspectives

The Ethnocultural Diversity Resource Center manages an important number of programs in the field of interethnic relations, implementing or supporting projects that aim at different dimensions of accommodating ethnocultural diversity: good governance in multiethnic communities, improvement of ethnic relations through community development activities, research and documentation regarding the national minorities, multicultural education, and interethnic dialog.

In its intention to ensure a long-term impact upon interethnic relations in Romania, EDRC combines activities of community development with training activities, assistance and institutional development for stakeholders of the dynamics of the multicultural environment, research and publications.

Since its setting-up, EDRC has contributed to the promotion of good governance in multiethnic communities through training activities for policemen and public servants working for the local public administrations in multicultural communities.

Between 2000 and 2002, over 350 police officers and non-commissioned officers benefited from training in conflict prevention and management, and in 13 multicultural communities facilitated intra-community dialog with a view to improving the situation of the Roma within the program "Conflict prevention and management in multicultural communities", implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Home Affairs.

In order to improve access to public life of the ethnic minorities, EDRC constantly pursues to contribute to capacity building in the local public administrations of multiethnic communities. For example, in 2002, the center developed and piloted a model of training and assistance for local public servants, facilitating the application of the legal provisions to use the languages of the ethnic minorities in the administration of 8 towns with multiethnic population.

The implementation of the regional program "Improving Ethnic Relations in Southeast Europe" has coincided with a permanent process of learning. This process is marked not only by the training sessions for community leaders and members of the non-governmental organizations involved in local development or by community facilitation, but also at the different levels of implementation of the program. The flexibility of the model we used – grant-making combined with community facilitation – allowed us to build on the experience of previous stages and adapt very easily to such a dynamic and challenging field as is that of interethnic relations. Funds were allocated for 46 projects which involved over 50 multiethnic communities and 9 ethnic groups: Aromanians, Csangos, Germans, Hungarians, Lipovans, Roma, Romanians, Serbs and Ukrainians; 17 communities were facilitated within the community development module, and the total number of persons that benefited from the implementation of the program is about 40,000.

The "School partnership" program implemented by EDRC in 2000-2002 contributed significantly to the promotion of multicultural education in Romania, through the support provided for partnerships between schools where instruction is done in the languages of the national minorities and schools where instruction is done in Romanian. The beneficiary schools amount to 67, the number of children and youth who benefited from it is about 1,500. students of different ethnic background – Romanians, Hungarians, Roma, Saxons etc. – discovered, by playing and working together, that though they speak different languages, they all have similar interests and pastimes, and in the joint activities they learnt to respect the culture and traditions of other groups. EDRC's concern for education materialized also in a providing support for the educational success of disadvantaged children, publishing Romanian language textbooks for students of the national minorities, and training sessions for the teachers of Romanian educating national minority students.





Important components of the center's activities are the projects of documentation and research of ethnic and religious minorities. Between 2000 and 2002, EDRC published annually the Barometer of Ethnic Relations, developing an instrument for analyzing the interethnic climate of Romania. Other studies initiated by EDRC aimed at the analysis of the national minorities' participation in governance in Central and Eastern Europe, the development of a database regarding the projects implemented between 1990-2000 in support of the Roma communities in Romania, a series of reports and a photo documentary about the national minorities in Romania. The Ethnocultural Diversity in Romania Series includes so far 7 volumes focusing on the analysis of ethnic relations in post-communist Romania, the study of nationalist and xenophobe phenomena, and the restitution of some important archive documents regarding the state policies concerning the Roma, the Hungarian and the Jewish minorities.

These first three years represented a period of maturation for EDRC, a journey full of challenges and learning, linked to both development and implementation of projects that contribute to the achievement of the objectives we set for ourselves, and the wish to become an actor of reference in the field of ethnic relations in Romania. Our efforts have been directed also to the specialization of human resources and institutional development, the establishment of relations of cooperation and partnership with non-governmental organizations and public institutions, fundraising and diversification of financing sources. The priority lines of action for the coming period are to assist public institutions to develop policies that support ethnic minorities, to carry out advocacy campaigns to promote the values of ethnocultural diversity, to be directly involved in the Romanian-Hungarian reconciliation following the example of the Franco-German model. We look upon the future with the hope that the experience we gained in the quest of the first three years will help us in the process of institutional consolidation and assertion.





I. Good governance in multiethnic communities

1.1. Conflict prevention and management in multicultural communities

The program aims at combating discrimination against ethnic minorities and fostering good governance by supporting better relations between police officers and local communities and promoting an effective governing of the multiethnic communities.

The program consists of a series of training modules for non-commissioned officers of the General Police Inspectorate and students of the “Vasile Lascăr” Police Officers’ School, Câmpina, who work or will work in multicultural communities. The training modules include the following: *prevention of conflict in multicultural communities; normative framework for intervention in cases of conflict; techniques of communication between the police and the multicultural community; fundamental human rights and liberties; human rights and the minorities; conflict mediation and negotiation – concrete means of implementation; role of the mass-media in conflict generation and prevention; communities, security, authority.*

In 2000-2002, 14 training sessions were organized for over 350 policemen from 26 counties.

Program coordinator:

Gábor Ádám

Implementation period:

2000-2004

Geographical coverage:

National, 26 counties

Budget 2003:

24,400 USD

Donors:

- Open Society Foundation Romania
- European Union, European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights
- Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Partners:

- Institute for Research and Prevention of Criminality
- “Vasile Lascăr” School for Non-Commissioned Police Officers, Câmpina, institution of the General Police Inspectorate

The program also includes a series of meetings of the police, representatives of the local authorities and members of the local communities. Such meetings were held in Dragalina (Călărași County), Cojocna (Cluj County), Cobadin (Constanța County), Moroieni and Răcari (Dâmbovița County), Segarcea (Dolj County), Corund (Harghita County), Galați (Galați County), Sângeorgiu de Mureș (Mureș County), Reșița (Caraș-Severin County), Nocrich (Sibiu County), Jurilovca (Tulcea County), Popești (Vrancea County).

In 2003, within the Syntheses Series of EDRC, we published the “The Police and Multicultural Communities in Romania”, edited by Ioaneta Vintileanu and Gábor Ádám. The volume, meant to generate more civic responsibility in the management of the consequences of diversity, contains a synthesis of experiences gained in the implementation of the program in 2001-2002, and has been distributed to all county police inspectorates, to NGOs that are active in the field of human rights, and representatives of the mass media.

The program had significant impact on policies. According to the report of the National Office for the Roma, issued in April 2002, regarding the implementation of the Strategy for the Improvement of the Roma Situation, important stipulations of the new Law regarding the Status of the Police (Law 440/2002, Art.77) are the result of EDRC’s collaboration with the General Police Inspectorate. The





inclusion in the curriculum of the "Vasile Lascăr" School for Police Agents of the course entitled *The relationship between the police and the ethnically, culturally and religiously diverse community* is a direct consequence of EDRC's collaboration with this police-training institution.

The project supports the reform process within the police and contributes to the emergence of good practices in the functioning of important institutions of the Ministry of Home Affairs. A protocol of agreement was signed by EDRC and the Ministry of Home Affairs, to develop joint projects building on the results of the present project, and to contribute to the better representation of the minorities within the police.

Since 2003, this program aims to contribute to the facilitation of multiethnic communities' access to public life. Thus, the activities of the program are focused on encouraging the youth belonging to national minorities to choose to pursue a career in the police. Until July 2004, three training sessions will be carried out for high-rank police officers and a campaign to promote the access of youth belonging to ethnic minorities to the structures of the police.

1.2 Local Public Administration in Multiethnic Communities

The project provides local administrations with assistance in applying the provisions of the new Law on Local Public Administration. Issued in April 2001, the law provides important language rights for national minorities, legalizing bilingualism or multilingualism in local public administration, in cases in which a national minority represents over 20% of the population in the respective administrative territorial unit. Based on research and we have also identified the need for improvement of communicational procedures and institutions of public relation within the LPAs.

Our strategy for this pilot project focuses on four-middle sized multiethnic settlements: Covasna, Carei, Tasnad and Sfântu Gheorghe. The main objectives of the program are to increase efficiency in the communication between LPA employees and citizens; to improve the communication of LPA employees and citizens belonging to national minorities, granting to the latter the use of mother tongue, and to participate in the implementation of these objectives at the local level, as well as mutually promote the practices of LPAs involved [networking].

In order to implement the objectives, three project-modules with a total duration of 6 months are envisaged: training for LPA staff - focused on both building the capacity for managing multilingualism in LPA and developing the action plans bases on which the new PR instruments will be implemented in the local administration; assistance in implementation of reforming measures at the local level; and follow-up networking [sharing the practices].

Program coordinator:

Tibor Szász

Implementation period:

2002

Geographical coverage:

Transylvania

Budget:

32,000 USD

Donors:

- Council of Europe, The Confidence Building Measures Programme
- Westminster Foundation for Democracy, UK

Partners:

- CIVITAS Foundation for a Civil Society





II. Community development in multiethnic communities

2.1. Improving Interethnic Relations in Southeast Europe. Development of multiethnic communities

The program aims to bring about long-term changes in interethnic relations in Romania.

