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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.

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 the lack of widely accepted institutional solutions for reconciliation of and accommodation of ethnocultural difference, a shortage of qualified policy-makers to address the diverse needs of the country's twenty minorities, and a generally underdeveloped institutionalized framework for interethnic dialogue which might contribute to raising awareness on various problems related to ethnocultural diversity.

Position

EDRC contributes to the improvement of ethnic relations by valuing diversity.

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 2004, over 400 police officers and non-commissioned officers benefited from training in conflict prevention and management, and in 14 multicultural communities we facilitated intra-community dialog with a view to improving the situation of the Roma within the program "Promoting good-governance in multicultural communities. Access to and participation of ethnic minorities in public life", implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Administration and 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 11 ethnic groups: Aromanians, Czechs, Csangos, Germans, Hungarians, Lipovans, Roma, Romanians, Serbs, Turks 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 on 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. In 2004 the Center prepares the publication of a volume including quantitative studies on the evolution of interethnic relations in Romania, as reflected by the dynamics of the items of the Barometer. 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 10 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 four 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 Southeast Europe. 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 French-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. Promoting good-governance in multicultural communities. Access to and participation of ethnic minorities in public life

The program aims at promoting good-governance in multicultural communities and improving the access of ethnic minorities to public life.

The program is based on the experience and partnership with the General Police Inspectorate acquired in the "Conflict prevention and management in multicultural communities" program that aimed at combating discrimination and preventing conflicts in multicultural environment. In 2000-2002, 14 training sessions were organized for over 350 policemen from 26 counties.

The data of the 2002 census show that the minorities represent 10.5% of the total population of Romania, while recent reports indicate that less than 1% of the police officers belong to an ethnic minority. The program supports the implementation of the Law on the Status of the Policeman (Law 440/2002), which states that in the communities where people belonging to national minorities represent 20% of the population, policemen speaking the language of the minority should be hired.

The program consists of a series of training modules for police officers aiming at developing abilities and offering knowledge about the management of diversity. Three training sessions were organized in 2004, 63 police officers, part of the management of Prevention of Criminality, Judicial Police and Vicinity Police departments of 21 multicultural counties, benefited from the training sessions.

The program also promoted a model of dialogue between the community and the Police, through a series of meetings of the police, representatives of the local authorities and members of the local communities. Such meetings were held between 2000-2004 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).

The activities of the program also include promoting the access of youth belonging to ethnic groups to structures of the police, a media campaign as well as a campaign in high schools encouraging young people belonging to ethnic minorities to opt for a policeman career.

Program coordinator:

Gábor Ádám

Implementation period:

2000-2004

Geographical coverage:

National, 26 counties

Budget 2003-2004:

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





In 2003, within the "Sinteze" Series of EDRC, we published the volume "The Police and Multicultural Communities in Romania", edited by Ioaneta Vintileanu and Gábor Ádám. Meant to generate more civic responsibility in the management of the consequences of diversity, it 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 Roma, regarding the implementation of the Strategy for the Improvement of Roma Situation, issued in April 2002, important stipulations of the new Law on the Status of the Policeman (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.

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 is structured in two interconnected modules: a grant-giving module that involves allocating funds at the national level and a community facilitation module focused on five multicultural regions.

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

Program assistant:

Amelia Gorcea

Implementation period:

2001 - 2004

Geographical coverage:

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

Short-term module: national coverage

Budget 2001-2004:

368,000 USD

Donors:

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

Partners:

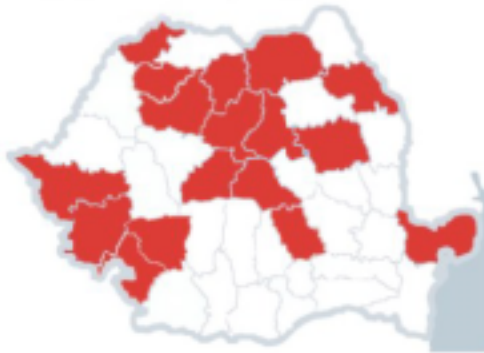
- Romanian Association for Community Development
- PRO EUROPA League
- GAMA Foundation





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 all the work was done by the members of the community.

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 11 ethnic groups: Aromanians, Csangos, Czechs, Germans, Hungarians, Lipovans, Roma, Romanians, Serbs, Turks 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, eleven 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.

By the end of 2003, EDRC elaborated a feasibility study on the priorities of the ethnic relations in Romania. The purpose of the study was to identify the needs of the area, so that the program responds best to them. With the end of another cycle of the program, the aim of the program was redefined, with a greater emphasis on the impact on public policy. With this objective in mind, in 2004 we developed a strategy of the program, which, from 2005 on will be called Minority Rights in Practice.



To prepare the change in approach and to consolidate the mechanisms activated at the local level, in 2004 in the facilitation module a module of cultural facilitation was applied in the communities that benefited from long-term assistance. This process was meant to create the mechanisms that allow the communities to evolve permanently in their environment and to contribute to the mobilization of the members of the community to participate actively in the life of the community. The cultural facilitation emphasized the involvement in schools as a pole of cultural development and community education, and the involvement of the teachers in community dialogue, stimulating of the participation of the community in the civic and local development initiatives.

