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# The Journey to a Positive Change

When I arrived in Romania by car in March 2008 to take up my posting as ambassador here, my first impression was that I had returned to the Norwegian countryside of my youth, where I grew up. Entering Romania in Oradea and driving through beautiful Transylvania, I saw herds of sheep and cows with their shepherds and dogs. I saw families travelling by horse and carriage, I saw traditional villages seemingly undisturbed and undestroyed by modernity. I also saw old medieval towns and fortified churches, very different from anything Norwegian but unique in their beauty.

This was my first impression of Romania and the first impression is very important.

Later I have of course learned that Romania is much more than beautiful mountains, old towns and churches. It is certainly one of the most beautiful countries in Europe but also a country with more contrasts and differences - between regions, between cities and countryside and between social groups - than most other countries in our part of the world.

Historically the bilateral relations between Romania and Norway have been limited in scope. This is not surprising given our geographic location in two opposite corners of Europe. The cold war and the iron curtain created a political distance in addition to the geographic one.

Romania's liberation in 1989 and her accession to NATO in 2004, to the EU and the European Economic Area in 2007 opened up a wide door towards bilateral cooperation with Norway and other Western countries. Since the 1990s the business relations between Norway and Romania have experienced a rapid development in line with the overall bilateral relations between the two countries after 1990 in every field; from trade and investments to high-level political visits, student exchanges, tourism and cultural cooperation. There has been a strong and constant increase in Norwegian interests towards the Romanian market and investments in the country over the last few years. Over 60 Norwegian companies have established activities in Romania, from IT and shipbuilding to tele-presence solutions, food processing, engineering and alternative energy.

Through the EEA/EFTA Financial Mechanism with contributions also from Iceland and Liechtenstein, and the Norwegian Cooperation Programme for Romania a new platform has been created which will foster new partnerships between Romanian and Norwegian businesses as well as other entities. The EEA and Norwegian grants make available Euro 98.5 million in project assistance to Romania from 2009 to 2011, and have already created new possibilities and opportunities for cooperation between our business communities.

Through the EEA Financial Mechanism, administered by the Romanian Ministry of Public Finance as National Focal Point, 40 projects developed by Romanian companies, organizations and institutions have been selected to receive grants. In addition, another 47 projects developed by Romanian NGOs in different priority areas have already received funding under the first round of the EEA NGO Fund, operated in Romania by the Civil Society Development Foundation and its partners: Carpathian Foundation and Environmental Partnership Foundation. In parallel, under the Norwegian Cooperation Programme with Romania, administered by Innovation Norway, 29 projects developed as partnerships between Norwegian and Romanian entities are now benefiting from funding.

On December 18, 2009 Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein agreed with the EU on a new package of financial assistance for the countries in Central and Eastern Europe for the period up to 2014. Under this agreement, the financial contribution to Romania from the 3 EEA/EFTA states will triple and Norway will become the largest bilateral donor country to Romania.

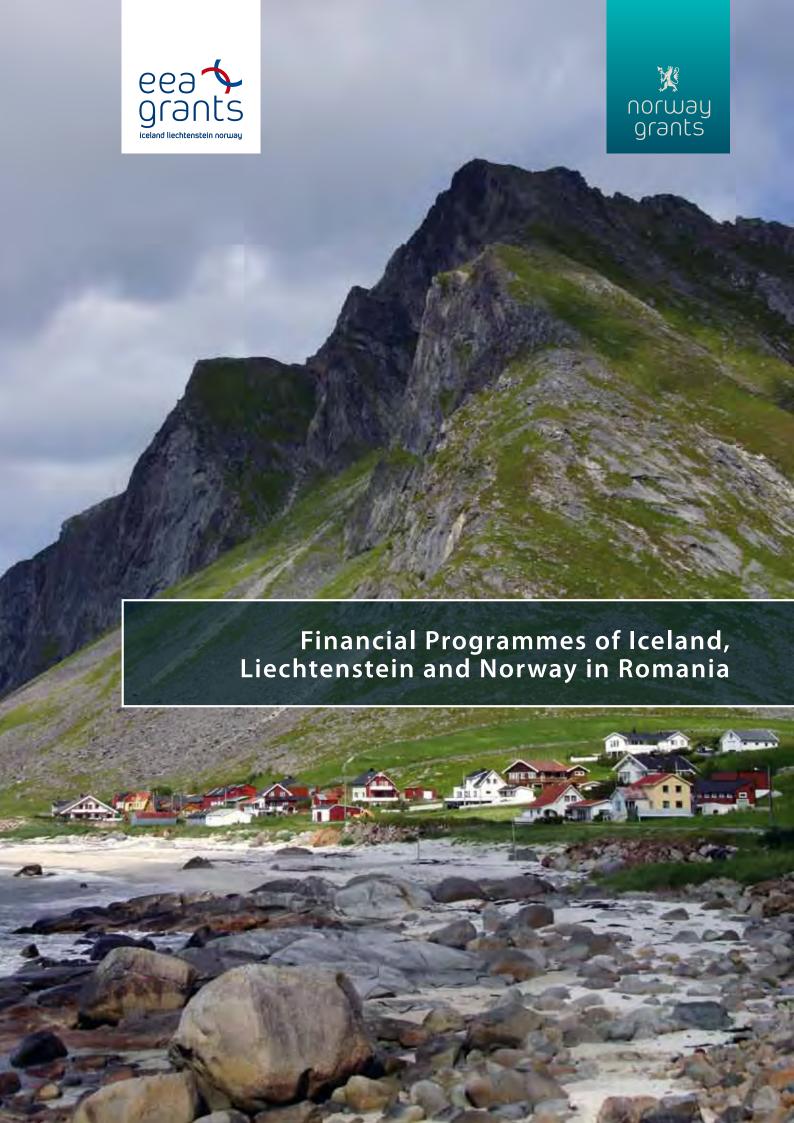
At home Norwegians have tried to establish a society built on equality and solidarity. Through the above mechanisms we are doing our utmost to contribute to the realization of these values in Romania as well. It is an expression of solidarity with Romania - a country in transformation. But it is also an expression of self-interest: A modern, well-functioning and wealthy Romania is a more valuable partner for Norway in Europe.

We would like to see an increase in the standard of living, more equality and solidarity to develop in Romania. But we certainly do not hope that the rich Romanian culture and the rich cultural heritage which I observed when I first entered the country will become more like the Norwegian one. Europe and European culture means diversity, variety, heterogeneity, freedom and differences.

On this basis we will come closer together.



**H. E. Øystein Hovdkinn** Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to Romania and the Republic of Moldova



# Moving Ahead Together

The three EEA/EFTA states - Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway - are integrated in the EU Single Market through the European Economic Area Agreement (EEA), without being members of the EU. All EU members also become parties to the EEA Agreement. As a result of its adhesion to the European Union, Romania joined the EEA in 2007. The EEA Agreement makes Romania and Norway partners in the EU Single Market and gives the two countries the opportunity to increase cooperation and trade.

Within the framework of the EEA Agreement, the three EEA/ EFTA States allocated a total of Euro 98.5 million to Romania for the period 2009-2011, in order to finance development projects in key sectors for the development of the country, such as: environment, energy efficiency, sustainable production, health and childcare, cultural heritage preservation and human resources development. Norway contributes with Euro 95.5 million of the total fund allocation.

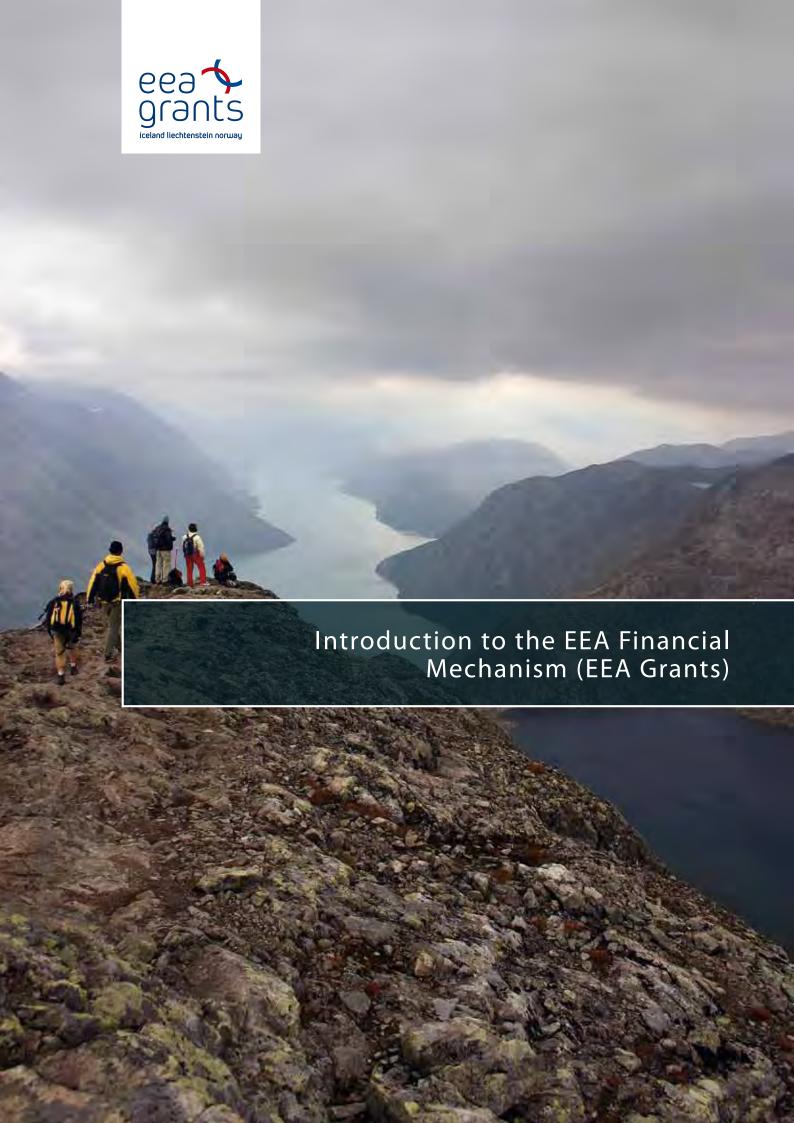
The funding assistance is channelled through two different grants schemes:

- The EEA Financial Mechanism (EEA Grants).
- The Norwegian Cooperation Programme with Romania (Norway Grants)

Both programmes were launched in Romania in November 2007, with the overall objective to contributing to social and economic cohesion in Romania.