The program structured in two interconnected modules: a grant-giving module that involves allocating funds that have an immediate impact at the level of the communities and a community facilitation module that is intended to produce long term changes, focused on the following regions: Banat: Timiș and Caraș Severin counties, Central Transylvania: Mureș County, Dobrogea: Tulcea County, Southwestern Moldova: Bacău County.

The facilitation module, used as a tool for producing long-term changes in interethnic community relations, aims to strengthen the social links among the members of the community, to motivate the citizens to help themselves, to develop responsible local leaders and to revive the local institutions. The grant-giving module involves allocating funds that have an immediate impact at the level of the communities. This kind of support is destined both to community-based organizations, and to informal initiatives hosted by a public institution.

Program coordinator:

Mariana Sălăgean

Implementation period:

2001 - 2004

Geographical coverage:

Long-term module: Caraș-Severin, Timiș; Mureș; Tulcea; Bacău counties

Short-term module: national coverage

Budget 2003:

117,400 USD

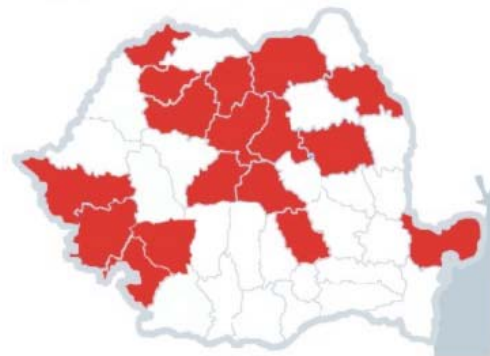
Donors:

- Open Society Foundation Romania
- Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
- King Baudouin Foundation

Partners:

- Romanian Association for Community Development
- PRO EUROPA League
- Fundația GAMA

Geographical coverage of grants 2001-2003



Geographical coverage of the facilitation module



The implementation of projects by community groups has led to positive work experiences gained together by the members of communities, involving the local authorities as partners, and it has strengthened the members' self-confidence. Steps have been made toward the stimulation of civic participation of the community members, transfer of responsibility toward them, encouragement of cooperation and development of a constructive climate and of prevention of ethnic intolerance, especially in the relations with the Roma minority.





The funds allocated to the program are small amounts, but through the contribution and especially the mobilization of the members of the local communities, the results outdo considerably the financial value of the investment. Out of the 1,900 EUR allocated for their projects, the villagers in a small village in Caras Severin County managed to renovate the building that hosts the school and the kindergarten in the village. The funds received were invested exclusively in the purchase of materials, while the members of the community did all the work. Another relevant example is that of the village of Porumbeni, a small community in Mures County, where the inhabitants include Hungarians, Romanians and Roma. The community-based organization managed to mobilize the members of the community to renovate about three kilometers of road, which provides access to the community. In the projects, the emphasis was laid on the joint participation of the members of the community to solve some common issues, on building bridges among the ethnic communities that share the same geographic space, but lived most of the time in parallel worlds without interacting.

In 2001- 2003 funds were allocated for projects that involved over 50 multiethnic communities and 9 ethnic groups: Aromanians, Csangos, Germans, Hungarians, Lipovans, Roma, Romanians, Serbs, and Ukrainians. Seventeen communities were facilitated in the community development component and forty-six projects were funded. Due to the processes that have been taking place in the communities and to the changes that resulted after the facilitation, ten communities out of the seventeen facilitated ones decided to start non-governmental organizations. The total number of people that benefited from the implementation of the program is about 40,000.

Projects funded within the program in 2003:

No.	Name of the institution	Project title	County	Amount
1	Fărăgău City Hall	Setting up a doctor's surgery	Mureș	3,900 EUR
2	Copăcele City Hall in partnership with the Zorile community-based group	Water factor of economic development	Caraș Severin	2,050 EUR
3	Pârjol City Hall	Thinking ahead	Bacău	2,004 EUR
4	Foundation for Community Initiatives Cojocna	Eden Park, a step for the better	Cluj	3,000 EUR
5	The Institute for Eco Museum Research Tulcea	Participative promotion of the Dobrogean multiethnicity	Tulcea	1,190 EUR
6	Association for Local Development Murighiol	Roofing and renovating the Cultural House in Murighiol	Tulcea	3,200 EUR
7	Multiethnic Organization Abuș	Plan the future today	Mureș	2,483 EUR
8	Multiethnic Community Association Ciucurova	A common market place, a better life	Tulcea	3,200 EUR
9	School Inspectorate Cluj	The School an essential factor for promoting intercultural values	Cluj	4,001 EUR
10	Association Ecotopia Romania	Equal chances for the young people in rural areas	Timiș	2,541 EUR
11	Community association "Better for all" Gheorghe Doja	Road for all	Bacău	1,500 EUR
12	Foundation for social research "Max Weber"	Developing interethnic collaboration between students of different ethnic backgrounds	Cluj	3,000 EUR





13	Carpathian Society of Transylvania, Satu Mare	Together we feel better	Satu Mare	4,000 EUR
14	International Foundation Umanitatea	Reed weaving workshop	Gorj	4,120 EUR
15	Andrei Provita Foundation	<i>Sunday school</i>	Mureş	2,500 EUR
16	Sângeru de Pădure Hope Interethnic Association	<i>Road repairs in Sângeru</i>	Mureş	2,296 EUR

Members of the jury: Ana Vasilache, László Potozky, Florian Niţu, Horváth István, Cristina Vladu, Mariea Ionescu, Dana Pârţoc.

2.2. Capacity building and human resource development in disadvantaged communities

The project aims at capacity building and human resource development in three disadvantaged communities in Mures county with a view to initiating income-generating activities, in the context of industrial restructuring.

In March a workshop was organized for the beneficiaries of the project to learn how to write a grant proposal and develop a business plan. The workshop was conducted by the project partner, the Hungarian Foundation for Self-Reliance. In July and August, a series of study trips were organized for the 15 direct beneficiaries (most of whom are Roma ethnics from Ogra, Chiheru de Jos and Porumbeni, Mureş County) to meet members of Roma communities in Hungary. During the visits such communities were visited where the local Roma people managed to start successful businesses or community-based projects as a result of the intervention and support of the Hungarian Foundation for Self-Reliance.

Program coordinator:

Mária Kovács

Period of implementation:

2003

Geographical coverage:

Chiheru de Jos, Porumbeni and Ogra, Mureş County

Budget 2003:

53,000 USD

Donors:

- Open Society Foundation Romania
- European Union, PHARE programme, Economic and Social Cohesion

Partners:

Hungarian Foundation for Self-Reliance

Some of the communities are: Gacsaly (cucumber plantation); Alsószentmárton (complex social-educational project run by the local Beash community); Hosszúpályi (complex agricultural farm including several strains of green pepper, tomatoes, celery, cucumbers, and watermelon); Lakocsa (a swine farm); Tiszaroff ("forest school" – a community-based, income generating educational project); Magyarkeszi (timber plant, eco-agriculture, community center) and others. The visits were followed by a second workshop where the beneficiaries meet to discuss and refine their project ideas, and write up their proposals. The project contributes significantly to the consolidation of relations of collaboration between the local public administration and the Roma community.





III. European integration

3.1. Europa Information Center

The project aims to contribute to an increased visibility of the EU in Romania and to inform the citizens about the process of accession to the EU.

The Center was launched on 30 March 2003. The information center is destined to the general public. The project addresses mainly the beneficiaries of EDRC: NGOs that are active in the field of interethnic relations, different ethnic communities, public institutions and private persons.

There is in Romania a group of the elite that knows the implications of accession and is actively engaged in the change processes of the society between now and the time of accession. However, most of the citizens are outside of the sphere of debates and decisions regarding accession.

The main activities of the center involve: dissemination of EU information (leaflets, brochures, books, periodicals, electronic archives, info-kiosk, theme games, etc), publishing materials about the relevance of ethnic minority protection for the process of accession, and organizing debates on European issues.

The Center hosts a fund of books about the European Union, a large number of leaflets and brochures and a multimedia information stand, including computers providing access to on-line resources and an info-kiosk, interactive informative device providing general information about the European Union member states, the candidate countries, the funding programs of the European Commission etc.

The project contributes significantly to increasing the citizens' interest in the European Union and their information level about European issues. Since the launch of the center, five debates and roundtable discussions have been organized, as well as an exhibition, activities of presentation and promotion in public spaces, European information activities through the media, articles about the European Union, radio quizzes, quizzes in newspapers, training for youth animators, activities for children and youth, information campaigns in schools in Cluj. In the first six months of activity, the center had over 500 visitors, while the number of participants in the various activities organized in the center since its launch has been over 1,500.