Projects funded within the program:

No.	Name of the institution	Project title	County	Amount
2001				USD
1	Chiheru de Jos Town Hall	Comitas Rom. Access road and shelter for the people traveling to Chiheru de Jos	Mureș	4,300
2	Wassdas Foundation	Community development in Almașu	Sălaj	6,091
3	Homo Ludens Foundation	Art for the prevention of violence, Cluj-Napoca,	Cluj	4,900
4	Svinița Town Hall	Equipment and better conditions for the Cultural House in Svinița	Mehedinți	600
5	Casa Romilor Association	Equal flight	Prahova	4,370
6	Lugoj Town Hall	Equal chances for Roma children Lugoj	Timiș	5,000
7	Romanian Foundation for Children, Community and Family	Town planning activities in Suceag	Cluj	3,102
8	Tranzit Foundation	Informal education for children of different ethnic groups	Cluj	4,620
9	Diakónia Foundation	Educational House	Cluj	5,251
2002				EUR
1.	Greek Community Iași	Art that unifies – Pilot program for interethnic communication in the cultural environment of Iași	Iași	4,873
2.	German Democratic Forum of Romania	We are many and different, but friends and united	Sibiu	4,645
3.	International Orthodox Christian Charities – Community Center for Youth Bistrita	People and places from Bistrita in an interethnic dialog	Bistrița Năsăud	2,210
4.	Association of Local Council of Children and Youth Sibiu	Children's multiethnic celebration	Sibiu	2,000
5.	Ardeal Carpathian Society from Satu-Mare	- Together for Tur – multiethnic camp for education and ecological development in Turulung	Satu-Mare	2,497
6.	School No. 3 Carei	Interethnic community's traditions – our dowry in a united Europe	Satu-Mare	3,131
7.	Homo Ludens Foundation Cluj	Ethnic and cultural diversity – Beyond words	Cluj	6,383
8.	School No. 3 Carei	The art of living together	Satu-Mare	2,850
9.	Patrauti School	Educational development through interculturalism	Suceava	3,500
10.	Association of Gipsy Women	Tent of ethnic groups	Timiș	7,111
11.	Marin Preda High-school of Odorheiu Secuiesc	Intercultural spectrum of Odorhei	Harghita	4,800



12.	Berzasca Village City Hall	Public road maintenance and cleaning equipment for the road	Caraș Severin	2,000
13.	Fîrluig Village City Hall	47 Cozla School and kindergarden rehabilitation in Scaius, Caras-Severin County	Caraș Severin	1,987
14.	Stejaru Village City Hall	Community Well	Tulcea	1,900
15.	CA Rosetti Village City Hall	A chance for our future	Tulcea	2,373
16.	Interethnic Association Ogra	Program in schools	Mureș	1,900
17.	Community association "Better for all" Gheorghe Doja	Bridge over prejudice	Bacău	1,900
18.	Porumbeni Association	Public road and bridges rehabilitation in Porumbeni Village	Mureș	1,900
19.	Community Association Peciu Nou	"I want to play too!"	Timiș	2,000
20.	Giera Village City Hall -	Water supply extension in Giera Village	Timiș	2,000

2003				EUR
1.	Fărăgău City Hall	Setting up a doctor's surgery	Mureș	3,900
2.	Comloșu Mare City Hall	Hand in hand in the children's world	Timiș	2,815
3.	Copăcele City Hall in partnership with the Zorile community-based group	Water factor of economic development	Caraș Severin	2,050
4.	Pârjol City Hall	Thinking ahead	Bacău	2,004
5.	Foundation for Community Initiatives Cojocna	Eden Park, a step for the better	Cluj	3,000
6.	The Institute for Eco Museum Research Tulcea	Participative promotion of the Dobrogean multiethnicity	Tulcea	1,190
7.	Association for Local Development Murighiol	Roofing and renovating the Cultural House in Murighiol	Tulcea	3,200
8.	Multiethnic Organization Abuș	Plan the future today	Mureș	2,483
9.	Multiethnic Community Association Ciucurova	A common market place, a better life	Tulcea	3,200
10.	School Inspectorate Cluj	The School an essential factor for promoting intercultural values	Cluj	4,001
11.	Association Ecotopia Romania	Equal chances for the young people in rural areas	Timiș	2,541
12.	Community association "Better for all" Gheorghe Doja	Road for all	Bacău	1,500
13.	Foundation for social research "Max Weber"	Developing interethnic collaboration between students of different ethnic backgrounds	Cluj	3,000
14.	Carpathian Society of Transylvania, Satu Mare	Together we feel better	Satu Mare	4,000
15.	International Foundation Umanitatea	Reed weaving workshop	Gorj	4,120
16.	Andrei Provita Foundation	Sunday school	Mureș	2,500
17.	Sângeru de Pădure Hope Interethnic Association	Road repairs in Sângeru	Mureș	2,296

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2.2. The development of non-governmental organizations in rural areas to answer the needs of the community

The project aims at the sustainable development of organizations in the rural area in order to strengthen their capacities to answer the needs of local communities.

The project is complementary to the program *Improving Ethnic Relations in Southeast Europe. Facilitating Multiethnic Community Change* developed by EDRC. An important step in developing the capacity of local communities to actively participate in solving their own problems and to improve the living standards was represented by the establishment of local non-governmental organizations. Currently, one may easily observe the need to develop the institutional capacity of these organizations created through the effort of the community, a need that this project aims to respond.