The EEA and Norway Grants are Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway's contribution to reducing social and economic disparities in Europe. The values incorporated in the EEA and Norway Grants scheme are: solidarity, because it reduces economic disparities in Europe, opportunity, since it is supporting the new EU countries in integrating themselves in Europe and finally cooperation, which sets aim to strengthen the bilateral political and economic cooperation between Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway and the beneficiary state.

A total of 15 beneficiary EU-member states in Central and Southern Europe benefit from Euro 1.3 billion for the period May 2004 – April 2009: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain. Norway's contribution is 97% of the total funds. Project activities under the present agreements will run until April 30, 2011.



# Acting Today for a Better Tomorrow

The EEA Financial Mechanism (EEA Grants) makes available Euro 50.5 million to Romania in project assistance, of which Euro 48.5 million represents Norway's contribution. Projects developed by Romanian public entities and NGOs are supported through this mechanism in four priority areas: protection of the environment, human resource development, health and childcare and conservation of cultural heritage.

The EEA Grants programme is administered by the Romanian National Focal Point (NFP) represented by the Romanian Ministry of Public Finance (MoPF). The MoPF departments involved in the management of EEA grants are in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding for the implementation of the EEA grants 2004-2009: the Authority for Coordination of Structural Instruments, Central Finance and Contracting Unit, Certifying and Payment Authority and Central Harmonization Unit for Public Internal Audit.

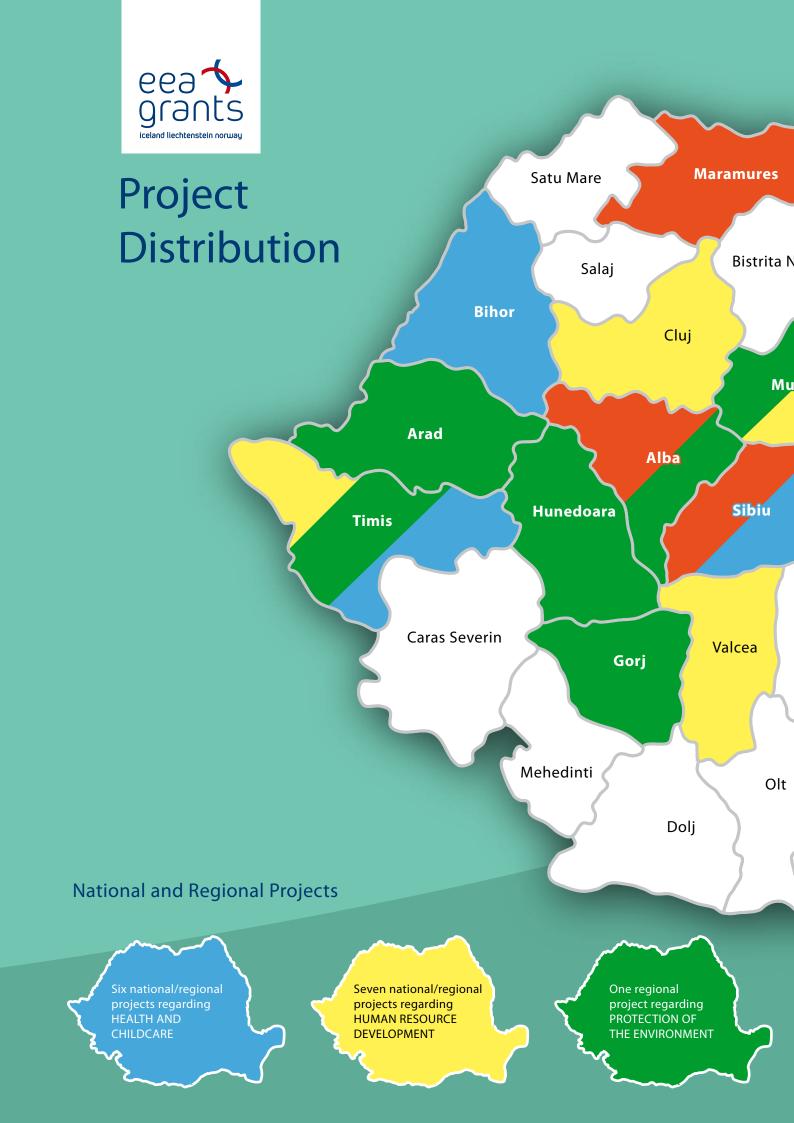
A Financial Mechanism Office (FMO) in Brussels functions as the daily secretariat of the EEA grants. The NFP received and evaluated project applications before they were sent to the FMO for further evaluation and decision.

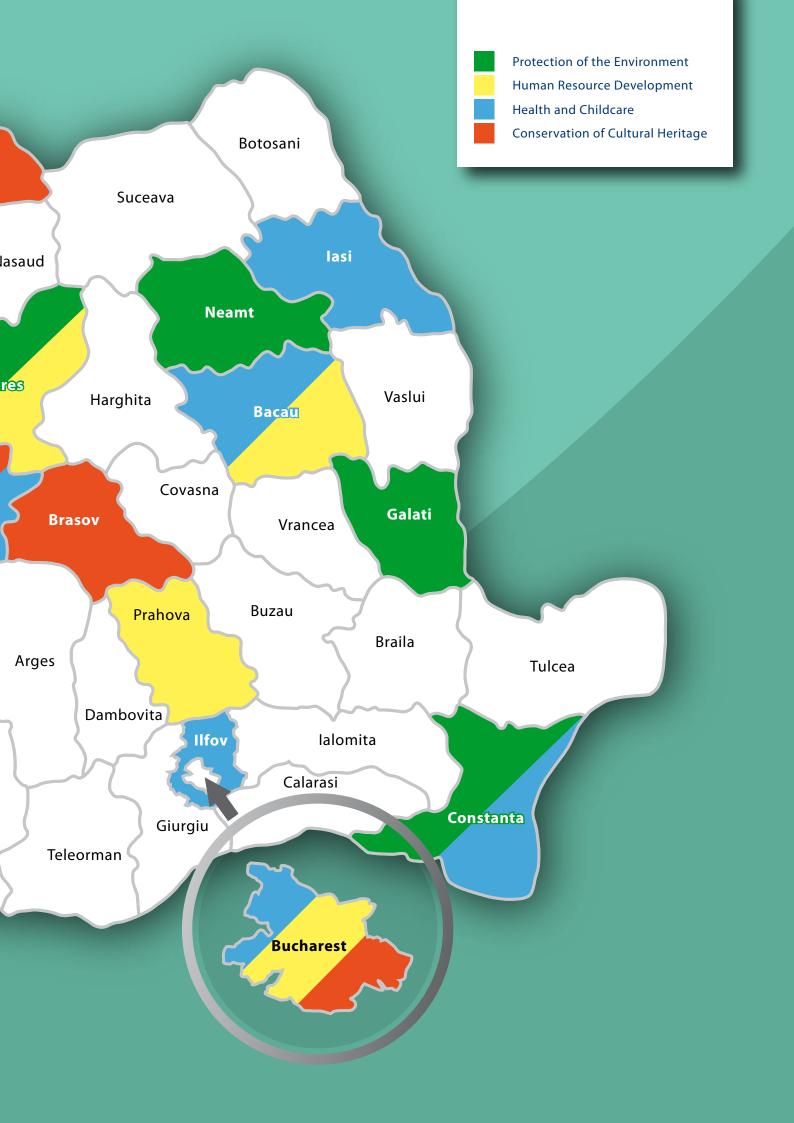
A total of 95 project proposals amounting to Euro 100 million were received during the only call for proposal opened between March – June 2008, out of which 75 projects were declared eligible and evaluated by NFP. 40 individual projects were approved by the deadline of April 30, 2009, amounting Euro 50,109,800 out of which Euro 40,566,861 represents the grant awarded.

Projects and grant values approved under the EEA Grants programme by priority sectors:

- Environment protection 10 projects approved with a total grant value of Euro 12,734,241;
- Cultural heritage 6 projects approved with a total grant value of Euro 8,092,337;
- Health and childcare 11 projects approved with a total grant value of Euro 14,008,914;
- Human resources and administrative capacity development 13 projects approved with a total grant value of Euro 5,731,369.

For more information about the EEA Grants and the approved projects you can visit: http://www.fonduri-ue.ro/eeagrants/and www.eeagrants.org.





# The EEA NGO Fund

A distinct NGO Fund for Romania was established within the EEA Financial Mechanism (EEA NGO Fund) to strengthen the civil society in Romania in view of ensuring participation of NGOs in the reduction of social and economic disparities in the EEA countries.