Program coordinator:

Rarița Szakáts

Info officer:

Aura Topan

Period of implementation:

2003-2008

Geographical coverage:

Cluj County

Budget 2003:

33,500 USD

Donor:

European Union, Europa Fund

Partner:

Resource Center for Roma Communities

3.2. EU Information Disseminating Institutions

The objective of this project is to identify best local and regional multipliers for EU information in order to bring information related to European Union closer to people's needs and interest at local and regional level. The ultimate aim is to improve knowledge and understanding on EU at local and regional level, by bringing the information closer to the citizens. This will be reached by investing in the mentioned regional and local information multipliers.

Program coordinator:

Claudia Lixandru

Period of implementation:

2002

Geographical coverage:

Ten counties in NW Transylvania

Budget:

6,500 USD

Donor:

European Union





The research, funded by the delegation of the European Union in Romania through the DC Communication agency, is designed to assess the current situation and capacity of existing and possible EU information multipliers in Romania. The information obtained through this survey will serve the Delegation of European Commission to Romania in selecting the best local and regional multipliers for EU information.

IV. Research and documentation about ethnic minorities

4.1. Documentation center

The documentation center of the Ethnocultural Diversity Resource Center holds over 5,360 books and 176 periodicals in the following fields: political science, sociology, education, psychology, history, media, philosophy, religion, nationalism and law.

The aim of the center is to facilitate direct access to important information, ideas, and major authors in the field of social sciences, covering most of the subject areas absent from Romanian libraries before 1989. The library opened on 18 October 1993 as an operational program of the Cluj Branch of the Open Society Foundation. In 2000, the program was taken over and implemented by EDRC.

Program coordinator:

Ágnes Veres

Librarians:

Újvári Mária, Dana Crișan, Fülöp Zoltán

Period of implementation:

permanent program

Geographical coverage:

Transylvania

Budget 2003:

8,500 USD

Donor:

- Open Society Foundation Romania

At present, the number of readers that hold an access card to the library is over 11,600, and there are an average of 80 visitors a day, most of whom are students (80%), university professors and researchers (15%) and high school students (5%). The library is well known all over Transylvania. People from 6 counties come to Cluj to look up the library, which is open for the public five days a week and offers the following facilities: free library services, access to the reading room, book borrowing, access to periodicals, CD-ROMs, Internet access, electronic search options for data base items, free photocopying and printing services.

4.2. Barometer of Ethnic Relations

The program consists in a series of sociological surveys regarding ethnic identities and intercultural relations in Romania. The program aims to support research on the perceptions and attitudes regarding the structure and forms in which ethnic identities, social and political factors are manifest, and on mentalities that can lead to the increase or decrease of interethnic tension at the macro and micro-social levels. The studies also aim to estimate the impact of policies and legislation with impact on the minorities.

Project coordinator:

Zoltan Kali

Daniela Tarnovschi

Monica Robotin

Period of implementation:

2000-2003

Geographical coverage:

national

Donor:

- Open Society Foundation Romania

The program started in 2000, the first research, entitled *Ethnobarometer*, being funded by USAID Romania, and carried by the Center for Research of Interethnic Relations (CCRIT). The results of this research were presented within the conference *The Romanian Model of Interethnic Relationships. Last ten years, Next Ten Years* organized in Bucharest, between July 7-8, 2000, by USAID, United States Embassy, EDRC, and CCRIT.





Metro Media Transilvania is the agency that carried out the field research in 2001, while the Center for Research of Interethnic Relations performed the control of the data. The resulting publication, *Barometer of Ethnic Relations*, was launched on December 12, 2001 in Bucharest and Cluj. The results of the research are available on the website www.edrc.ro.

Metro Media Transilvania is the agency that carried out the field research in 2002, while the Gallup Organization Romania performed the control of the data. The results of this research were presented on November 19, 2002 within a press conference organized both in Cluj and Bucharest. The results of the research are available on the website www.edrc.ro.

In 2003, in order to use the results of the Barometer surveys and make an analysis regarding the evolution of ethnic relations in Romania, EDRC launched a new component of the program: the BER research scholarships. A call for proposals was launched for research communities and scientists in Romania interested in the issue of ethnic relations.

The studies will be carried on using the databases of the Barometer of Ethnic Relations, the editions of 1993-1996, 2000, 2001, and 2002. The papers will discuss the topics in the BER, emphasizing the topics that were constantly investigated during the surveys, and making reference to the communities included in the research – the Hungarians, the Romanians and the Roma. The papers should be highly applicable, so that the conclusions of the analyses can be used by decision-makers in their activities within the communities.

The most valuable papers will be awarded prizes and will be published in a volume, also providing topics for discussions in a round-table, where decision-makers at the local and central levels, representatives of the civil society and of the mass media, as well as researchers will be invited.

4.3. *Alter-Image - photo documentary on the national minorities in Romania*

The *Alter-Image* program aims to present to the general public the ethnocultural diversity of the ethnic groups in Romania. *Alter-Image - photo documentary on the national minorities* includes an itinerant exhibition, an album and a multi-media CD-ROM. The photo material produced in June 2000 within a documentary expedition, presents aspects of contemporary daily life of the ethnic communities.

The pictures of the *Alter-Image* collection were produced by ten specialists, photo-reporters, students and professors of the Art and Design University of Cluj: Attila Balázs, Rareș Beuran, Károly Feleki, Ștefan Dorel Găină Gerendi, Radu Ghițulescu, Radu Ilea, Lehel Makara, Eugen Jenő Moritz, Radu Pop, Cristina Stranszky.

The ALTER-IMAGE collection was launched on July the 7th 2000, at the Romanian National History Museum, on the occasion of the conference *The Romanian Model of Interethnic Relations. The Last Ten Years, the Next Ten Years*, organized in Bucharest by EDRC, in cooperation with the US Embassy and the Center for Research of Interethnic Relations.

Program coordinator:

Rarița Szakáts

Period of implementation:

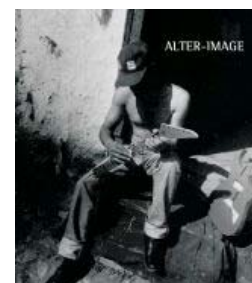
2000-2001

Geographical coverage:

national

Donor:

- The Open Society Foundation Romania
- Department for the Protection of National Minorities of the Romanian Government





The timeline of the activities for 2001 included the following exhibitions: 15 May-15 June 2001 - Ethnographic Department of the Banat Museum, Timișoara; 24 May 2001 - The Interethnic Club - Bistrița; 2-7 July 2001 - The Gallery of the Visual Artists' Union and the Sindan Cultural Center, Cluj; 25-26 October - Donors' Forum, organized by the European Foundation Centre and Grantmakers East Group in București; 6 December 2001-5 January 2002 - The European Youth Center of the European Council in Budapest; 14-16 December 2001 - *Minorities' Days*, in Cluj.

4.4. Disseminating experiences of Roma projects 1999-2000

The goal of the project was to develop an instrument of analysis offered to governmental agencies, donors and non-governmental organizations interested in developing and implementing policies to improve the situation of the Roma population in Romania. The basis of this instrument was represented by a thorough study that included both quantitative components (database with search device) and qualitative components (case studies), of the projects implemented by and for Roma communities beginning with the fall of communism in 1989 and until the end of 2000.

As a result of the activities carried out in the project, there is a database that contains over 1100 projects and approximately 500 organizations that work for the benefit of the Roma communities. Also, the resulting report entitled *Roma Projects in Romania, 1990-2000*, was published in Romanian and English. The report is available on the web site www.rroma.ro.

Project coordinator:

Claudia Lixandru

Period of implementation:

2001

Geographical coverage:

Romania, Slovakia, Macedonia

Budget:

32,000 USD

Donor:

EC Delegation within the Program "Improvement of the Roma Situation in Romania"

Partners:

MEDE European Consultancy

4.5. Minorities in Government - evaluation of the impact of public policies from the perspective of minority participation in government in Macedonia, Romania and Slovakia

The project consists in an international comparative study regarding the impact that the minorities' participation in the government in Romania, Macedonia and Slovakia has had on public policies.

The project is implemented by EDRC in partnership with Forum Institute Slovakia and Eurobalkan Institute Macedonia. The members of the research team are: Aneta Jovevska, Natasha Graber (Macedonia), László Öllös, Diana Némethová (Slovakia), Dan Chiribucă, Magyari Tivadar (Romania), Petra Kovács (LGI, Budapest -academic consultant). The preliminary results were analyzed in Riga in May 2001 within a workshop hosted by NISPA CEE. The volume containing the conclusions of the study will be published in the languages of the participating countries.

Project coordinator:

Levente Salat

Project assistant:

Monica Robotin

Period of implementation:

2000-2003

Geographical coverage:

Romania, Slovakia, Macedonia

Budget 2003:

5,000 USD

Donor:

- Open Society Foundation

Romania

- Local Government Initiative

Consultants: Alan Phillips (Council of Europe, ex-director of MRG), Mark Weller (director of ECMI), Tony Verheijnen (Chief councilor in issues of good governance, UNDP).