The activities of the project include mainly training and consultancy as methods of developing abilities and institutional consolidation. 33 individuals that are active in non-governmental organizations in 11 rural communities in Romania benefited from the training sessions in order to develop capacities and abilities regarding leadership, human and financial resources, public relations, training in the management of partnership relationships. Three training sessions took place, followed by consultancy in the development of functional areas of the organization within the target group.

For each beneficiary organization working tools and a long-term institutional development plan were developed.

The project contributed to the development and consolidation of a network of organizations in the rural area active in community development and had a positive impact on sustainable development of the relations between authorities and NGOs.

Through the mentioned activities, the project involved the transmission of the necessary information and the development of the abilities required for the efficient functioning of the organizations, adapting these contents and methods to the local specificity. Besides the transfer of know-how in relevant domains of the efficient management of community organizations, the project structured a series of mechanisms that lead to the sustainable development of the community

Program coordinator:

Mariana Sălăgean

Program assistant:

Amelia Gorcea

Period of implementation:

December 2003 – August 2004

Geographical coverage:

Alba, Bacău, Mureș, Timiș, Tulcea

Budget 2003-2004:

43,813 EUR

Donors:

- European Union, PHARE programme, Civil Society, The NGO Sector Development, Training for NGOs and Projects in Partnership



2.3. Fighting marginalization by encouraging people to play an active role in solving their own problems

The objective of the project is to fight the marginalization of disadvantaged social categories by involving them in learning activities (adult education, parents' education, education of young children, health education) that will help develop the adults' ability to play an active role in solving their own problems, and to contribute to their children's success in life.

The activities of the project included the set-up of community centers in six rural communities. The project started with inner repairs and acquisition of modern equipment (copying machine, computer and printer) for the community centers. To ensure the sustainability of the process initiated in the communities through this project, the development of active and responsible human resources was the main preoccupation. 12 educators and 18 NGO leaders, school directors and teachers from these villages were trained to plan, organize and carry out activities related to the community, in schools and community centers, to write and manage projects.

The activities of the project were a première in the life of each of the communities. 80 families belonging to socially disadvantaged categories in 6 communities benefited from the program. The program contributed to the development of cooperation between the local communities of the six villages and local councils, town halls, schools, kindergartens and the two School Inspectorate (Mureş and Sălaj). Among others, the relevance and the timeliness of the project was supported through the common elements of its objectives and the directions of actions recommended by the Romanian Government through its promoted social and educational politics.

Program coordinator:

Mária Kovács

Period of implementation:

December 2003 – August 2004

Geographical coverage:

The villages of Bocşa, Camăr and Ip (Sălaj County), and Porumbeni, Ogra and Sânpaul (Mureş County)

Budget 2003-2004:

66,956 EUR

Donors:

- European Union, PHARE programme PHARE Civil Society 2001 Program - Social ACCESS component

Partner:

Romanian Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking Association

2.4. Exploring the relation between motivation, work and citizenship

Motivation is the basis for individuals to achieve their goals, while citizenship is an essential context in which personal, social and economic growth takes place. Within this framework, the project explores the relationship between individual motivation, work and citizenship.

The project aims to explore the relationship between individual motivation, work and citizenship, both theoretically and practically, within a partnership between Romanian, Italian, German and Finnish organizations.

Lasting two years, the project is based on documentation and research at the local level, and also on exchanges between the partners from the four participant countries. Between 2003-2004 the working groups met in Berlin (October 2003), Jarvanpaa (March 2004) and Cluj-Napoca (October 2004), an occasion to compare working methods with adults used by each partner in its activities and to develop research instruments.

Program coordinator:

Mariana Sălăgean

Period of implementation:

2003 – 2005

Geographical coverage:

Romania, Italy, Germany, Finland

Budget 2003-2004:

6,560 EUR

Donors:

- Socrates National Agency, Grundtvig 2 Program

Partners:

- Centro Territoriale Permanente presso Scuola Media "Biancheri-Cavour", Italy
- Ringwald Mikroelektronik GmbH, Germany
- Adulta Institute of Further Education, Finland





In Romania, the teaching techniques that contribute to the development of civic responsibility elaborated by the local project implementation team, were applied and multiplied in a training session with teachers from schools included in the program: *Improving Ethnic Relations in Southeast Europe*. The training session approached the following issues: The role of school in educating the civic spirit, Planning learning activities in the community, Teaching strategies which contribute to the development of civic responsibility, Research, Learning through project, Learning through cooperation.

Under the coordination of the EDRC team a guide of good practices was elaborated: "Community development and active citizenship".

2.4. New professional profiles in the activity of the disadvantaged groups

The specific of the work done in the benefit of the disadvantaged groups requires developing new professional profiles. In the last years these profiles have been defined better and better, the presence of the mediator, animator, facilitator or mentor in the community development activities has become almost a condition. The project analyzes these new professions, based on the experience of Romania, Portugal and France.

The project tries to initiate a network on a European level, in order to encourage the development of efficient working methods in the continuous education of those who are involved in these "new professions" and to facilitate the exchange of experience among these.