The EEA NGO Fund amounting to Euro 5 million supports projects developed by Romanian NGOs within certain thematic areas such as protection of human rights, anti-discrimination and social inclusion, support to children and youth, social services, environment, and conservation of cultural heritage. The Fund operates with two grant schemes: large and medium-size grants up to Euro 125,000 and small scale grants up to Euro 15,000. The local Operator of the EEA NGO Fund in Romania is the Civil Society Development Foundation (CSDF) in partnership with the Carpathian Foundation - for the small grants on cultural heritage, and the Romanian Environment Partnership Foundation (REPF) - for the small grant scheme in environment protection.

A total number of 927 project applications by Romanian NGOs

were submitted within deadlines in the two calls for proposals under the NGO Fund. 115 projects were finally approved to receive funding in the two rounds:

- 46 projects amounting to 2,069,347 were approved in the first call for proposals in 2008, out of which Euro 1,758,182 represented the awarded grants;
- 69 more projects were approved in the second application round of 2009 with a total project value of Euro 3,307,862, out of which Euro 2,825,711 represents the total value of the grants.

A total of 64 projects received large and medium-size grants up to Euro 125,000 Euro, whilst 51 received small grants up to Euro 15,000. All the projects selected in the two application rounds are currently being implemented.

For more information on the EEA NGO Fund and the projects approved, you may visit: www.fdsc.ro.

# The EEA Scholarship Fund

The EEA "Fund for Supporting International Mobility Programme for Students and Teachers" (the EEA Scholarship Fund) for Romania is part of the EEA Financial Mechanism.

The purpose of the Fund is to support the transnational mobility of students and academic staff from Romanian higher education institutions to universities in the three EEA/ EFTA countries, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein. It runs from February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011. The total value of the Scholarship Fund is Euro 1,100,000, out of which Euro 935,000 come from the EEA Financial Mechanism. The National Agency for Community Programmes in the Field of Education and Vocational Training (ANPCDEFP) was appointed in 2008 as administrator of the EEA Scholarship Fund in Romania.

Through the Scholarship Fund, students can benefit of scholarships of 1,000 Euro/month for a period of 3 to 12 months. Academic staff can undertake such mobilities for 1 to 4 weeks for a scholarship value of 1,000 Euro/week without

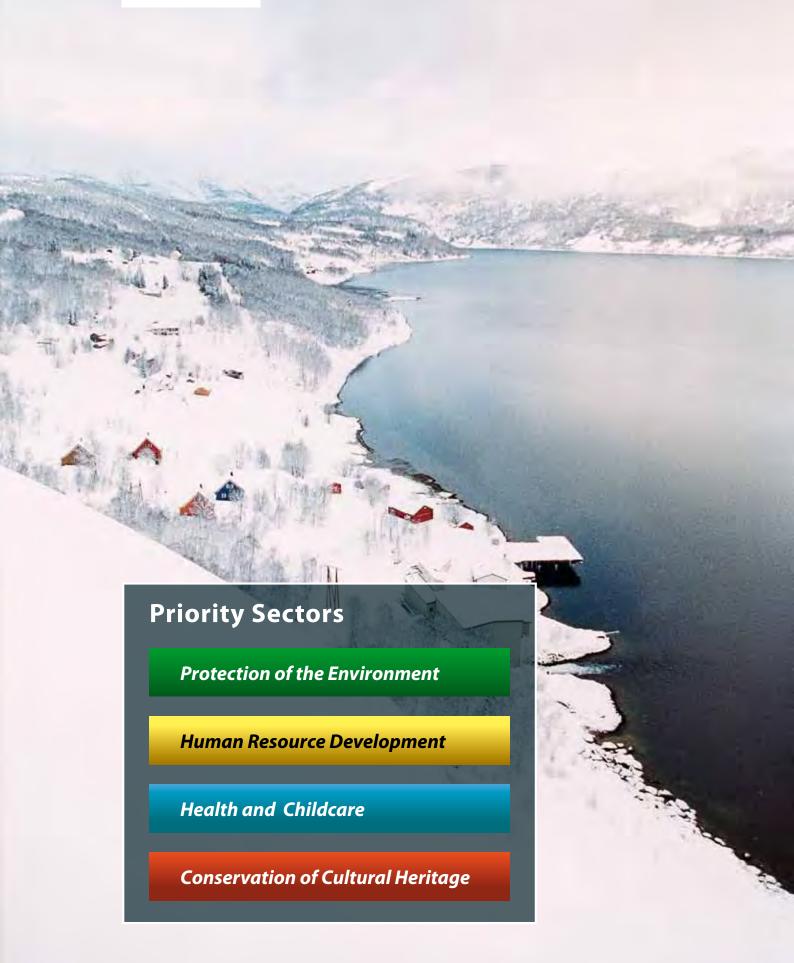
exceeding a maximum of Euro 3,500 for the whole mobility period. Following the evaluation and selection process, 19 Romanian universities signed bilateral agreements with 21 universities from Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein.

To date, 74 students and 7 academic staff from the 19 Romanian universities have already benefited from such academic mobilities in the three donor countries in the academic year 2009-2010. A new group of beneficiaries from the same Romanian universities will be selected in 2010, for the first semester of the academic year 2010-2011.

For further information, please consult the website of the Scholarship fund intermediary: www.anpcdefp.ro.



# **Projects funded under EEA Grants**









# Diking Bistrita River Banks in the Waste Management Unit, Piatra Neamt

The project aims to protect the municipal landfill of Piatra Neamt city, in Neamt County, against flooding, with the objective of improved protection of water quality and human health in the city. This will be achieved by establishing a better dike to protect the municipal landfill from flooding. The dike will be dimensioned to withstand 40-year floods.

The local municipal landfill in Piatra Neamt consists of two watertight storage cells situated close to Bistrita River. Precipitation on the landfill is drained from the bottom layer and treated in the municipal wastewater treatment plant. The current dike is not adequately dimensioned to resist floods larger than a five year period. Thus, every fifth year during

floods, the storage cells overflow and water enters into the landfill. It then seeps through the waste and down to the drainage system, resulting in an overload of the wastewater treatment system. At the same time, the whole sewerage system is overloaded during these periods and untreated water may enter the water bodies through the spillways of the sewerage system. This represents both a pollution problem and a health hazard.

The planned dike to be built by Piatra Neamt Municipality through the project will be sufficiently long to allow for a future extension of the landfill including storage facilities for electrical and electronic equipment waste.

# Project promoter: Piatra Neamt Municipality, Romania Type of applicant: Local public authority Grant amount awarded: € 2,513,361 Grant rate: 85% Planned project duration: 9 months

Partners:	
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Type of partner:	
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Total project cost:	
€ 2,956,895	
Project no:	
RO0015	
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Project web-site:	
www.primariapn.ro	

# Monitoring System for the Quality of Water Intended for Human Consumption, Produced and Distributed by Romanian Companies

The aim of the project is to develop a plan for improvement of potable water quality distributed to the final consumer, with the overall goal of improving public health in Romania. This will be achieved by elaborating strategies for how the drinking water supply systems can be improved.

There is a direct link between drinking water and public health. Currently, in some parts of Romania drinking water does not always meet the necessary quality requirements. This represents a risk to public health.

The project promoter, headquartered in Bucharest, will investigate and assess the drinking water supply chain (i.e. from the raw water source to the final consumer) of two water suppliers to identify the causes leading to degradation of the water quality. Based on the findings, measures will be proposed to optimise these systems. The outputs will also serve for the elaboration of strategies to improved drinking water supply systems in view of improved water quality and hence improved public health.



### Project promoter:

The National Research and Development Institute for Industrial Ecology (INCD ECOIND), Romania

### *Type of applicant:*

National research institution

### Grant amount awarded:

€ 650,000

### Grant rate:

81.25%

### *Planned project duration:*

24 months

### Partners:

SINTEF, Norway

### *Type of partner:*

Private research institution

### Total project cost:

€ 800,000

### Project no:

RO0016

### Project web-site:

www.incdecoind.ro





# Improvement of the Structure and Efficiency of Small Horizontal Axis Wind Generators with Non-regulated Blades, Timisoara

The purpose of the project is to create a full scale operative wind generator based on newly developed technology, with the overall objective of reducing the cost of the energy produced and the impact on the environment, as well as increasing the use of renewable energy. The project promoter offers previous research and interdisciplinary research teams with considerable, long-term experience in small wind power generators and expertise in such type of projects.

A sustainable power solution for remote and scarcely populated areas will be tested and refined in the course of the projects, as an alternative to large scale wind farms. Study and research of horizontal turbine types and construction will be performed, as well as analysis and research on cost reduction possibilities.

The expected result of the project is an improvement of the efficiency of the small wind generators and simplifying their construction so that an overall price reduction will make them more attractive for use in urban areas, as well as in remote areas where the electricity grid is not yet in place.

A fully functional, real-life prototype will be entirely manufactured and assembled by "Politehnica" University of Timisoara, Timis County, as one of the project's results in order to test newly-designed rotors and electronic power converters. The prototype wind generator will be installed in a remote area in Timisoara with an identified, suitable wind pattern.