The research reports will be included in a volume entitled: *A New Balance: Democracy and Minorities in Post-Communist Europe*, edited by Monica Robotin and Levente Salat, within the LGI-OSI collection





Budapest: *Managing Multiethnic Communities Program Series*. Others that have contributed to the volume are: Zoltán Alpár Szász, Balázs Jarábik, Zoltán Kali.

4.6. Status Policies - a comparative analysis of European policies in the field of relations between the state of origin and minorities outside the state borders

Bearing in mind the importance of the approach to relations between ethnic minorities and their country of origin, at the political and diplomatic levels, EDRC initiated this project to analyze the various actions taken by mother-countries to protect the status of communities of similar ethnic origin in Europe.

The project aims to compare the policies of protection of minorities abroad in: Albania, Croatia, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, Turkey and Hungary, the impact of these measures on the minority policies in the host countries, as well as on the perspective of accession to the European Union.

Project coordinator:

Levente Salat

Project assistant:

Monica Robotin

Period of implementation:

2002-2004

Geographical coverage:

Europe

Budget 2003:

12,000 USD

Donor:

- Open Society Foundation

Romania

- Constitutional and Legal Policy Institute (COLPI)

The collaborators and researchers in this project are: Adrián Tokár, Balázs Jarábik, Adriana Lamacková, Center for Legal studies of the Kalligramm Foundation, Slovakia, Albert Musliu, Association for Democratic Initiatives, Macedonia, Elsa Ballauri, Albanian Human Rights Group, Albania, Zoltán Kántor, Teleki László Institute, Hungary, Boris Koltchanov Minelres, Latvia, Panayote Dimitras, Greek Helsinki Monitor, Greece, Constantin Iordachi, CEU, Hungary, Stefan Wolff, University of Bath, Great Britain, Andrea Krizsan, Center for Policy Studies, Hungary, Florian Bieber, ECMI.

The first meeting of the collaborators was held in Budapest between 31 May and 2 June 2003. The aim of the meeting was to define the framework of the project, to identify new collaborators for the cases that were included but not covered, to identify funds for the project, and to structure the case studies.

4.7. Reports on the situation of national minorities in Romania

The aim of the program is to develop complex reports on the situation of national and religious minorities in Romania within research initiated by the Center for Documentation and Information on Minorities in Europe (CEDIME-SE), Greece. The program involves several organizations from Central and Southeastern Europe that are active in the field of national minorities, and aims to promote dialog and encourage the free circulation of information about interethnic relations, multicultural policies and minority rights. The reports contain historiographic, linguistic and sociological information, a long list of readings and a list containing the address of the existing minority institutions.

Project coordinator:

Levente Salat

Period of implementation:

permanent

Geographical coverage:

Romania





EDRC undertook to develop, according to the methodology recommended by CEDIME-SE, the reports on ethnic and religious minorities in Romania. Four reports have been produced regarding the ethnic minorities of the Roma and the Hungarians, while other two have been dedicated to religious minorities – the Protestants and the Pentecostals. The report on *Pentecostals of Romania* was produced upon the request of Refugee Documentation Center, Ireland. The reports can be accessed on-line in Romanian and English at www.edrc.ro.

As a result of this involvement in the activities initiated by CEDIME-SE, EDRC was included in the Consortium of Organizations on Minority Resources (COMIR), which also includes: Constitutional and Legal Policy Institute, Human Rights Watch, International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights, Minority Rights Group International.

4.8. DIVERS – news bulletin about ethnic minorities

Since 2001, CRDE has been supporting MEDIAFAX to publish DIVERS – a weekly news bulletin reporting ethnic diversity in Romania. DIVERS is a weekly publication. In 2003 37 issues have been published so far. The number of readers is estimated to be about 900.

DIVERS is constantly used as an informative material by the Delegation of the European Commission in Romania and by the Department for Interethnic Relations within the Ministry of Public Information.

Also, DIVERS is mentioned in the Open Society Institute Report regarding the rights of ethnic minorities in Romania 2001, in the Report of APADOR-CH regarding the issue of Csangos in Romania, 2001, in the Ethic Guide regarding the mirroring of minorities in the press published by the Center for Independent Journalism, 2001 and in several reports of MEDE Consultancy. The publication can be accessed on-line at www.divers.ro.

Project coordinator:

Rarița Szakáts

Period of implementation:

2001-2003

Geographical coverage:

Romania

Budget 2003:

7,000 USD

Donor:

- Open Society Foundation
Romania

V. Multicultural education

5.1. Partnerships between schools with instruction in the language of minorities and schools with instruction in Romanian

The program aims at establishing school partnerships for promoting multicultural education. The principle of the program is to facilitate extracurricular activities carried out by students of different ethnicity from the partner schools. The children, coming from schools where instruction is done in the language of minorities on one hand, and schools where instruction is done in Romanian on the other hand, are offered the opportunity to become acquainted with the environment in which the students of their partner school live and study. The main benefits are a better understanding of the values of ethnic diversity and the development of attitudes based on tolerance and respect towards the other ethnic groups.

Project coordinator:

Ágnes Veres

Period of implementation:

2000-2003

Budget:

103,000 USD

Geographical coverage:

Romania

Donor:

- Open Society Foundation
Romania





Nr.	Organization 1	Organization 2	Project Title	Grant
2000				
1	"Ion Simionescu" School, Iași	"Petőfi Sándor" School nr. 1, Miercurea-Ciuc	Thank You for Living	\$4,000
2	"Octavian Goga" School, Satu Mare	"Ion Oprea" School, Turda	For living together in harmony we need to communicate	\$3,965
3	"Brassai Sámuel" High School, Cluj	Teoretic nr. 5 High School, Cluj	Getting to Know Romanian and Hungarian Traditions	\$3,430
4	"Pro Nobis" Association, Sf-Gheorghe	"Váradi József" School, Sf-Gheorghe	To Know Each Other	\$3,860
5	"Nymphaea" Natural History Society, Oradea	"Decebal" School, Oradea	Mater Gaea - Mama Pământ/Anyaföld/Mutter Erde	\$3,875
6	"Márton Áron" High School, Miercurea-Ciuc	"Victor Ungureanu" Technical High School, Câmpia Turzii	Importance of intercultural activities in communication	\$3,835
2001				
1	"Vasile Conta" School, Iași	"Fogarassy Mihály" School, Gheorghieni	All for one and one for all	\$4,000
2	School no. 15 "Grigore Antipa", Constanța	School no. 8 "József Attila", Miercurea-Ciuc	Friendship trail - from the seaside to the mountains	\$4,000
3	"Benedek Elek" Pedagogical School, Odorheiu Secuiesc	"Spiru Haret" College, Tulcea	Rainbow	\$3,998
4	"Ioan N. Socolescu" Architecture and Public Works School, București	"Brassai Sámuel" School, Cluj-Napoca	We are all alike	\$3,998
5	Aghireșu Fabrici School, Cluj County	Micula School, Satu Mare County	Students present their community	\$3,445
6	"Gheorghe Șincai" School, Cluj	"Apáczai Csere János" School, Cluj-Napoca	Identity and communication	\$3,995
7	Vaida-Cărnăraș School, Cluj County	Căianu School, Cluj County	European integration starts with us	\$1,653
8	"Marin Preda" School, Odorheiu-Secuiesc	School no. 1 "Tompá László", Odorheiu-Secuiesc	Odorheiu-Secuiesc without frontiers	\$2,711
9	Telecommunications School, Cluj-Napoca	"Adam Müller Guttenbrunn" School, Arad	Interethnic education and cultural connections	\$4,000
10	School no. 16 "Mircea cel Bătrân", Iași	"Joseph Haltrich" School, Sighișoara	Let us be friends	\$4,000
11	"Andrei Mureșanu" School, Deva	"Mikes Kelemen" School, Sf-Gheorghe	Together in the new millennium	\$3,000
12	"Brukenthal" School, Sibiu	"Mihai Viteazul" School, Sf-Gheorghe	Tradition and modernity in multicultural Transylvania	\$4,000
13	"Rudolf Walthers" Foundation, Timișoara	"Rudolf Walthers" School, Timișoara	Help for you to help yourself	\$3,200
14	"Pro Waldorf" Association, Sf-Gheorghe ("Váradi József" School, Sf-Gheorghe)	School no. 28, București	Art - a means of communication	\$4,000

Members of the jury: Miklós Bakk, István Horváth, Klaus Johannis, Elek Szokoly, Renate Weber.





5.2. Helping Underprivileged Children Succeed

In Romania, as elsewhere in Central and Southeastern Europe, Roma people have not made full use of education so they can contribute to their own social and economic advancement. Even though most Roma children enter school at some point, 50% desert before fifth grade, and 90% do not earn diplomas.

The project aims to develop and field-test models and materials for 'drop-out-proofing' Roma children in the primary grades, while they are still in school. The project focuses on the students' literacy skills, because those lie at the heart of school success.