The project started in October 2003 and ended in July 2004. The three partners – Intercultural Secretariate/ Secretariado Entreculturas, Ministry of Education, Portugal, Actions Educatives en Milieu Difficile (CRAEEMD) Resource Center, France and EDRC – shared the experience in the three meetings from Lisbon (December 2003), Saint Quentin (March 2004) and Cluj-Napoca (June 2004). Each partner developed a series of research and consultancy processes in its own country to develop the profile and identify the training needs of the new professionals.

The Portuguese partner, focused on new profiles – school mediators, social mediators, animators – born out of the necessity to create a bridge between the traditional educational system and the immigrant communities that face marginalization and social exclusion. Somehow similar was the work of the Romanian team, which focused on emerging professional profiles – community facilitator, local promoter and local development agent – developed recently in the community development activities. In France, the educational councilors from CRAEEMD joined forces with a research team from University of Paris 8 and a group of educators from Jean Moulin College from Saint Quentin with the purpose to define the abilities that the educator has to have in order to work for the reinsertion of the juvenile delinquents.

For a wider dissemination of the work, EDRC published the guide "Supporting disadvantaged communities: emerging occupational profiles".

Program coordinator:

Rarița Szakáts

Period of implementation:

2003 –2004

Geographical coverage:

Romania, France, Portugal

Budget 2003-2004:

6,820 EUR

Donors:

- Socrates National Agency, Grundtvig 2 Program

Partners:

- Intercultural Secretariate/

Secretariado Entreculturas, Ministry of Education, Portugal

- Actions Educatives en Milieu Difficile (CRAEEMD) Resource Center, France



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. Informing the public opinion is the essential step in acquiring the support of the citizens and in motivating their participation in the process of European Union enlargement. Though there is an elite that is actively engaged in debates related to EU enlargement, the large majority of Romanian citizens are not aware of the consequences of the accession.

In this context, Europa Information Center aims at informing, sensitizing and activating the general public in the inquiries and initiatives related to the process of enlargement.

The main activities of the center involve: dissemination of EU information (leaflets, brochures, books, periodicals, electronic archives, infokiosk, 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 special fund of specialty books, a large number of leaflets and brochures and a multimedia information stand, including computers providing access to on-line resources and an infokiosk, interactive informative device providing general information about the European Union member states, the candidate countries, the funding programs of the European Commission etc.

There was no budget for the activities of the Center in 2004. The working of the Center was supported by EDRC through an info-officer – Aura Topan until August 31 and Agnes Veres since the first of September. The activities developed – the European Information Multipliers fair, contests for pupils, contests in the local media – were possible with the help of volunteers and resources from partners and sponsors.

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.

Since September 2004, as part of the activity of the Europa Information Center a new project has started "Destination Europe" including a European information campaign in the railway stations and other activities meant to promote European values among youth. The project, financed by European Union within Europa Fund, has a total budget of 43,720 EUR.

Program coordinator:
Rarița Szakáts
Info officer:
Aura Topan
Period of implementation:
2003-2008
Geographical coverage:
Cluj County
Budget 2003-2004:
35,000 EUR
Donor:
- European Union, Europa Fund





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, Septimiu Jurcă
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 six 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 1994-2002. A perspective of the interethnic climate of Romania

The Barometer of Ethnic Relations (BER) started in 2000 with the purpose to collect data about ethnic relations in Romania mainly about the situation and the dynamics of the Romanian, Roma, and Hungarian ethnic groups. The program consisted in a series of sociological surveys addressing the following topics: the perceptions and attitudes regarding the structure and forms in which ethnic identities, social and political factors are manifest, mentalities that can lead to the increase or decrease of interethnic tension at the macro and micro-social levels, stereotypes about different ethnic groups, construction of ethnic identity, attitudes towards and the level of knowledge about policies and legislation with impact on the minorities and about the public discourse about ethnic minorities in different context.

Project coordinator:
Monica Robotin
Period of implementation:
2003-2004
Budget 2003-2004:
6,000 USD
Geographical coverage:
national
Donor:
- Open Society Foundation Romania

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 seven studies selected were elaborated using the databases of the Barometer of Ethnic Relations, the editions of 1993-1996, 2000, 2001, and 2002. The papers 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 are highly applicable, so that the conclusions of the analyses can be used by decision-makers in their activities within the communities.

The papers selected will be published by the end of 2005 in the volume "Barometer of Ethnic Relations 1994-2002. A perspective on the interethnic climate of Romania" edited by Monica Robotin, Mircea Kivu and Gabriel Bădescu. The papers will provide 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. Raising awareness of the public opinion regarding issues of ethnic and religious minorities

Starting from a series of reports on ethnic and religious minorities, the project intends to call the attention of the general public to issues that minorities are faced with in Romania.

The project aims to prepare four reports based on a study conducted with the involvement of stakeholders in the field of ethnic relations and organizing debates on the conclusions of the reports in the media.

The four reports are published in the project's concluding volume "Challenges of Diversity. Public policies addressing national and religious minorities in Romania".

The addressed issues are:

I. Retrocession of Estate Belonging to Religious Minorities

The report entitled "Half measures" was written at the beginning of 2004 and launched in Bucharest on April 2nd, 2004.

II. Achievements and Failures of the Implementation of the Strategy for the Improvement of the Roma Situation

Launched on June 13th, 2004 in Bucharest, the report "A necessary change of strategy" presents the results of the implementation of the government's strategy for the improvement of the situation of the Roma three years after its adoption.