### Project promoter:

Faculty of Automation and Computer Science, "Politehnica" University of Timisoara, Romania

### *Type of applicant:*

Public education/research institution

### Grant amount awarded:

€ 1,028,500

### Grant rate:

85%

### Planned project duration:

22 months

### Partners:

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### Type of partner:

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### Total project cost:

€ 1,210,000

### Project no

RO0018

### Project web-site:

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# Enhancement of Water Resources Management in the Mures River Basin

The overall objective of the project is sustainable usage of the water resources in Mures River basin, in Mures County, Transylvania. This will be achieved by establishing a modern modelling tool, the MIKE SHE model, for the water resources management in Tarnava Mica River, which is part of the greater Mures river basin. A future extension of the system will be possible once the utility of such a tool is determined in a smaller and limited part of the basin.

Romania has suffered periodic droughts in recent years. The area experiencing droughts enlarges from southern regions to central and western part of the country. Climatic scenarios expect a further increase of average annual temperature as well as amplification of extremes. Decline in groundwater level and changes in surface water regime might result in undesirable effects on biodiversity, the society and the economy. Various scenarios for the water basin based on varying hydrological

parameters could be stimulated through the new complex modelling tool.

As part of the project, new monitoring stations will be established. The data collection system will also be improved in order to provide reliable, representative and sufficient data to be fed into the new model. Both the national and regional authorities will receive advice and training from the Norwegian partners in relation to monitoring and assessment of the water basin and in the use of the new modelling tool.

Once the model has been installed and tested, development of a strategy for expanding the system to the national level will commence. The project serves as a prototype for detail treatment of other river basins across Romanian territory.

### Project promoter:

The National Institute of Hydrology and Water Management, Romania

### *Type of applicant:*

Public research institution

### Grant amount awarded:

€ 1,178,438

### Grant rate:

79.84%

### *Planned project duration:*

24 months

### Partners:

- 1. Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate (NVE)
- 2. DHI Norway
- 3. Mures Water Directorate, Romania

### Type of partner:

- 1. Natio nal public authority
- 2. Private entity
- 3. Local public authority

### Total project cost:

€ 1,476,000

### Project no:

RO0019

### Project web-site:

www.inhga.ro

## Sewerage Network and Wastewater Treatment Plant for "Tudor Vladimirescu" Chest Hospital, Gorj

The project aims at modernization of the sewerage network and the wastewater treatment plant of the Tudor Vladimirescu Chest Center in Suseni village, Gorj County. The overall objective of the project is the development of sustainable wastewater collection and reduction of water pollution.

The Centre was built in 1940 as a treatment facility for lung diseases. It was partially rehabilitated in 1990. The existing 1.4 kilometre long sewerage system made of concrete pipes is no longer in adequate condition. In some parts of the sewerage system the minimum side benching is no longer provided, these parts being blocked-up. Moreover, the sealing of some

pipes is no longer functional, leading to soil infiltration. The current 35-year old treatment plant is also faulty.

The activities and results under the project include the procurement of design services, engineering and construction works; modernisation of the local sewer lines, modernisation of the existing treatment plant and construction of an additional unit for the plant. The project is in compliance with the provision of the Community Regulations under the EU Water Framework Directive, as well as with the Regional Development Strategies.



# Project promoter: Gorj County Council, Romania Type of applicant: Local public authority Grant amount awarded: € 1,052,663 Grant rate: 85% Planned project duration: 15 months

Partners:	
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Type of partner:	
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Total project cost:	
€ 1,258,497	
Project no:	
RO0020	
Project web-site:	
www.cjgorj.ro	
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# Conservation of the Biodiversity of the "Breite Ancient Oak Tree" Nature Reserve, Sighisoara

The project developed by the Mihai Eminescu Trust aims to secure the long term conservation of the beautiful and unique oak reserve in the Breite Plateau in Mures County, Transylvania. This will be achieved by improving the biodiversity and habitat conservation in the area through active management interventions, improvement of knowledge and community participation.

The Breite Plateau occupies 70 hectares in the vicinity of the old medieval Sighisoara town. It plays host to the best preserved oak wood pasture in Central and Eastern Europe. This oak forest is the creation of a rich and diverse natural environment, mixed with eight centuries of local Saxon culture. The trees range between 300 and 500 years of age, with some trees possibly being as old as 800 years. Due to the uniqueness of the landscape, the plateau has been recognised

as a protected area under the Romanian legislation. In March 2006 Mihai Eminescu Trust became co-custodians for the reserve along with Sighisoara City Council for the following 5 years and has developed a management plan.

The project includes a broad range of activities including: implantation of a specific habitat and measures for species conservation; completing the scientific database on biodiversity and ecology information on the Breite reserve; development of infrastructure for public use such as information panels, waste collection and establishment of a ranger service; elaboration of a long term strategy; media campaign, website improvement, public information, education and involvement campaign. Amongst others, the activities will involve 500 pupils from Sighisoara in planting young oak trees as well as organizing a one-day oak festival.



Project promoter:	
Mihai Eminescu Trust, Romania	
Type of applicant:	
NGO	
Grant amount awarded:	
€ 264,688	
Grant rate:	
81.39%	
Planned project duration:	
24 months	

Partners:	
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Type of partner:	
Type of partner.	
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Total project cost:	
€ 325,210	
Project no:	
Project no:	
RO0022	
Project web-site:	
www.mihaieminescutrust.org www.breite.ro	



# Conservation of Bio- and Geodiversity, as Support for Sustainable Development and Economic and Social Growth in the Hateg-Retezat Area

The project aims at developing means and methods for monitoring, conservation and sustainable use of bio- and geo-diversity in the Hateg-Retezat area, in Hunedoara County, Transylvania. The ultimate objective of the project is to increase the level of conservation and sustainable capitalisation of biological and geo-mineralogical diversity in Romania, especially in the Hateg-Retezat area.

The Romanian Academy, the highest cultural forum in Romania, owns a property in the "General Berthelot" village, in Hunedoara County, consisting of three 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings. Through the project, the three buildings will be restored and transformed into a modern research and conference centre with exhibition space, laboratories and hosting facilities. The centre will focus on elaborating biodiversity and sustainable development research and studies in cooperation with the

University in Bucharest. Conferences and seminars will be organised for academics as well as for the general public.

The main output of the new centre is planned to be the long-term maintenance of the biodiversity within the protected areas in Retezat region through the adoption of management plans based on scientific knowledge. The project also plans to find suitable ways of reducing the impact of human activities on biodiversity by supporting sustainable development activities in the project area. Awareness raising campaigns will be organized by the project promoter together with the Intercommunal Association "Tara Hategului", as well as research and studies on strengthening the economic development in the project area.

### Project promoter:

The Romanian Academy

### *Type of applicant:*

Public research institution

### Grant amount awarded:

€ 1,579,865

### Grant rate:

82.48%

### Planned project duration:

18 months

### Partners:

- 1. The University of Bucharest, Romania
- 2. The inter-communal Association "Tara Hategului", Romania

### *Type of partner:*

- 1. Public education/research institution
- 2.NGO

### Total project cost:

€ 2,040,762

### Project no:

RO0023

### Project web-site:

www.acad.ro

# Efficient Management of Protected Areas from Apuseni Mountains, Alba County

The project aims to complete the construction of the Training Centre in Rimetea commune, Alba County, and increase the capacity to efficiently manage the protected areas in Alba County. The overall objective of the project is to contribute to protection and conservation of existing and future areas of Natura 2000 sites in the Trascau, Metaliferi and Muntele Mare mountains, in Alba County.

Albamont Ecology and Mountain Tourism Club supports the sustainable development in the picturesque Apuseni mountains, Western Romania, by promoting responsible tourism, cultural and moral values, tradition.

The project activities include finalising construction of the Training Centre in Rimetea and the organisation of training courses and workshops on efficient management of protected areas for custodians and administrators. Other NGOs interested in environmental work will also be able to use this centre to increase their competence and as an area research point.

Three Tourist Information Points will be established through the project. Studies on biodiversity conservation measures for ten protected areas, followed by monitoring and evaluation, are also amongst the planned outputs of the project.



Project pro	moter:	
Albamont E (EMTC), Ron		untain Tourism Club
Type of app	licant:	
NGO		
Grant amo	unt awarded:	
€ 420,103		
Grant rate:		
84.67%		
Planned pr	oject duration:	
23 months		

Partners:	
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Type of partner:	
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Total project cost:	
€ 496,165	
Project no:	
RO0024	
Project web-site:	
www.albamont.ro	

# Expanding the Sewage System, Rehabilitating the Delivery Pipe and Solving Issues Connected to Sewage in Cumpana Commune, Constanta

The project aims to extend the sewage network in Cumpana commune in Constanta County. Out of the total 4,500 households in Cumpana, only 750 are connected to the public sewage system. The overall objective of the project is the development of sustainable wastewater collection and reduction of water pollution.

The commune has a developed infrastructure for collecting wastewater. Household wastewater is collected only in certain areas where gravitational collection to the existing,

rehabilitated waterworks was possible. The ultimate goal of the project is to improve the living conditions in the South-East Region by providing additional sewage services to the population.

The project activities imply the selection of design services, engineering and construction works for the extension of the sewage network by 23 km. In addition, two waterworks stations will be built, while two pump stations and the existing channels will be rehabilitated.