The project consists of four stages: (1) develop and publish culturally relevant materials that can be used to teach the Roma children to read and also to stimulate their interest for reading, and to develop cultural awareness and identity with the school; (2) train a core of master teachers to use scientifically validated instructional methods to help the underachieving Roma children learn to read; (3) work with these teachers as each trains and supervises a group of tutors recruited from the community who will work one-on-one with the children; (4) produce training manuals and design training workshops which will be shared with groups of teachers in Romania who work with Roma children in the primary grades.

Four communities (Fiscut, Arad County; Camăr, Sălaj County; Micula, Satu-Mare County; Aghireș, Cluj County) were invited to participate in the project, based on their ethnic composition. Schools and/or local government in the communities were contacted and asked for support at local level. The outcomes of the project were: each master teacher has attended 40 hours' training during the project; four books were written, translated from/into Romanian/Hungarian, lavishly illustrated and published in 350 copies (Romanian version) and 250 copies (Hungarian version); two training workshops were designed, which are transferable to other teachers' / schools; increased community spirit resulting from the collaboration between different ethnic groups (Romanian, Hungarian, Roma, Ukrainian).

Program coordinator:

Mária Kovács

Period of implementation:
2002

Geographical coverage:

Fiscut, Arad County; Camăr, Sălaj County; Micula, Satu-Mare County; Aghireș, Cluj County

Budget:

47,000 USD

Donors:

Open Society Foundation
Romania
Delegation of the European
Commission

5.3. Central Europe in Comparative Perspective – Partnership for Global Education

Since the dramatic events in 1989, Central European countries have experienced democratic governance and the transition to market economy. Also, governments from the post-communist Europe have been forced to confront with ethnic diversity and the implications of multiethnic societies. Three courses developed at the University of Tuebingen and Technical University of Chemnitz, Germany, the Babes-Bolyai University from Cluj-Napoca, Romania and Central European University, Budapest, Hungary provided students a broader perspective on these issues.

The program aims to provide a group of American students from Hobart and William Smith Colleges and Union College a broader perspective on the reality in Central Europe by attending courses in Germany, Romania and Hungary during the fall semester.

Project coordinator:

Levente Salat

Project assistant:

Monica Robotin

Period of implementation:
2002, 2003

Geographical coverage:

Germany, Hungary, Romania

Budget 2003:

30,000 USD

Donor:

Union College, New York





EDRC has been responsible for coordinating the activities of the project in Romania. The project is in the second year, including this year two Romanian students from the Faculty of Political and Administrative Sciences, Cluj-Napoca. Between 10 October and 7 November, the 13 American students and the two Romanian students are in Cluj-Napoca, where they attend courses led by Irina Kántor, Levente Salat from the Faculty of Political Sciences and Ovidiu Pecican from the Faculty of European Studies.

5.4. Romanian language and literature textbook for schools with instruction in minority languages

The project aims to develop, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Research, a series of specific *textbooks of Romanian language and literature* for middle schools where the language of instruction is a minority language. The adjustment of the teaching material to the level of the students is, in general, an essential and decisive condition of learning a language in school. Therefore, the writing of specific manuals adapted to the needs of a category of students whose mother tongue is not Romanian is meant to ensure the thorough mastery of the Romanian language by these students.

Between 2000-2001 EDRC published and distributed through the school districts textbooks for the 5th and 6th grade. The manuals are produced in 20,000 copies for the following minorities: Hungarians, Germans, Slovaks, Ukrainians, and Serbs.

Program coordinator:

Gábor Ádám

Implementation period:

2000-2001

Geographical coverage:

National

Donors:

- Open Society Foundation
Romania

Partner:

- Ministry of Education and
Research

5.5. Training for teachers of Romanian language and literature teachers that work in schools where the language of instruction is a national minority language

EDRC, in completion of the program that aims at editing and publishing specific textbooks of Romanian language and literature for minority students, relying on the outcomes of previous years' programs that edited and published volumes of Romanian language didactics for minority students, decided to organize after training activities for those teachers of Romanian language and literature that are employed in schools where instruction is done in one of the national minorities' language.

Program coordinator:

Gábor Ádám

Implementation period:

2000-2001

Geographical coverage:

Covasna and Harghita
Counties

Donors:

- Open Society Foundation
Romania

Thus, in cooperation with the Soros Educational Center in Miercurea Ciuc, EDRC organized a methodology seminar entitled *Teaching Romanian language and literature in schools where instruction is done in Hungarian* in Harghita and Covasna counties. The event took place between 9-12 July 2001 in Miercurea Ciuc. For 2002, three more such seminars have been planned, with the expansion of the framework to include teachers that work in schools where the language of instruction is German, Ukrainians, Serbian and Slovak.





5.6. Reporting on human rights

The project contributes to the human rights education in Romania by raising awareness of human rights among the youth and stimulating the involvement of young people in promoting these principles. Several project-modules are included: training sessions for a group of 15 adolescents, mentoring, human rights education campaigns, a promotional module parallel to the campaigns, and a website containing resources on human rights education.

The website of the project - www.dreptul-tau.ro - containing resources on human rights education, such as documents/declarations on human rights, the Manual on Human Rights Education, links to the websites of international organizations and programs for human rights protection etc.

Program coordinator:
Mária Kovács
Period of implementation:
2002
Geographical coverage:
Cluj
Budget:
5,700 USD
Donors:
Council of Europe

This general campaign is targeted to all high schools in Cluj and aims at raising awareness on human rights issues and promoting the website. The promotional materials of the campaigns are posters, leaflets and stickers. The strategy, content and design of these materials are developed by the team of participants in the training/mentoring activities together with the trainers.

VI. Promoting interethnic dialog

6.1. Institutionalizing interethnic dialog

The project is implemented in partnership with the Pro Europa League, and aims to carry out a survey on the initiatives for dialog between Romanian and Hungarian intellectuals, between 1990 and 2001, on the impact they had on the general framework of relations between Hungary and Romania, as well as the possibility of Romanian-Hungarian reconciliation after the Franco-German model.

The survey includes 100 intellectuals from Hungary, 100 from Romania and 50 Hungarian intellectuals from Romania, who are opinion leaders and declaredly interested in the future of the Romanian-Hungarian relations.

Through processing the outcome of the survey, we aim to identify the causes of the impasse at present, the problems that prevent the two parties from engaging in an open dialogue, the topics on which it would be recommended to start public debate with a wide echo. The answers provided in the survey will be published in a tri-lingual volume by EDRC, including a Foreword by Mr. Bernard Viale, expert of the Franco-German Office for the Youth.

Project coordinator:
Levente Salat
Project assistant:
Monica Robotin
Period of implementation:
2002-2004
Geographical coverage:
Romania, Hungary
Budget 2003:
3,000 USD
Donor:
- Open Society Foundation
Romania
Partner:
Pro Europa League





6.2. Interethnic Partnerships

The program is addressed to non-governmental organizations, public institutions, and informal local groups, for undertaking joint projects in multiethnic communities.

Interethnic Partnerships Program is intended to encourage interethnic cooperation in Romania and to support community development in ethnically mixed communities.

Project coordinator:
Ágnes Veres
Period of implementation:
2000
Geographical coverage:
Romania
Donor:
- Open Society Foundation
Romania

Nr.	Organization 1	Organization 1	Project Title	Grant
1	UNESCO Pro Natura Ecological Club, București	"Nemira" Association for Tourism, Sf-Gheorghe	"Working together we get to know each other better" – partnership for environmental protection	\$4,015
2	Desiree Foundation for Social Openness and Reflexion, Cluj	Society of European Students, Cluj	Partnership Against Ethnic and Sexual Discrimination	\$17,000
3	Umanconstruct Association, Cluj	Wassdas Foundation, Cluj	Let's learn to cooperate without prejudices	\$3,900
4	"Together" Agency for Community Development, București	Association Roma of Brazilia, Nușfalău, jud. Sălaj	Cooperation, the way to promote equality of chances in Nușfalău	\$5,361
5	Cultural Association "Mikes Kelemen", Sf-Gheorghe	School "Néri Szent Fülöp", Sf-Gheorghe	Promote talent – cultural and educational program for friendship between hungarian and roma children	\$4,000
6	Bios Echologic Club, Sibiu	School nr. 4, Sibiu	Let's know each other working	\$542
7	Foundation the Third Europe, Timișoara	Jew Community, Timișoara	Saved Memories – model of institutional colaboration	\$7,000
8	Foundation "Visual Anthropology", Sibiu	"Astra Films" Studio, Sibiu	Documentary on Romanian-Roma collaboration in Bârsana	\$6,000
9	Civitas Foundation, Cluj	Organization of Roman Students "Romano Suno", Cluj	Interetnica Magazine	\$7,000
10	"Apostrof" Cultural Foundation, Cluj	"Korunk" Friendship Association, Cluj	Romanian-Hungarian Cultural Interference	\$7,000
11	"Ethnos" Cultural Foundation, Bistrița	German Democrat Forum, Bistrița	Bistrița – interculturalism 2000	\$4,000
12	Green Group Foundation, Oradea	Children's Club, Beiuș	History is no curtain – ethno-hystoric camp	\$5,840
13	Agricultural Sănmartin, jud. Harghita	Grupul Școlar Agricol Bârsești, Tg-Jiu, jud. Gorj	Hybrid	\$3,960
14	Brukenthal High School, Sibiu	"Liviu Rebreanu", School nr. 9, Miercurea-Ciuc	Samuel von Brukenthal – personality of historic relevance in Transylvania	\$4,000
15	"Crispus" Organization, Sibiu	Forumul Democrat al Germanilor, Sibiu	They are all my friends	\$3,101
16	"Romanian Scouts" National Organization, Toplița	"O. C. Tăslăuanu" High School, Toplița	Sunrays	\$4,000
17	"Outward Bound" Youth Society, Tg-Mureș	Association of Hungarian Student, Tg-Mureș	Student Link	\$4,096
18	Vurpăr School, jud. Sibiu	Vurpăr Town Hall, jud. Sibiu	Community of the 3 rd Millennium	\$4,100





Members of the jury: Miklós Bakk, István Horváth, Klaus Johannis, Anton Niculescu, Renate Weber, Szokoly Elek.