III. The Impact of the Hungarian Status Law Two Years from Its Coming into Force

The report "A law for (the same) status quo?" was launched in Cluj on November 4th, 2004 and presents the effects of the Hungarian Status Law after two years of implementation.

IV. Public policies related to national minorities in Romania

Launched on January 27th, 2005, the report "Minorities in transition" presents the situation regarding the representation of the 20 national minorities in the Parliament of Romania, the most significant problems of the ethnic communities and the manner in which these problems are approached by the minority organizations, how these organizations have spent public money allocated to them and the extent to which these organizations enjoy the credibility of the communities they represent.

Program coordinator:

Rarița Szakáts

Period of implementation:

2004

Budget:

8,490 EUR

Geographical coverage:

national

Donor:

-Embassy of the Netherlands,
MATRA KAP Program

Partners:

Romanian Institute of Recent
History, Bucharest



4.4. Database – Ethno-demographic structure of Romania

As part of the attempt to facilitate a better understanding of the interethnic climate in Romania and to support the development of policies adapted to the needs of ethnic minorities, EDRC has invested in the development of documentation sources and research regarding ethnocultural diversity. Since access to statistical, bibliographical and historic data concerning the presence of minorities in various regions of the country is essential for these efforts, EDRC together with the Research Institute for Ethnic and National Minorities of the Hungarian Academy of Science have developed a database.

Project coordinator:

Gábor Ádám

Period of implementation:

2004

Geographical coverage:

Romania

Budget 2004:

12,000 USD

Donor:

- Hungarian Academy of Science,
Research Institute for Ethnic and
National Minorities

1. *Ethno-demographic Structure of Romania* is a dynamic, database type instrument, which allows users to find the structure of the population of Romania, in each settlement, county and region, by ethnicity, religion, mother tongue, age and sex.
2. *Bibliographical resources on Roma of Romania* – database containing information on volumes and articles about the Roma in Romania.
3. *The map of conflicts between Roma and other local majority populations*
4. *Three case studies on the Roma of Romania*
5. *Non-governmental organizations of Roma of Romania*
6. *Legislation about minority rights in Romania.*

4.5. The conference "Texts of Power. Sources on Hungarians in Romania (1945-1989)"

Since its establishment, EDRC participated in elaborating and editing source publications on the situation of national and ethnic minorities in Romania during the communist regime. Within this activity, we thought that it would be necessary to organize a meeting for Hungarian and Romanian historians who research the field of minorities. The meeting offered the possibility to debate specific – methodological, research related and interpretation – problems occurred in the process of researching the Hungarians in Romania.

Project coordinator:

Gábor Ádám

Period of implementation:

2004

Geographical coverage:

Romania, Hungary

Budget 2004:

2,583 USD

Donor:

- Arany János Public Utility
Foundation for Science, Budapest

Between December 2nd - 4th, 2004, EDRC organized a conference for more than 30 historians – from Hungary, Romanians and Hungarians from Romania, an Italian and a French – who activate in the field of discovering recent history and who have published and made research in the field of the proposed topic.

The topics of the presented papers:

- Sources – how accessible are they in Hungary, Romania and Russia, in archives and personal libraries;
- The credibility of the written and oral sources;
- The problems of censorship and self-censorship, occurred during the analysis of the sources;
- Norms and practices of written processing of the documents selected for publication – how to read the official documents from the 1945-1989 period;





- Interpretation problems – how a historic, already elucidated view was formed on the period of communism;
- The comparative history of the nationalities in Romania

The debates were followed by a field study trip. The papers and debates presented in the conference will be published by EDRC in a volume.

4.6. DIVERS – news bulletin about ethnic minorities

Since 2001, CRDE has been supporting MEDIAFAX news agency to publish DIVERS – a weekly news bulletin reporting ethnic diversity in Romania. DIVERS is a weekly publication. 192 issues of the bulletin have been published by the end of 2004. Around 1000 people receive by e-mail and read on-line DIVERS weekly.

DIVERS is constantly used as information source 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 is accessible on-line at www.divers.ro.

Project coordinator:
Rarița Szakáts
Period of implementation:
2001-2004
Geographical coverage:
Romania
Budget 2001-2004:
18,000 USD
Donor:
- Open Society Foundation Romania

V. Multicultural education

5.1. 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:
Monica Robotin
Period of implementation:
2002, 2003, 2004
Geographical coverage:
Germany, Hungary, Romania
Budget 2004:
28,750 EUR
Donors:
- Union College, New York
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, New York

EDRC has been responsible for coordinating the activities of the project in Romania. In each of the last two editions of the program, two Romanian students from the Political Science Faculty from Cluj-Napoca benefited from the program together with the US students.

In Cluj-Napoca the students attend courses led by Irina Kántor, Levente Salat from the Faculty of Political Sciences and Ovidiu Pecican from the Faculty of European Studies of the Babeș-Bolyai University.