# Project promoter:

Local Council of Cumpana Commune, Constanta County, Romania

### *Type of applicant:*

Local public authority

### Grant amount awarded:

€ 2,240,050

### Grant rate:

63%

### Planned project duration:

24 months

### Partners:

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### Type of partner:

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### Total project cost:

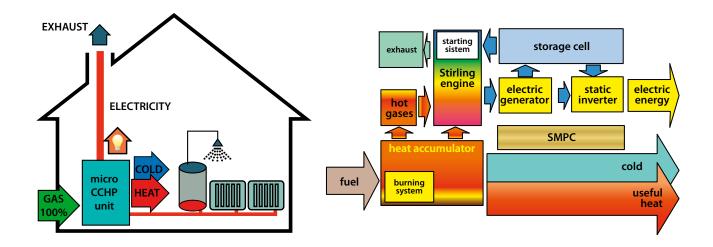
€ 3,559,590

### Project no:

RO0026

### Project web-site:

www.primaria-cumpana.ro



# Integrated Micro CCHP - Stirling Engine Based on Renewable Energy Sources for the Isolated Residential Consumers from South-Eastern Regions of Romania

Partners:

The purpose of the project is to design a methodology for developing a trigeneration mCCHP-SE system (micro Combined Cooling, Heating and Power generation) for residential homes not connected to the power grid in the South-Eastern region of Romania. The overall goal of the project is the protection of the environment by reducing the emission of pollutants into the atmosphere.

The project plans to establish a formal mathematical model, design lay-out and technology for advanced energy conversion systems generating cooling, heating and power from widely available renewable energy sources in remote areas. To this end, an experimental home with an indoor climate control and power supply independent from utility grids will be built in the campus of the project promoter, "Dunarea de Jos" University of Galati, in Galati County. The new system will use a Stirling engine which can generate power by using different heat sources such as biomass, solar and even coal and liquid fuel. The house will be used as an R&D education facility later

Project promoter:
 "Dunarea de Jos" University of Galati, Romania

Type of applicant:
Public education/research institution

Grant amount awarded:
 € 1,776,573

Grant rate:
 60%

Planned project duration:
 23 months

on. The new solution is suitable for buildings in remote areas which are not included in the local plans of electricity grid extension.

After completing the demonstration house, the project will perform functional testing of the experimental model and development of the experimental plan; processing and interpretation of experimental data; and development of the mCCHP-SE system design methodology and documentation.

## 1. SINTEF Technology and Society, Norway 2. "Politehnica" University of Bucharest, Romania 3. The Electrotechnics/Electrical Engineering Institute (ICPE-SA), Romania 4. The Company for Research-Design and **Production of Automatic Installations** (S.C. IPA-SA), Romania *Type of partner:* 1. Private research institution 2. Public education/research institution 3. Private entity 4. Private entity Total project cost: € 2,960,955 RO0054 Project web-site: www.ugal.ro www.mcchp.ugal.ro





# Establishing Three Therapeutic Communities in Rahova, Jilava and Targsor Penitentiaries

The goal of the project is to establish therapeutic communities for drug-using inmates in three prisons, with the ultimate objective of strengthening the capacity of human resources involved in providing services and social reintegration support for drug-using inmates in Romania.

The General Inspectorate of Romanian Police will establish therapeutic communities for drug-addicted inmates in Rahova, Jilava and Targsor prisons in Romania which host about 250 drug-addicted inmates overall. In these communities, the target group will learn to take responsibility for their actions and come to terms with negative patterns of thinking, feeling

and behaving and to embrace a positive social attitude and behavior that can help them to achieve a responsible, drug-free life. The project activities cover the following steps of addiction treatment; counselling and further social reintegration of the inmates.

The establishment of the therapeutic communities will involve some necessary rehabilitation of prison facilities and purchase of equipment, specialised training to 30 professionals who will work as specialists in the three prisons, study visits to Norwegian prisons for knowledge and experience exchange.

### Project promoter:

General Inspectorate of Romanian Police

### *Type of applicant:*

National public authority

### *Grant amount awarded:*

€ 305,996

### Grant rate:

85%

### *Planned project duration:*

23 months

### Partners:

- 1. Ministry of Justice and the Police, Norway
- 2. Ministry of Health and Care Services, Norway
- 3. Phoenix Haga Norway

### *Type of partner:*

- 1. National public authority
- 2. National public authority
- 3.NGO

### Total project cost:

€ 359,995

### Project no.

RO0034

### Project web-site:

www.ana.gov.ro www.politiaromana.ro

## Development of Modern Tools for Planning in Centru Region Using GIS Technology

The project aims at implementing a Geographic Information System (GIS) in the local authorities of Centru Region, with the required software, hardware, data and training for the staff using the new technology. Improved regional and local territorial planning and supporting an effective and transparent decision-making process in the Centru Region is the overall goal of the project.

Centru Regional Development Agency (ADR Centru) is a non-profit association of public utility comprising 6 Romanian counties: Alba, Brasov, Covasna, Harghita, Mures and Sibiu. It coordinates and implements regional development policies aiming at reducing regional disparities, having the role of assisting regional and county planners with relevant maps and analyses. This process is currently difficult due to the lack

of a unitary system for collection, storage and update of data to be processed.

Through the project, the data of the County Plans for Land Management will be converted into a new GIS at regional level for the purpose of having an interactive map of Centru Region and of developing new competences and skills in using the GIS tool for the staff working in territorial planning in the six counties. The new unitary database to be implemented in all the six counties, integrated in a webGIS portal, will enable the cartographic representation of the statistical data and allow transfer of data between the counties' authorities and ADR Centru. To support this endeavor, new equipment and software for the GIS system will be purchased and training in using GIS will be provided to the staff.



# Project promoter: Centru Regional Development Agency (ADR Centru), Romania Type of applicant: Regional public authority Grant amount awarded: € 294,000 Grant rate: 84% Planned project duration: 21 months

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Total project cost:	
€ 350,000	
Project no:	
RO0035	
Project web-site:	
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# Cultural Centres - Leaders in Community Development Through the Promotion of Cultural Heritage

The project aims at strengthening the institutional capacity of rural cultural houses and the County Boards for Culture and National Heritage under the Ministry of Culture and National Patrimony in six counties of Romania, namely lasi, Suceava, Gorj, Hunedoara, Valcea and Cluj. Increasing the efficiency and quality of public services in the cultural field in Romania is the final objective of the project.

The role of the rural cultural houses is, according to the Romanian legislation, to provide lifelong learning services in view of preserving and promoting the traditional cultural heritage. The project will support the development of the capacity of the local and central authorities, with particular focus on rural cultural houses. 114 managers of rural cultural houses and 6 counsellors of County Boards for Culture and

National Heritage will receive training on different levels with the support of the Norwegian project partner and of the Intercultural Institute Timisoara.

A second project activity implies the establishment of six fully equipped regional centres (in lasi, Suceava, Gorj, Hunedoara, Valcea and Cluj) and the selection of six cultural managers for the centres. Several other activities planned in the project will contribute to the expected results: a series of culture awareness events, a national forum on development of rural areas, publication of a practical guide on cultural houses development and a study trip to Norway. The Ministry of Culture and National Patrimony provides co-financing in the project and will also support the project at national level.

### Project promoter:

Centre for Rural Assistance, Romania

### *Type of applicant:*

NGO

### Grant amount awarded:

€ 251,506

### Grant rate:

85%

### Planned project duration:

23 months

### Partners:

- 1. Ministry of Culture and National Patrimony, Romania
- 2. Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research (NIKU)

### *Type of partner:*

- 1. Central public authority
- 2. Public research institute

### Total project cost:

€ 295,889

### Project no:

RO0036

### Project web-site:

www.rural-center.org



# Tools and Integrated Database for Territorial Planning in the CUA Area

The aim of the project is to develop new competences and skills for the staff of the Aries Urban Community (CUA) municipalities working with planning and territorial planning using new Geographical Information System (GIS) technologies. Strengthening administrative capacities of local government, and the efficiency and the transparency of the public services related to territorial planning in Romania constitute the overall goal of the project.

The project will be developed and implemented by Turda Municipality, Cluj County, in cooperation with ten local municipalities in the same county, namely Aiton, Calarasi, Campia Turzii, Frata, Luna, Mihai Viteazu, Petresti, Sandulesti, Tritenii de Jos and Viisoara, which form a network of

collaborating municipalities known as Aries Urban Community. Equipment required in territorial planning will be purchased through the project in order to establish standard GIS offices in all participating municipalities. Additionally, three special GIS offices will be established in Turda and Campia Turzii for data collection and modifications. Data like the General Urban Plans (maps and documents) and the County Plans for Urban Development (infrastructure and utilities) will be acquired through the project. A one-square kilometer topographic map will be also produced as part of the project that will serve in future mapping. Through a new web application, including a web-portal for "CUA-GIS Application", the municipalities will get internal access to different types of registers. The municipalities' staff will be trained in the new application.

# Project promoter: City Hall of Turda, Romania Type of applicant: Local public authority Grant amount awarded: € 466,054 Grant rate: 83.5% Planned project duration: 18 months

Ten local municipalities in Cluj	County, Romania
Type of partner:	
Local public authorities	
Total project cost:	
€ 558,148	
Project no:	
RO0037	
Project web-site:	
www.primturda.ro	

Partners:

# Innovative Tools and Models for Vocational Education and Training in Central and Western Romania

The project aims at stimulating and improving the interinstitutional partnership between vocational training centres and "Petru Maior" University in Targu-Mures, Mures County, to create a network for vocational education and training in central and western Romania. Improving the quality, accessibility and supply of vocational education and training services for further development of human resources is the ultimate goal of the project.

A study on the specification of the technical infrastructure, the required knowledge transfer and the practical organisation

of training delivery will be carried out as part of the project. Trainer instruction activity is included in the project, as well as the establishment of vocational training in ICT and video infrastructure, delivering a range of new pedagogical methods that will be of benefit to the relationship between the education system and the local community.