Projects financed in emergency sessions of the Governing Board:

Nr.	Organization	Project Title	Grant
1	Students Society for Political Science, Cluj	National Conference of Political Sciences and International Relations, Cluj, 17-19 November 2000	\$817
2	Student Research Group: Răzvan Mătieș, Adrian Mihai Hodrea, Horațiu Gabriel Cozma, Francisc Cătălin Kiss	Project for Community Communication, Cheia village, jud. Cluj	\$1,937
3	Foundation "Pro Philosophia", Cluj	Transylvannia Week , within Minority Course 2000, Cluj, 16-21 iulie 2000	\$3,055
4	Romanian Germans Democrat Forum, Cluj		\$11,500
5	Human Rights Association România – Helsinki Committee, București	Protection of Tatar Minority: complex strategy	
	Third Europe Foundation, Timișoara	Workshop "Oral Memory and the research of interethnic communities", Timișoara, 12-17 september 2000	\$2,300
6	Ethno-Cultural Roma Projects Organization (OPRE), București	Workshop "Minorities contribution to Romanian Cultural Heritage", Cluj, 9-12 November 2000	\$2,000
7	Universal Dalsi Publishing House, București	Publishing of book "Mihail Sebastian ", by Iordan Chimet	\$500
8	Pythagora Publishing House, București	Publishing of book "The First Century of Romanian Nationalism in Transylvania"	\$500

Members of the jury: Gabriel Andreescu, Andor Horváth, Marius Lazăr, Levente Salat, Mircea Toma.

6.3. Advocacy campaigns in interethnic relations

In 2000 the program awarded grants for projects aiming to improve the interethnic climate, to promote dialogue between the majority and minorities by presenting the specific situation of national minorities and by promoting the rights of these communities with a view to overcoming communicational barriers and differences in perception among the different segments of the population. The program addressed non-governmental organizations, firms specialized in communication and image-building, the mass media, universities, local and central public institutions, organizations of the lawyers and specialists on minority rights.

Project coordinator:

Ágnes Veres

Period of implementation:

2000

Geographical coverage:

Romania

Donor:

- Open Society Foundation
Romania

Nr.	Organization	Project Title	Grant
1	"Save The Children" Org., București	Roma Children, Too, Have Rights	\$3,900
2	Videopontes Foundation, Cluj	TV documentary series - 6 films on minorities	\$6,568
3	S.C. Mediafax Data Base S.A., București	DIVERS – electronic informative bulletin on Romanian Ethnic Minorities	\$5,500
4	Civitas Foundation, Cluj	"Equal Chances" –Monthly TV show, Odorheiu-Secuiesc	\$7,337
5	Prefecture of Caraș-Severin County, Romanian Germans Democratic Forum, Anina	Local Public Administration and minorities in the Banat Mountains	\$4,995
6	Csíki Foundation, Miercurea-Ciuc	Campaign for Tolerance	\$8,200





Members of the jury: Miklós Bakk, István Horváth, Klaus Johannis, Anton Niculescu, Elek Szokoly.

In 2001, to evaluate the program and its impact, EDRC used an evaluator from the Constient Consultancy Agency. The objectives of the evaluation were to obtain quantitative and qualitative information on the impact of the funded projects, as well as to provide recommendations regarding the key elements in structuring a new program in this field, the possibility to carry on the program started last year. The methodology that was used in the writing of the report consisted mainly of a series of semi-structured interviews, an interview guide that EDRC accepted together with the coordinators of the funded projects. As a result of the conclusions written up by the evaluators, the Governing Board decided to stop the program.

VII. Scholarship at the Central European University

7.1. Scholarships at the Central European University – Budapest, 2003-2004

The program is for students that seek to obtain a Master's degree or a doctoral degree at the Central European University of Budapest and Warsaw. Beginning with 2000, EDRC has been managing the applications in Transylvania, in other words in the areas of the former Timisoara and Cluj branches of the Open Society Foundation. In 2000, EDRC covered the expenses related to study visa and transport. In 2001 EDRC administered only the application procedure and organized the selection meetings. While the statistics show that in 2000 Romania was on the third place judging by the number of students accepted as scholars seeking a Master's degree, in 2001 Romania reached the highest number of successful candidates (32).

Project coordinator:
Ágnes Veres
Period of implementation:
2000-2003
Geographical coverage:
Transylvania
Budget 2003:
7,000 USD
Donor:
- Central European
University Budapest

Central European University Budapest offers post-graduate degrees in the following fields: Economics (MA, PhD), Medieval Studies (MA, PhD), Environmental Sciences and Policy (MS, PhD), Nationalism Studies (MA), Gender Studies (MA, PhD), Philosophy (PhD), History (MA, PhD), Political Science (MA, PhD), International Relations and European Studies (MA), Public Policy (MPP), Sociology and Social Anthropology (MA, PhD), Legal Studies (LLM, MA, SJD), CEU Graduate School of Business (MBA, MM), Mathematics and its Applications (PhD).

Scholarships awarded in 2003 to applicants in the Northwestern part of Romania:

No.	Name	Specialization	Diploma
1	Apăteanu Dan	Political Science	MA
2	Bándi Melissa Melinda	History	MA
3	Barta Tünde	History	MA
4	Borz Gabriela Alina	Political Science	PhD
5	Böyte Dániel	Economics	MA
6	Briciu Adrian Nicolae	Philosophy	PhD
7	Dan Ioana	Economics	MA
8	Demeter Dalma	Legal Studies/International Business Law	LLM





9	Domnariu Horia Vasile	Political Science	MA
10	Gruia Ana Maria	Medieval Studies	MA
11	Máthé László Vilmos	Environmental Sciences	MSc
12	Mica Adriana Diana	Sociology	MA
13	Mihalka Cristina	Political Science	MA
14	Miklós Klein Hunor	Economics	MA
15	Nagy Ágota Kinga	History	MA
16	Nedelea Patricia	Gender Studies	MA
17	Nițoi Anca Sorina	Medieval Studies	MA
18	Pălășan Corina Maria	Nationalism	MA
19	Săveanu Tomina	Sociology	MA
20	Szabó Orsolya	Legal Studies/Human Rights	MA
21	Szávics Petra	Nationalism	MA
22	Tusa Timea Judit	Economics	MA
23	Vucu Simona Raluca	Medieval Studies	MA
24	Zăgan Lucian	Philosophy	PhD
25	Zeman Dan	Philosophy	PhD

7.2. Scholarships at CEU – Curriculum Resource Center - Budapest, 2003

It offers week-long visits to the Central European University, access to the CRC collection of course syllabi, university catalogs and program descriptions (from both East-European and Western universities), course readers, and other material related to teaching in the social sciences.

Curriculum Resource Center (CRR) is a program of the Central European University for university faculty from Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet republics.

Project coordinator:

Ágnes Veres

Period of implementation:

2000-2003

Geographical coverage:

Transylvania

Budget 2003:

- Central European University Budapest

During each academic year, approximately 300 academics from the region are able to attend CRC sessions. These professors and lecturers will be from the discipline areas that we teach at CEU - matching our professorial expertise with the needs of the region. Visits are focused around the development of new course syllabi which visitors will then teach at their home institutions. Sessions focus on a wide range of issues vital to specific countries or areas of the region and to specialists working at the innovative edge of their disciplines. Each session offers an intensive week-long period for syllabi review, library work and meetings with CEU professors, department/program heads and students. Special seminars, workshops and lectures are often scheduled by departments for our visitors, and we also offer the opportunity of attending CEU teaching sessions in the relevant discipline.

CRC maintains a wide range of resources related to course and curriculum development. The main focus of the collection is course syllabi and curriculum outlines in the areas of CEU specialization. These syllabi can be divided into five groupings: Syllabi from a range of Western universities, Syllabi from universities of the region, Syllabi developed by CRC alumni after their visit to CEU, CEU course outlines (1992-96, 1997-98, 1998-99), Special collections from country specific discipline associations.