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 have declared their interest 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 were published in the tri-lingual volume *Romanian-Hungarian Relations and the French-German Reconciliation*, edited by Levente Salat and Smaranda Enache. The volume includes 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 2003-2004:

4,300 USD

Donor:

- Open Society Foundation Romania

Partner:

Pro Europa League

VII. Scholarship at the Central European University

7.1. Scholarships at the Central European University – Budapest, 2004-2005

The program is for students that seek to obtain a Master's degree or a doctoral degree at the Central European University of Budapest for the 2004-2005 academic year. Students with a BA from an accredited university or in the final year of their studies can apply to the program.

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).

Project coordinator:

Ágnes Veres

Period of implementation:

2000-2004

Geographical coverage:

Transylvania

Budget 2004:

7,280 USD

Donor:

- Central European University
Budapest



Scholarships awarded in 2004 to applicants in the Northwestern part of Romania:

No.	Name	Specialization, diploma
1	Antal Imola	Gender Studies, Doctoral Support Program
2	Barna Claudia - Lavinia	Political Science, MA
3	Câmpeanu Alexandru-Domitian	Political Science, MA
4	Daniel Cristian-Nicolae	Medieval Studies, MA
5	Dénes Ilona	History, MA
6	Flora Ágnes	Medieval Studies, PhD
7	Gui Raluca	Economics, MA
8	Guleran Ruxandra	Nationalism, MA
9	Huțanu Livia-Daniela	Economics, MA
10	Irimescu Elena	Medieval Studies, MA
11	Ivanovici Cristina	Gender Studies, MA
12	Lészai István	Environmental Sciences, MSc
13	Mătieș Bogdan Ionuț	Legal Studies, Human Rights, MA
14	Mercea Dan Mihai	Political Science, MA
15	Norocel Ovidiu Cristian	International Relations and European Studies, MA
16	Oancea Sever	History, MA
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18	Perneș Raluca Melania	Sociology, MA
19	Petrea Gabriella	Public Administration, MA
20	Pitulice Laura	Environmental Sciences, MSc
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22	Popa Diana	Gender Studies, MA
23	Săndescu Anca	Legal Studies, Human Rights, MA
24	Sipos Csilla	Economics, MA
25	Șuta Corin	Philosophy, PhD
26	Szabó Magdolna	Gender Studies, MA
27	Takacs Teodora	Gender Studies, MA
28	Tătar Marius	Political Science, MA
29	Zelinka Elisabeta	Gender Studies, MA
30	Horváth Anikó	Nationalism, MA
31	Ciui Leonard	History, MA



7.2. Scholarship for CEU Summer University - Budapest, 2004

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:

2000-2004

Geographical coverage:

Transylvania

Donor:

- Central European University
Budapest

For the summer of 2004, the most popular domains were cognitive science, history and cultural studies, history, philosophy and religion, legal studies, nationalism, philosophy, political economics, public policy, religion, sociology, anthropology, urban studies, Medieval studies, Asian, Roman studies, energetic studies.

Scholarships awarded in 2004 for applicants from the Northwestern part of Romania:

No.	Name	Course
1	Neamțu Mihail	Cosmologies of History: The Symbolic Organization of Time
2	Pálffy Zoltán	Cosmologies of History: The Symbolic Organization of Time
3	Pantea Maria	A Critical Basis for 21st Century Romani Studies
4	Rus Alin	A Critical Basis for 21st Century Romani Studies
5	Sala Tudor	Changing Intellectual Landscapes in Late Antiquity
6	Sata Kinga Koretta	Cosmologies of History: The Symbolic Organization of Time
7	Moarcăș Georgeta	Cosmologies of History: The Symbolic Organization of Time



Project coordinator:
Gábor Ádám
Period of implementation:
2000-2004

1. Ethnocultural Diversity in Romania Collection

The University of Kolozsvár / Cluj and the Students of the Medical Faculty (1872-1918)



The current work inaugurates a series consisting of four volumes dedicated to the “Franz Jozef” Hungarian University of Cluj; it presents the perspective provided by the analysis of student population, and it aims to lead to a synthesis that will celebrate this empirical effort.

The present volume focuses on the Faculty of Medicine, an establishment that had boasted a good tradition through the founding, as early as 1775, of an Institute of Medicine and Surgery in Cluj, and which enjoyed, for the entire period of the University a privileged, dominating status as compared to the other faculties.

Hungarians in Romania and the minority ethics (1920-1940)



The present volume is the continuation of two previous volumes published in the last two years, *Ethnocultural minorities. Documents. Hungarians of Romania*, which cover the interval 1945-1968, and which gather together the most important archival sources referring to the topic in question. In this context, in order to better understand the events presented in the previous books, it appeared necessary to also approach the period between the two world wars.

This is what the present volume aims to capture, in the 24 texts signed by 15 authors (Károly Kós, Miklós Krenner, Artúr Balogh, István Sulyok, Sándor Tavaszy, Dezső László, Sándor Makkai, Árpád Paál, József Venczel, Áron Tamási, Lajos Imre, Károly Molter, György Bernády, József Horváth and Armin Kabos), most of whom are prominent personalities of the Hungarian intellectual life in inter-war Romania. The Romanian reader is thus provided access to a wide range of readings, reflections that we hold essential in order to understand the various complex phenomena that occurred in the status as a ‘minority’ of the Hungarian population at the end of WW I. Moreover, the book reveals the manner in which this population built its own model of minority, which would lead to the preservation and development of their identity as a significant ethnic group.