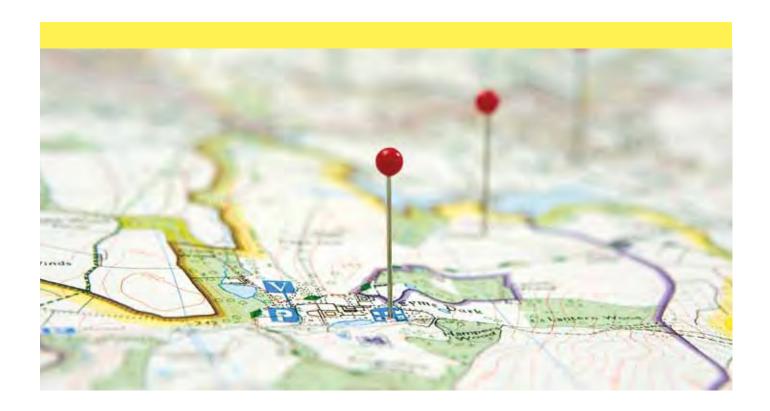
The training courses will be offered both to the industry and schools. Together with "Petru Maior" University, the three vocational schools involved in the project plan to develop vocational education via e-learning and distance learning.



Partners:

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University College of S	ør-Trøndelag, Norway
Type of partner:	
Public education/resea	rch institution
Total project cost:	
€ 1,128,533	
Project no:	
RO0038	
Project web-site:	
www.upm.ro	



## GIS System Implementation in Mizil – a Tool for Territorial Planning

The project aims at developing new competences and skills for the staff working in planning and territorial planning using new Geographical Information System (GIS) technologies in Mizil town, Prahova County. The overall goal of the project is to strengthen the administrative capacities of local administration, and the efficiency and the transparency of the public services related to territorial planning in Romania.

A prime objective of the municipality in Mizil is to improve its services to the citizens and attract new inhabitants by making

this small town located about 100 km north of Bucharest more attractive. Through the project, a GIS for the administration of Mizil municipality will be built. An information infrastructure with digitized cadastre and regulation data for Mizil municipality will be the outcome of the project. The new tool will store and give access to data regarding ownership, borders of ownership, type and structure of territory and topographic information. The activities of the project imply data collection, as well as of the purchase of GIS software and hardware. The municipal staff will be trained in using the new tool.

Project promoter:
Local Council of Mizil Municipality, Romania
Type of applicant:
Local public authority
Grant amount awarded:
€ 234,005
Grant rate:
85%
Planned project duration:
16 months

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Type of partner:	
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Total project cost:	
€ 322,135	
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Project no:	
RO0039	
Project web-site:	
www.primaria-mizil.ro	-



## Public Services in Valcea County - Networking for a Common Mission

The project aims to develop tools for electronic management of documents, train civil servants and create an information network between the relevant public authorities in Valcea County. The project falls under the overall objective of strengthening the institutional capacity of public services providers at the county level and of their monitoring bodies (the County Council and the Prefects' Institution).

The Prefects' Institution in Romania represents the Central Government at the county level. Among its responsibilities, the institution has to verify the compliance of decisions taken by local councils at the municipal level with national legislation package and it has to govern over the public services provided by the ministries at the county level, through government's

decentralized institutions. The decentralized public services of the ministries, involved in the current project, are responsible such areas as public health, education, and social and labour protection.

The planned outcome of the project is an electronic information and communication network between the local public authorities in Valcea county that will enhance the capacity and efficiency of local government. To this end, adequate infrastructure will be established by the purchase of equipment and training of local public servants in order to raise their qualifications and skills. The project is considered to be a pilot project for the Ministry of Interior and Administrative

# Project promoter: The Prefect's Institution in Valcea County, Romania Type of applicant: Local public authority Grant amount awarded: € 250,750 Grant rate: 85% Planned project duration: 20 months

# Partners: 1. Valcea County Council, Romania 2 -16. Public services providers at county level Type of partner: Local public authorities Total project cost: € 295,000 Project no: RO0040 Project web-site: www.prefecturavalcea.ro

# Strengthening the Capacity of the Romanian Law Enforcement Agencies to Prevent and Investigate Internet Child Pornography

The project aims to train and strengthen the investigative capacity of the Romanian Police and the Interpol National Bureau in dealing with and investigating child pornography cases. In addition, the project also focuses on raising public awareness.

The project implies study visits by Romanian police officers to Norway and to Interpol in France. Romanian police officers will also be trained in Romania by the Norwegian police and Interpol France on topics such as: prevention, combating internet child pornography cases, the use of Internet Abuse Child Image database and victim identification.

Another important part of the project is the implementation of an awareness raising campaign on child pornography targeting pupils from the fifth to the seventh grade in 41 counties of Romania and Bucharest. GIRP also plans to create a hotline to assist both children and adults who want to report abuse or receive information on prevention methods.



# Project promoter: General Inspectorate of the Romanian Police (GIRP) Type of applicant: National public authority Grant amount awarded: € 491,551 Grant rate: 85% Planned project duration: 12 months

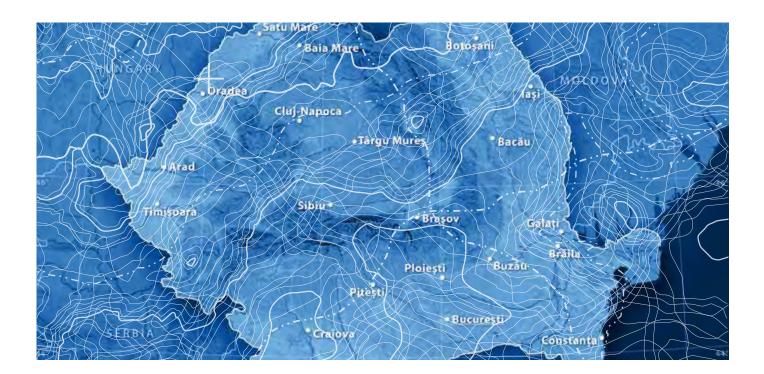
Partners:
National Police Directorate, Norway
Type of partner:
National public authority
Total project cost:
€ 578,295
Project no:
RO0041
Project web-site:
www.politiaromana.ro
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## Land Administration Knowledge Improvement

The purpose of the project is to study and design a national mapping authority for Romania, including the establishment of a study centre and a training centre. The overall objective is to provide reliable spatial data and services in Romania that meet national and international requirements.

Maps and geographic data for Romania in digital form are urgently needed to support different sectors of the society, but little has been done in this area since 1989. Through the project, a preparatory study carried out by Romanian and foreign experts will set the basis of the Romanian Mapping Authority with required technical capacity and staff, in accordance with the EU requirements.

Creation of an operational Study Centre including knowledge about products and services to improve territorial planning and environment protection is also part of the project outcomes. A third component of the project is the creation of a fully-staffed operational Training Center in land registration and mapping based on the results obtained in the Study Center. Knowledge and experience exchange with the Norwegian and Icelandic partners will also contribute to strengthening the project's outcome.



# Project promoter: National Agency for Cadastre and Land Registration (ANCPI), Romania Type of applicant: National public authority Grant amount awarded: € 959,928 Grant rate: 51.06% Planned project duration: 23 months

# Partners: 1. Norwegian Mapping and Cadastre Authority 2. Land Registry of Iceland Type of partner: 1. National public authority 2. National public authority Total project cost: € 1,880,000 Project no: RO0042 Project web-site: www.ancpi.ro



## Increasing Accountability in Public Administration

The purpose of the project is to increase the level of compliance with legislation regarding declarations of assets, interests and incompatibilities, with an overall objective of increasing integrity at local and county level in Romania.

This project brings together the RAS and the NIA and aims at strengthening the institutional capacity of the NIA to perform its core functions with regard to the verification of declarations of assets, interests and incompatibility, as well as at promoting a better understanding of the main regulations by the public officials to which they apply.

The project will conduct five training sessions for the agency's integrity inspectors and 20 training sessions for ethical officers from public institutions. Two guidelines will also be developed: one to explain the scope of incompatibilities and conflicts of interest for civil servants and public officials, and another on how to fill in the declarations of assets and interests. Finally, RAS will provide professional support to NIA to develop its investigative methodologies and improve its responsiveness to the needs of information and advice from other public institutions.

# Project promoter: Romanian Academic Society (RAS) Type of applicant: NGO Grant amount awarded: € 315,037 Grant rate: 89.85% Planned project duration: 24 months

National Integrity Agency (NIA), Ror	mania
Type of partner:	
National public authority	
Total project cost:	
€ 350,625	
Project no:	
RO0043	
Project web-site:	
www.sar.org.ro	



## Working Together for a Better Life for Vulnerable People

The purpose of this project is to increase the capacity of the municipal public authorities in Bucharest to elaborate social services strategies, with the overall goal to improve the social services provision to vulnerable persons in Bucharest.

This will be accomplished through provision of training to public authorities in charge in the field of social services, a study visit to Norway to ensure know-how transfer and an awareness raising campaign. A strategy for social services in all 6 districts of Bucharest will be drafted.

Furthermore, the project will develop an evaluation methodology and consultation mechanisms between social services stakeholders and local authorities. Two annual fairs specifically for social service providers will also be organised in the project.