In addition, the CRC provides access to catalogues, educational plans and course syllabi from East-Central Europe and the former Soviet Union, other materials and resources related to course development. All CRC resource materials, syllabi, reading packets and other parts of the collection are available in the CEU Library.

No.	Name	Specialization	Period
Curriculum Resource Center			
1	Salat Levente	Political Sciences session	24 February - 1 March, 2003
2	Popescu Dan Horațiu	Gender and Culture session	10 -15 March, 2003
3	Iancu Tatiana	Gender and Culture session	10 -15 March, 2003
4	Branea Cristian Ionuț	Gender and Culture session	10 -15 March, 2003
5	Bălăban Delia Cristina	Media session	7 - 12 April, 2003
6	Stănuș Ileana Cristina	Media session	3-8 November, 2003
Curriculum Development Competition			
1	Marga Andrei	Philosophy/Religious Studies	
2	Kádár Edith	Linguistics	

7.3. Scholarship for CEU Summer University - Budapest, 2003

The courses of the Summer University include a series of intensive two and three-week courses in the social sciences and humanities to encourage and promote regional academic cooperation and curriculum development by drawing together young faculty in lectures, seminars and workshops. They stimulate dialog and sharing ideas among the representatives of academic circles from over 60 countries, who come together to explore multidisciplinary topics and deepen their knowledge in their own field of interest.

Project coordinator:

Ágnes Veres

Period of implementation:

2000-2003

Geographical coverage:

Transylvania

Donor:

- Central European University Budapest

For the summer of 2003, the most popular domains were cultural studies and arts, anthropology, economics, environmental protection, history, human rights, international relations, legal studies, Medieval studies, nationalism studies, philosophy, political sciences, public policy, religion and sociology.

Scholarships awarded in 2003 for applicants from the Northwestern part of Romania:

No.	Name	Department
1	Berindean Coroiu Adina	Visual Studies
2	Branc Simona	Ethnic Relations
3	Branda Alina Ioana	Violence and Culture
4	Buran Carmen	Toleration and Multiculturalism
5	Frunză Mihaela-Cornelia	Ethnic Relations
6	Frunză Sandu	Religion, Globalization
7	Horváth Réka	The UN, EU and Governance
8	Kasa Elizabeth-Teodora	Ethnic Relations
9	Nagy Dorottya	Religion, Globalization
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11	Petrescu Dacinia Crina	Agrarian Institutions





12	Petrescu Malina Ruxandra	Agrarian Institutions
13	Popa-Gorjanu Cosmin	Uses and Abuses
14	Toma Stefánia-Adrianna	The Roma
15	Veress Emőd	Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations
16	Slavu Carmen-Daniela	Ethnic Relations

7.4. Student internship

The program provides opportunities for professional development and study for the students who are interested in the topic of interethnic relations in Romania and the region, by providing both the conditions, and research instruments within the Center, in certain domains related to the minorities and interethnic relations.

Project coordinator:

Levente Salat

Period of implementation:

2000-2001

Geographical coverage:

Romania

The students that participated in the program were selected on the basis of an advertised competition entered mainly by students of the social sciences and humanities from the University of Cluj. While in 2000 the students were invited to choose a research topic from the list proposed by EDRC's coordinators, in 2001, the candidates were encouraged to propose themselves a topic for research which would be relevant for the field of interethnic relations in Romania.





Project coordinator:

Gábor Ádám

Period of implementation:

2000-2003

Budget 2003:

20,000 USD

1. Ethnocultural Diversity in Romania Collection

The Hungarians of Romania (1945-1955)

Ethnocultural Minorities. Documents. Hungarians of Romania (1945-1955) is a collection of archive documents about state policies toward the Hungarian minority between 1945 and 1955. The issues that are raised make the volume an outstandingly useful tool for both experts on the era, and those interested in the issue of minorities in Romania. The documents presented come from the most varied archives, both public and private, both Romanian and Hungarian. They are meant to provide an insight of the fate of the Hungarian population integrated in the Romanian state at the end of the Second World War.

*"As a documentary source, the volume is formidable. As one reads it, they can rebuild, through a radiant reflection, the factual history of an entire epoch: both the reality from inside of the party, and the one outside it. There are many ideological enormities in the documents, because that was the characteristic of the epoch, but there are few nonsensical things. Cautious, the informers know what they say, generally speaking, they are perverse practitioners of hermeneutics, and they know where to look for the hidden things, leaving the fires that do not destroy any building burn. In general, they are realistic, because the realism of the epoch is substantially transcendence: they describe, they do not speculate. Behind several texts there is however fear, terror. Hatred and suspicion permeate the relations between ethnic groups, and those who read the volume with the eyes of our experiences after 1989 are in the wrong only a bit: the similarities between the two epochs are so striking and the thought that history is moving forward only through the flight of time, not through imagination, is so melancholic." (Ștefan Borbély - **Apostrof**, no. 3/2003, about the volume Hungarians of Romania <<1945-1955>>)*

The Hungarians of Romania (1956-1968)

Ethnocultural Minorities. Documents. Hungarians of Romania (1956-1968) is the second volume of documents on the same topic, covering the interval 1956-1968. This is the period defined by two extremes that bear significance in the history of ex-communist states: the Hungarian Revolution (1956) and the events of the Prague Spring (1968). The 151 documents included in the volume come from the most diverse archive sources in the Romania and abroad, beginning with those of the Central Committee of the Romanian Communist Party and ending with the shorthand records of the questionings carried out by the Securitate.

"An impressive corpus of over 900 pages of documents: shorthand records of discussions, notifications, statistics, reports on various cultural and political phenomena sent to the for a of party and state power, facsimiles and photographs provide analysts with an abundant and complex material. Adding to these is the ample and thorough study signed by Lucian Nastasă, the post face





written by Lőnhárt Tamás (*The issue of the Hungarian minority and the Romanian-Hungarian interstate relations within the Soviet block, 1945-1968*), the chronological table of the epoch and the list of documents, which together provide the image of an enterprise which imposes and awaits its commentators..." (*Observator Cultural*, no. 184/2003, about the volume *Hungarians of Romania <<1956-1968>>*)

The Jews of Romania (1945-1965)

Ethnocultural Minorities. Documents. The Jews of Romania (1945-1965) is a collection of archive documents which had not been published before about the state policies toward the Jewish minority in the period 1945-1965. The volume is an outstandingly useful tool both for the specialists of the epoch and those interested in the issue of minorities in Romania. The book contains 256 so far unpublished documents, collected from different archives in Romania and abroad, and which span chronologically from the end of WW II to the death of communist leader Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej, about which some believed marked the end of the years of Stalinism.

The Gypsies of Romania (1919-1944)

Ethnocultural Minorities. Documents. Gypsies of Romania (1919-1944) is a collection of archive documents about the state policies toward the Roma minority in the period 1919-1944. The creation of a comprehensive collection is intended to meet researchers' needs, through providing direct access to the indispensable tools of historic reconstruction. The volume of documents on the Gypsies of Romania supplies information that was too often invoked as lacunar. Chronologically speaking, the testimonies revealed in this book shed light on at least two historic moments of paramount importance in the past of this ethnic group: the striving to create a General Assembly of Roma in Romania, and all the suffering and losses caused by the extremely tragic event of the deportation of Gypsies to Transdnister during the Ion Antonescu regime.

"The recent publication of the impressive tome The Gypsies of Romania (1919-1944) (edited by Lucian Nastasă, Andrea Varga, Cluj, Ethnocultural Diversity Resource Center, 2001, 684 p.) is an uncontested proof of the fact that the topic we refer to has become the focus of permanent and even priority study, which announces the so-much-awaited for history of the Gypsies in Romania." (Gheorghe I. Florescu - *Convorbiri Literare* Iași, no. 3/2002)

Interethnic Relations in Post-Communist Romania

One decade after the collapse of the communist system, the Romanian society appears to have started off - not without having crossed a crisis of accommodation - on the way of building a new identity in which multiculturalism, ethnic diversity, openness to communication and globalization, etc., seem to be everyday issues. In this context, the United States Embassy in Romania initiated and supported the organization of the symposium "The Romanian Model of Interethnic Relations. The Last Ten Years, the Next Ten Years", which took place in Bucharest on July 7-8, 2000, and which enjoyed the participation of reputable political personalities, analysts and experts. The volume is the white book of this event.





2. Sinteze Series

The Police and Multicultural Communities in Romania

In an era obsessed with globalism, the issue of ethnocultural communities gains new dimensions and causes reevaluations not only of the syntagm itself, but especially of the practical solutions, within which the nationalist type challenges can no longer be the solution. The outcomes of the program “Conflict prevention and management in Multicultural Communities”, implemented in partnership by EDRC and the General Police Inspectorate, are presented in the present volume, which is meant to lead to increased civic responsibility in the management of the consequences of diversity.