A New Balance: Democracy and Minorities in Post-Communist Europe



In the perspective of the Eastern Enlargement of the European Union, the striking significance of solving the minority problems and building institutional frameworks for accommodating ethnocultural difference are emphasized by all the reports and recommendations of the international forum. Europe’s recent history displays several good practices and patterns of peaceful interethnic cohabitation, however the particularities of post-communist Europe require a thorough and careful redesign of these models according to local particularities.



The inclusion of the minorities into the executive decision making bodies of the country proved to be one attempt in creating patterns of accommodating minorities and assuring the preservation of their ethnic identity. The practice is recently present in Central and Eastern Europe, too, with considerable ongoing effects. In this context, the Ethnocultural Diversity Resource Center initiated a research to analyze the impact of minority participation in government in the first three cases from the area which employed this model: Romania (1996-2000), Macedonia (1998-2000) and Slovakia (1998-2000). The research was financed by the Local Government and Public Reform Initiative. The results of the research are included in this volume. The volume also contains an appendix with the main provisions related to minorities in the legislation of the Central and Eastern European countries.

The volume is published in Budapest by the Local Government and Public Reform Initiative, in the LGI series: Managing Multiethnic Communities Program Series.

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 Nastașă, 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 Transdnierster 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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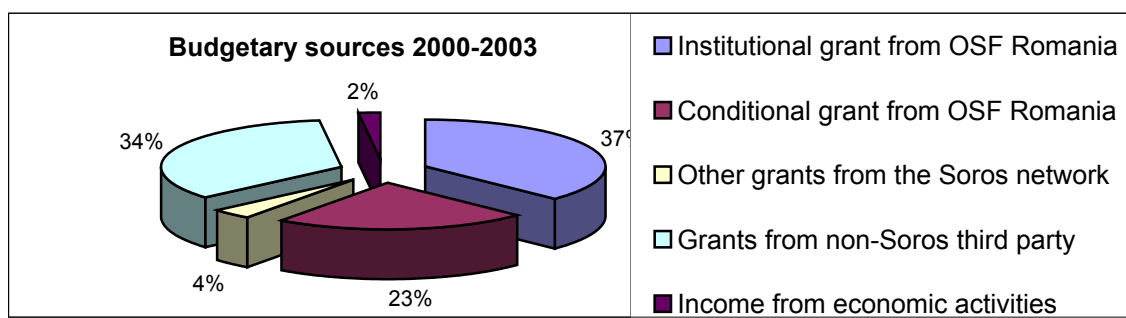
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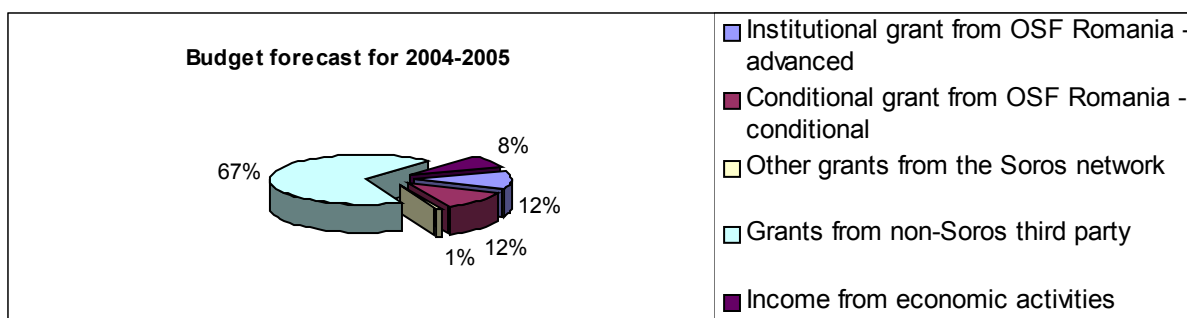


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Budgetary source	2000	2001	2002	2003	Total	%
Institutional grant from OSF Romania	\$470,655	\$251,016	\$52,295	\$118,000	\$891,966	37.2%
Conditional grant from OSF Romania	\$52,295	\$167,344	\$209,180	\$118,000	\$546,819	22.8%
Other grants from the Soros network	\$0	\$0	\$69,940	\$17,933	\$87,873	3.7%
Grants from non-Soros third party	\$52,295	\$167,344	\$216,561	\$389,274	\$825,474	34.4%
Income from economic activities	\$0	\$0	\$23,326	\$22,988	\$46,314	1.9%
Total budget:	\$575,245	\$585,704	\$571,302	\$666,195	\$2,398,446	100.0%



Budgetary source	2004	2005 (forecast)	Total	%
Institutional grant from OSF Romania - advanced	\$47,500	\$32,000	\$79,500	11.8%
Conditional grant from OSF Romania - conditional	\$47,500	\$32,000	\$79,500	11.8%
Other grants from the Soros network	\$7,880	\$0	\$7,880	1.2%
Grants from non-Soros third party	\$220,000	\$230,000	\$450,000	66.9%
Income from economic activities	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$56,000	8.3%
Total budget:	\$350,880	\$322,000	\$672,880	100.0%





Annex 1– List of projects 2000-2004

Good Governance in Multiethnic Communities

Conflict prevention and management in multicultural communities – Training modules for non-commissioned police officers

The program aims to prevent conflicts at the level of multicultural communities. It consists in a series of training sessions for non-commissioned police officers of the General Police Inspectorate and students of the Vasile Lascăr Police Officers' School in Câmpina, who work or will work in multicultural communities. The program also mediates the relations of the police and the local authorities with members of the communities in a series of meetings taking place at the local level.