### Project promoter:

Civil Society Development Foundation (CSDF), Romania

### *Type of applicant:*

NGO

### Grant amount awarded:

€ 284,286

### Grant rate:

89.68%

### *Planned project duration:*

24 months

### Partners:

- 1. The General Directorate of Social Assistance of The Bucharest Municipality (GDSABM)
- 2. Save the Children Romania

### *Type of partner:*

- 1. Municipal public authority
- 2.NGO

### Total project cost:

€ 317,000

### Project no

RO0056

### Project web-site:

www.fdsc.ro

#### Strategy for Sustainable Development of Bacau County

The purpose of the project is to elaborate the integrated economic and social development strategy for Bacau County. The overall goal of the project is to improve the efficiency of the local administration.

The GDP per inhabitant in 2006 in North-East development region of Romania, which Bacau County is part of, was among the lowest in both the country and the European Union (approximately 25 percent of the EU27 average). Through the project, Bacau County Council will assess its weaknesses

and strengths in order to develop an integrated strategy and strengthen the economic and social cohesion within the county.

A needs assessment will be completed and a sustainable development strategy for the county will be elaborated as part of the project's activities. Furthermore, the project will organise training of 100 members of the staff and hold public meetings with the local stakeholders.



Project promoter:	
Bacau County Council, Roman	ia
Type of applicant:	
Local public authority	
Grant amount awarded:	
€ 255,003	
Grant rate:	
83.69%	
Planned project duration:	
18 months	

Partners:	
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Type of partner:	
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Total project cost:	
€ 304,700	
Project no:	
RO0059	
Project web-site:	
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## Assessment and Support of Public Policies in Romania by Means of a Sociologic Panel Survey

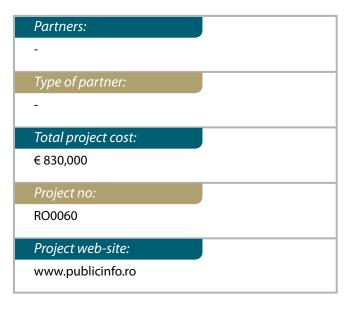
The project aims to develop the administrative capacity of supervision, assessment and adjustment of implementation processes of public policies at the General Secretariat of the Government, Department for Governmental Strategies. The overall project objective is enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of public policy decision-making in Romania.

The aim of the project is to offer instruments in order to stimulate the elaboration, implementation and assessment of public policies in Romania, on the basis of valid scientific data, as a premise for sustainable development. The project plans to address the lack of embedded practice for monitoring and addressing public policies and effects of public administration

activities as well as the low level of trust in the Government. A system to collect feedback from citizens on public authorities' decisions and measures will be created. This will help increase the responsiveness of policymakers and the quality of public policies.

Consultations with stakeholders on the impact of public policies, social surveys and public debates to collect feedback from end beneficiaries will be organized in the project. Information acquired in the project will be widely made available through different channels such as websites, press conferences and a booklet.

# Project promoter: General Secretariat of the Government, Department for Governmental Strategies, Romania Type of applicant: National authority Grant amount awarded: € 664,000 Grant rate: 80% Planned project duration: 20 months





## Increasing the Capacity of the Local Public Authorities in Romania to Support Children with Disabilities in their Own Families

The project aims to offer increased support to families with disabled children, in order to allow them to care for their children at home. Social integration of disabled children to prevent their institutionalisation is the overall objective of the project.

The project focuses on providing specialised support to disabled children and their families at home. According to official statistics for 2008, out of the 75,185 children with various disabilities in Romania, only 8% received regular rehabilitation. 18% of the disabled children are currently separated from their families and placed in institutions. This is the result of families struggling to care for their children at home due to the lack of support services.

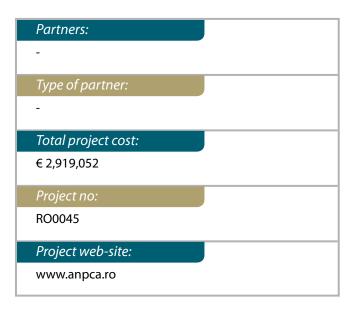
Through this project, 20 mobile teams will be established in 19 counties of Romania and in district 6 of Bucharest.

The teams will function as ambulatory rehabilitation centres and will provide rehabilitation services at the child's home from experts such as kineto-therapists, speech therapists, psycho-pedagogues, psychologists and social workers. Each of the mobile teams will be equipped with a vehicle and the equipment required for rehabilitation services.

It is estimated that 1,150 Romanian children will benefit from this project, and as a consequence, the percentage of disabled children placed in institutions will decrease. Training materials will also be produced in the project. Several types of training focusing on children's rights and the needs of disabled children will be organised, such as: trainer instruction, training of the mobile team members, of professional groups and of the members of the Child Protection Commissions.



# Project promoter: National Authority for the Protection of Family and Child's Rights, Romania Type of applicant: National public authority Grant amount awarded: € 2,481,194 Grant rate: 85% Planned project duration: 22 months





#### Towards Positive Healthy Parenting in Romanian Families

The project's aim is to develop an operational network of parenting services in urban and rural areas delivering specialised assistance for parents and their children and enhance the human resources capacity in this field. Improvement of the quality of mental healthcare provision to children in Romania is the overall goal of the project. The project targets parents of children and adolescents with mental health problems at risk, from rural and urban areas in Romania.

Five fully equipped centres of services to parents will be established through the project in major cities of Romania, namely Bucharest, Timisoara, lasi, Suceava and Targu Mures. The centres will be multidisciplinary and will focus on two components: services delivery for direct beneficiaries and

capacity building activities for professionals in healthcare, schools and social protection workers, including training, supervision and technical assistance. Each centre will have a mobile team of specialists prepared to cover the remote rural areas in the neighbouring counties.

Part of the project activities are also education activities in school settings, workshops with parents/children and information activities in rural areas through the mobile teams. The findings of the project will constitute the basis of future recommendations to central and local authorities regarding universal implementation of such programmes in institutions dealing with families and children.

Project promoter:	
Save the Children Romania	
Type of applicant:	
NGO	
Grant amount awarded:	
€ 1,683,128	
Grant rate:	
89.9%	
Planned project duration:	
22 months	

Partners:	
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Type of partner:	
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Total project cost:	
€ 1,870,350	
Project no:	
RO0046	
Project web-site:	
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#### **Educating Families in Order to Prevent Drug Use**

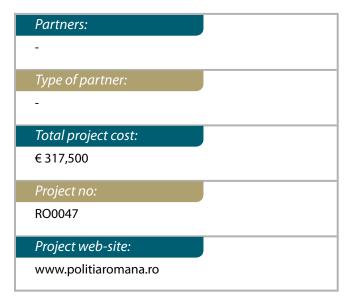
The project aims at developing and applying an efficient working methodology for parents and families of preadolescents. This will be done through improving the competence of school counsellors in providing family training regarding drug use prevention. Increased influence of family protection factors and diminished risk factors regarding drug use in Romania constitute the overall goal of the project.

The project will be implemented in a series of small towns and villages of Ilfov, Bihor and Constanta Counties. The activities will be developed by the GIRP with support from specialists in the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sport.

Working methodology and a guide for school psychologists will be elaborated through the project. 75 school counsellors and 1,000 parents of youth will receive training in matters related to illicit drug use prevention and improvement of parent-child communication and emotional relationships.

The project activities also include the development of supporting materials for school psychologists and parents, as well as a comparative study to analyze the benefits of the project. A good practice seminar to draw conclusions will be organised after the completion of the training activities.

Project promoter:	
General Inspectorate of Romanian Police (GIRP)	
Type of applicant:	
National authority	
Grant amount awarded:	
€ 269,875	
Grant rate:	
85%	
Planned project duration:	
18 months	



#### Prevention and Early Detection of Breast, Genital and Lung Cancer

The project aims at creating and run a health centre of excellence specialised in the early diagnosis of breast, genital and lung cancer at the Renasterea Foundation in Bucharest. The project's overall goal is to improve health service provision in the field of early cancer diagnosis to reduce cancer mortality in Romania.

The Renasterea Foundation for Education, Healthcare and Culture is a public utility organisation which works to rebuild a sense of community and civil responsibility in Romanian society through educational campaigns and various programmes focusing on public health, social and cultural issues.

Breast and genital cancer are by far the most prevalent types of cancer in Europe. A successful cancer treatment usually implies early diagnosis. A Diagnosis Centre of Excellence specialised in diagnosis of breast, genital and lung cancer will be built and fully equipped through the project in 87 Virgil Plesoianu Street, Sector 1, Bucharest. The centre will serve the low-income and under-insured population living in urban and rural areas. A mobile unit which the foundation already has in use will be equipped as part of the project. Other project activities include training for the medical staff, provision of healthcare services in the created centre and the mobile unit and a large-scale awareness-raising and media campaign to disseminate information to the public.



# Project promoter: Renasterea Foundation for Education, Healthcare and Culture, Romania Type of applicant: NGO Grant amount awarded: € 2,299,889 Grant rate: 84.4% Planned project duration: 24 months

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Total project cost:	
€ 2,725,310	
Project no:	
RO0049	
Project web-site:	
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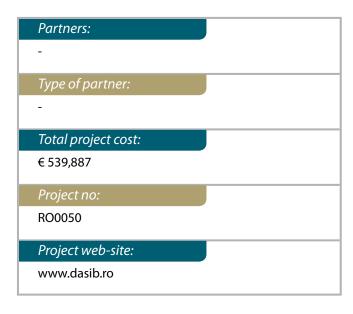
## Modernizing the Equipment of the Residential Centres of Child Protection in Sibiu County

The goal of the project is to modernise eight residential institutions in Sibiu County, with the overall objective of improving the quality of childcare service provision in Romania. The project aims to create a proper environment which will support the normal psychological and emotional development of children in the residential centers. Provisions of optimal conditions are also essential for psycho-physical rehabilitation of children with disabilities.