Right-Wing Extremism in Romania

The choice for a certain “conception of extremism” is claimed by its usefulness, in other words, by its capacity to encompass the most destabilizing tendencies in a country. In the case of Romania, these are represented by numerous attitudes of racism, chauvinism, anti-Semitism, xenophobia, and their political manifestations. Consequently, the present volume focuses on “hyper-nationalist” and “ultra-nationalist” attitudes.





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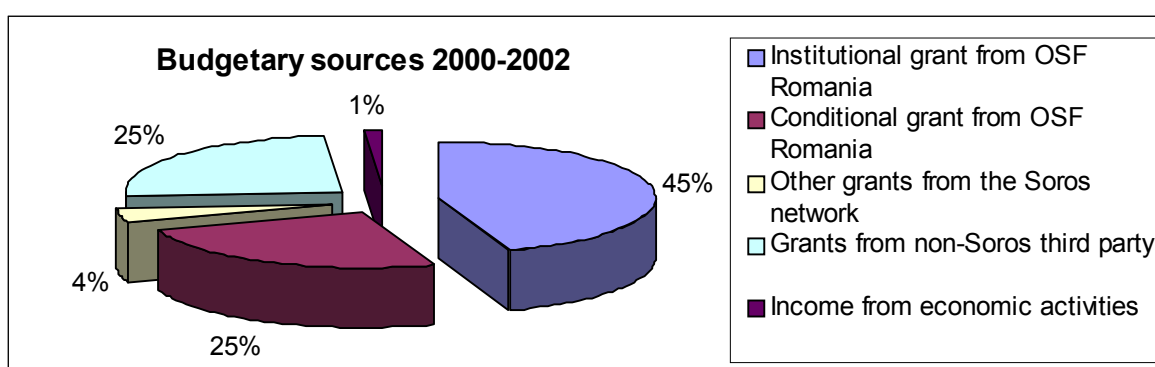
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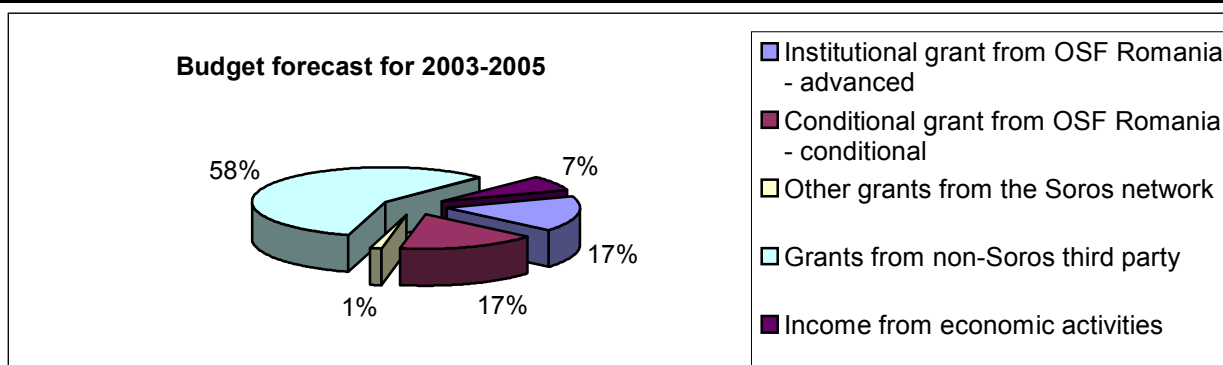


Budget of EDRC

Budgetary source	2000	2001	2002	Total	%
Institutional grant from OSF Romania	\$470,655	\$251,016	\$52,295	\$773,966	44.7%
Conditional grant from OSF Romania	\$52,295	\$167,344	\$209,180	\$428,819	24.8%
Other grants from the Soros network	\$0	\$0	\$69,940	\$69,940	4.0%
Grants from non-Soros third party	\$52,295	\$167,344	\$216,561	\$436,200	25.2%
Income from economic activities	\$0	\$0	\$23,326	\$23,326	1.3%
Total budget:	\$575,245	\$585,704	\$571,302	\$1,732,251	100.0%



Budgetary source	2003	2004 (forecast)	2005 (forecast)	Total	%
Institutional grant from OSF Romania - advanced	\$118,000	\$47,500	\$32,000	\$197,500	16.7%
Conditional grant from OSF Romania - conditional	\$118,000	\$47,500	\$32,000	\$197,500	16.7%
Other grants from the Soros network	\$17,200	\$0	\$0	\$17,200	1.5%
Grants from non-Soros third party	\$236,000	\$220,000	\$230,000	\$686,000	58.2%
Income from economic activities	\$25,500	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$81,500	6.9%
Total budget:	\$514,700	\$343,000	\$322,000	\$1,179,700	100.0%





The auditor's opinion

"(...) Upon checking randomly 56% of all the expenditure reported for these programmes, the evidence that was recorded in the books, I found the following:

- *recording of the expenditure is done based on reports of reimbursement for expenditure, prepared by the program coordinators; the reports included in the sample that was selected have the clear indication of the program code for which the expenditure was made;*
- *the expenditure entered in the books was made for the implementation of programs approved by the Governing Board. (...)*

Of the total budget allocated for administrative costs in the value of 71,020 USD, in the period between 01 January and 30 June 2003 41,931 USD was spent, which represents 59%. Proof of expenditure for 34% of the total reported expenditure was checked. No errors were found.

Analyzing at random the inclusion of expenditure made by categories, in the detailed expenditure categories according to the approved budget, I have not noticed the recording of significantly higher amounts as compared to the amounts allocated in the budget."

Beatrice Constantinescu, Senior Audit Partner, SCOT & COMPANY CONSULTING SRL
Auditing report of the accountancy evidence on 30 June 2003





Annex – Books published in 2000-2003

No.	Title	Author/editor	Collection	ISBN
1	<i>Relații interetnice în România postcomunistă</i>	Lucian Năstasă, Levente Salat	<i>Diversitate Etnoculturală în România</i>	973-0-02184-8
2	<i>Interethnic Relations in Postcommunist Romania</i>	Lucian Năstasă, Levente Salat	<i>Diversitate Etnoculturală în România</i>	973-0-02185-6
3	<i>Proiecte pentru romii din Romania, 1990-2000</i>	Viorel Anastasoaei	-	973-85305-0-4
4	<i>Roma projects in Romania, 1990-2000</i>	Viorel Anastasoaei	-	973-85305-1-2
5	<i>Minoritati etnoculturale. Marturii documentare. Romii din Romania</i>	Lucian Nastasa	<i>Diversitate Etnoculturală în România</i>	973-85305-2-0
6	<i>Barometrul relațiilor etnice, 2001</i>	CRDE	<i>Diversitate Etnoculturală în România</i>	973-85305-3-9
7	<i>Minoritati etnoculturale. Marturii documentare. Maghiarii din Romania</i>	Lucian Nastasa	<i>Diversitate Etnoculturală în România</i>	973-85305-4-7
8	<i>Barometer on ethnic relations, 2001</i>	CRDE	-	973-85305-5-5
9	<i>Pelerina în două culori</i>	Maria Kovacs	<i>Cutia cu povesti</i>	973-85305-6-3
10	<i>A kék-sárga esőköpeny</i>	Maria Kovacs	<i>Cutia cu povesti</i>	973-85305-7-1
11	<i>Peti, Bundás és Tüskés</i>	Maria Kovacs	<i>Cutia cu povesti</i>	973-85305-8-x
12	<i>Tudorel, Blănos și Spinos</i>	Maria Kovacs	<i>Cutia cu povesti</i>	973-85305-9-8
13	<i>Piatra și pârâul</i>	Maria Kovacs	<i>Cutia cu povesti</i>	973-85738-0-7
14	<i>A patak és a kő</i>	Maria Kovacs	<i>Cutia cu povesti</i>	973-85738-1-5
15	<i>Cireșe cu gust de urzici</i>	Maria Kovacs	<i>Cutia cu povesti</i>	973-85738-2-3
16	<i>Csalánizu cseresznye</i>	Maria Kovacs	<i>Cutia cu povesti</i>	973-85738-3-1
17	<i>Minoritati etnoculturale. Marturii documentare. Evreii din Romania</i>	Lucian Nastasa	<i>Diversitate Etnoculturală în România</i>	973-85738-4-x
18	<i>Barometrul relațiilor etnice, 2002</i>	CRDE	-	973-85738-5-8
19	<i>Barometer on ethnic relations, 2002</i>	CRDE	-	973-85738-6-6
20	<i>Poliția și comunitățile multiculturale din România</i>	CRDE	<i>Diversitate Etnoculturală în România</i>	973-85738-7-4
21	<i>Extremismul de dreapta in Romania</i>	Gabriel Andreescu	<i>Diversitate Etnoculturală în România</i>	973-85738-8-2
22	<i>Din cântările romilor</i>	Ion Hristu	-	973-85738-9-0
23	<i>Alter-Image – documentar fotografic privind minoritățile naționale din România</i>	Daniela Tarnovschi	-	Photo album, CD-ROM