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. In order to implement the objectives, three project-modules are envisaged: training for LPA staff, assistance in implementation of reforming measures at the local level and follow-up networking.

Community development in multiethnic communities

Improving interethnic relations in southeast Europe

The program aims to bring about long-term changes in interethnic relations in Romania. The activities are structured in two interconnected modules: a community facilitation module that is intended to produce long term changes and a grant-giving module that involves allocating funds that have an immediate impact at the level of the communities.

The Development of non-governmental organizations in rural areas to answer the needs of the community

The project aims at the sustainable development of organizations in the rural area in order to strengthen their capacities to answer the needs of local communities. The project is complementary to the program *Improving Interethnic Relations in Southeast Europe. Facilitating Multiethnic Community Change* developed by EDRC.

Fighting marginalization by encouraging people to play an active role in solving their own problems

The objective of the project is to fight the marginalization of disadvantaged social categories by involving them in learning activities (adult education, parents' education, education of young children, health education) that will help develop the adults' ability to play an active role in solving their own problems, and to contribute to their children's success in life.



Exploring the relationship between motivation, work and citizenship

Motivation is the basis for individuals to achieve their goals, while citizenship is an essential context in which personal, social and economic growth takes place. Within this framework, the project explores the relationship between individual motivation, work and citizenship.

New professional profiles in the activity of disadvantaged groups

The specificity of the work done in the benefit of the disadvantaged groups requires developing new professional profiles. In the last years these profiles have been defined better and better, the presence of the mediator, animator, facilitator or mentor in the community development activities has become almost a condition. The project analyzes these new professions, based on the experience of Romania, Portugal and France

Capacity building and human resource development in disadvantaged communities

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

European Integration

Europa Information Center

Starting 2003, EDRC hosts an European 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.

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.

Research and Documentation on Ethnic Minorities

The Documentation Center

EDRC Documentation Center hosts a collection of over 5,160 books and 168 titles of periodicals in the fields of political science, sociology, education, psychology, history, media, philosophy, religion, nationalism and law.

Barometer on Ethnic Relations

The program consists in a series of sociological surveys regarding ethnic identities and intercultural relations in Romania. The goal of the project is to obtain on annual basis reliable and credible statistical data on Ethnic Relations in Romania with special regards on situation and inter-group dynamic of the Romanian, Hungarian and Roma population.





Reports on the situation of minorities in Romania

The objective of the program is to write thorough reports about the situation of the national minorities in Romania. The reports contain historiographic, linguistic and sociological information, a long list of readings, and a complete list of addresses of the existing minority institutions.

Alter-Image - photo documentary on the national minorities in Romania

Alter-Image - photo documentary on the national minorities in Romania - includes an itinerant exhibition, an album and a multi-media CD-ROM.

Disseminating experiences of Roma projects 1990-2000

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.

Minorities in government – evaluating the impact of public policies from the perspective of minority participation in government

The project consists in a sectorial comparative international study of the impact of minority participation in government on the public policies adopted by governmental institutions in Romania, Macedonia and Slovakia.

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

The project aims to compare the policies on the status of minorities in the European Union, with the ones adopted by Albania, Greece, Hungary, Romania, Russia, Turkey and Yugoslavia, to monitor the laws' impact on minority policies in host-state, as well as upon the perspective to the EU accession.

Multicultural Education

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

Support for the educational success of disadvantaged children

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 program consists of two major modules: production of culturally relevant reading materials for children, especially of Roma ethnicity, and a mentoring-tutoring module.





Central Europe in Comparative Perspective – Partnership for Global Education

The program aimed to provide 22 American students from Hobart and William Smith College and Union College a broader perspective on the reality in Central Europe by attending courses in Germany, Romania and Hungary during the Fall semester.

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

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

In the framework of this project EDRC organized 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.

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.

Promoting Interethnic Dialogue

Institutionalizing interethnic dialogue

The project aims to carry out a survey on initiatives of Romanian-Hungarian dialogue between 1990-2001 and their impact on the Romanian-Hungarian relations in general.

Interethnic partnerships

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

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.





Scholarships, internships

Scholarships at the Central European University - CEU, Budapest, 2004-2005

It offers master's and doctoral programs for the academic year 2005-2006 for the students in their last year of study or for persons who have earned a first degree from a recognized university or institution of higher education.

Scholarships at Summer University (SUN) - CEU Budapest, 2004

It offers 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

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.



Annex 2– Books published in 2000-2004

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
24	<i>A New Balance: Democracy and minorities in post-communist Europe, 2003</i>	Monica Robotin Levente Salat	<i>Diversitate Etnoculturală în România</i>	9639419753
25	<i>Maghiarii din România și etica minoritară</i>	Lucian Năstasă, Levente Salat	<i>Diversitate Etnoculturală în România</i>	973-86239-1-x
26	<i>Universitatea din Kolozsvár/Cluj și studenții Facultății de Medicină (1872-1918)</i>	Karády Victor Lucian Nastasă	<i>Diversitate Etnoculturală în România</i>	973-86239-3-6