A main task of the General Directorate of Social Welfare and Child Protection is to de-institutionalise children in institutions, to support families to discourage child abandonment, provide alternative families, and to offer acceptable living conditions as well as an emotional and caring environment in child institutions. The Directorate in Sibiu coordinates 10 residential centers in the county, out of which 7 are located in rural areas. The centers accommodate on average 20-40 children each, some of them with disabilities.

Through this project, standard good living conditions for the children in 8 of these centers will be ensured through purchase of furniture. In parallel, access to education and information will be improved through newly installed IT systems. The centers will also be equipped with cars to allow children to get to school at the community level, to the rehabilitation centre, cultural events and to visit their natural families.

# Project promoter: The General Directorate of Social Welfare and Child Protection Sibiu, Romania Type of applicant: Local public authority Grant amount awarded: € 458,904 Grant rate: 85% Planned project duration: 14 months



#### Welfare Promotion Centres for Children and Adults in Timis and lasi Counties

The project aims at opening and operating centres delivering integrated services in two counties of Romania, Timis and Iasi, to promote welfare among children, adolescents and adults. The overall objective is to improve the health of children and adolescents in western and north-eastern Romania.

Even though the Romanian child mortality ratio has improved considerably during the last three decades, it remains one of the highest in Europe. Bethany Social Services Foundation, headquartered in Timisoara, delivers social services to children placed in foster families, as well as social services to prevent separation of children from their biological family.

As part of the project, the foundation will acquire one building in Timis and another one in lasi to establish centres for integrated services. The centres will be used for educational and training purposes, as well as for health promotion and counselling activities.

Active screening of families at risk, direct services of care, training and support for mother and child and to children and families at risk will be offered. Indirect services for these groups, as well as for adolescents and other community members, will also be part of the activities.



Partners:

#### Project promoter: Bethany Social Services Foundation, Romania *Type of applicant:* NGO Grant amount awarded: € 862,624 Grant rate: 89% Planned project duration: 21 months

General Direction for Child's Rights Protection, Romania	
Type of partner:	
Local public authority	
Total project cost:	
€ 964,580	
Project no:	
RO0051	
Project web-site:	
www.bethany.ro	



## A Model of Integrated Services for Children at Risk in Disadvantaged Areas of Bacau County

The purpose of the project is to open and run community centers and a mobile unit in the poor, isolated, disadvantaged communities in Bacau County. Improving health status and school attendance of the population in disadvantaged areas is the overall objective of the project.

The target groups of the project are the rural communities in Podu Turcului, Godinesti, Panu and Tache in northeastern Romania. With the exception of Tache, which is in the neighbourhood of Bacau city, the other communities are quite far from nearby cities. Primary healthcare in these areas is primitive with only one doctor and nurse covering

numerous villages in a hilly landscape where the roads and transportation infrastructure is poor. Vital drugs are provided by a single mobile pharmacy.

Four community centres will be established through the project in the underdeveloped areas of Bacau County supplemented with the purchase of a mobile unit. The community centres will be used for educational and training purposes as well as for health related activities, leisure activities and counselling sessions for women, children and parents. The mobile unit will complement the provision of healthcare services in less accessible areas.

#### Project promoter:

Community Support Foundation, Romania

#### *Type of applicant:*

NGO

#### Grant amount awarded:

€ 390,466

#### Grant rate:

89.1%

#### *Planned project duration:*

23 months

#### Partners:

- 1. Vultureni Mayor's office, Romania
- 2. Stanisesti Mayor's office, Romania

#### *Type of partner:*

- 1. Local public authority
- 2. Local public authority

#### Total project cost:

€ 438,480

#### Project no

RO0052

#### Project web-site:

www.fsc.ro

#### Establishing a Training System in Basic First Aid in Romania

The project's aim is to develop an updated training system in basic first aid which is harmonised with European standards. This will result in an improvement of the knowledge on providing basic first aid in Romania. As a starting point, a round table conference with international participation will be organised to ensure future commitment to the project and result in a framework and agreement on first aid training. Two studies will be carried out in the project to learn about the actual situation regarding first aid competence in Romania, as well as to assess the educational needs.

During the project 5,000 volunteers will be trained aiming at providing sustainable national first aid services. 55 first aid kits

including mannequins and automatic external defibrillators are to be purchased as well as training materials. In cooperation with the Norwegian Red Cross, 50 trainer instructors selected from each county of Romania will be trained.

A first aid manual and European Reference for first aid instruction will be translated and printed in 11,000 copies. An awareness campaign to increase the interest for basic first aid training will be held at national and local level. As a result of the project, the Romanian Red Cross Society expects that an additional 5,000 volunteers will be trained after completion of the project.



Project promoter:	
National Society of Romanian R	ed Cross
Type of applicant:	
NGO	
Grant amount awarded:	
€ 1,988,173	
Grant rate:	
89.7%	
Planned project duration:	
24 months	

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Type of partner:	
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Total project cost:	
€ 2,298,975	
Project no:	
RO0053	
Project web-site:	
www.crucearosie.ro	
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### Creating a Community Response to the Threat of HIV among Men Who Have Sex with Men in 10 Romanian Cities

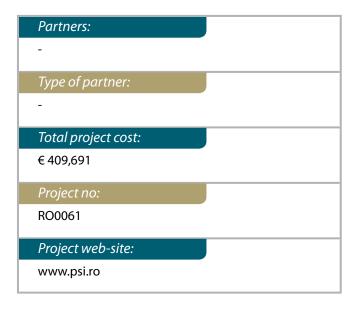
The project's aim is to promote safe sexual behaviour amongst men who have sex with men (MSM) and to contribute to the reduction of the number of new HIV infections among MSM in Romania. The project promoter, PSI Romania is affiliated to the PSI global network. The organisation's main focus is on HIV/AIDS, reproductive health, maternal and child health, targeting various vulnerable parts of the population.

The project will be implemented in 10 Romanian cities and focus on preventive measures by promoting healthy lifestyle. The activities which will be implemented under the project will generally address the MSM community in Romania,

with particular focus on the group of people that identify themselves as homosexuals or bisexuals. The project is meant to empower MSM to become responsible for their own health.

Popular opinion leaders will be trained within the project and youth social clubs and camps will be formed. The activities will also include: implementation of cultural projects with an HIV prevention message and public campaigns during the 'World AIDS Day'; stigma reduction, including high school educational seminars and HIV support groups and online outreach projects.

Project promoter:		
Population Services International Romania		
Type of applicant:		
NGO		
Grant amount awarded:		
€ 321,418		
Grant rate:		
89.1%		
Planned project duration:		
24 months		



## Comprehensive Approaches in HIV/AIDS Prevention in Romania

The purpose of the project is to implement an HIV/AIDS awareness campaign targeted at young people in ten counties of Romania, to encourage responsible and non-discriminative behavior in relation to HIV/AIDS among youth. The target group of the project is youth in the age range between 15 and 24 and the adults that are in direct or indirect contact with young people.

HIV and AIDS awareness campaigns will be organised by Youth for Youth Foundation and its partners in Bucharest, Bacau, Cluj, Constanta, Dolj, lasi, Mures, Neamt, Timis and Vaslui counties. The activities under the project will focus on getting across the correct information on the risks of HIV transmission, prevention sources for support and additional services as well as fighting against stigma and discrimination in society towards HIV/AIDS. Training material will be developed and training courses will be organised for peer educators, medical staff, teachers, journalists and local authorities within the project. The project will also include school interpersonal activities and national contests for youth, as well as a media campaign and activities to disseminate information on this topic.



#### Project promoter:

Youth for Youth Foundation, Romania

#### *Type of applicant:*

NGO

#### Grant amount awarded:

€ 2,041,827

#### Grant rate:

90%

#### Planned project duration:

24 months

#### Partners:

- 1. National Federation of Organisations of People Infected / Affected by HIV/AIDS, Romania
- 2. Romanian Association Against AIDS
- 3. "Close To You" Foundation, Romania
- 4. Romanian Association of Health Promotion
- 5. The National Council for Combating Discrimination, Romania

#### *Type of partner:*

- 1 4. NGOs
- 5. Public authority

#### Total project cost:

€ 2,268,697

#### Project no

RO0062

#### Project web-site:

www.y4y.ro



## 1-2-3 – Let's Go - Promotion of a Healthy Lifestyle for Children in Bucharest

The project's aim is to improve the health of children in Bucharest by implementing a broad educational campaign. The campaign will focus on healthy food and lifestyle by promoting increased physical activity and healthy eating habits. The project is seen as a contribution to stop the alarming development of obesity. The project's focus is on children in the urban areas which are considered to have the highest risk of being overweight.

The project's planned education and information campaign consists of launching a website promoting healthy eating habits and healthy lifestyle, as well as distribution of various information materials. Cookery courses for schoolchildren, outdoor information campaigns in central locations in Bucharest and "Road Shows" focusing on healthy food and lifestyle will be organised The "Road Shows" will be arranged on a show truck and a double-decker London bus fully equipped with facilities and equipment to teach young people about healthy activities. Teachers and municipality staff will also be trained in how to teach children about a healthy lifestyle.

Project promoter:	
General Directorate of Social Assistance of the Bucharest Municipality (GDSABM), Romania	
Type of applicant:	
Local public authority	
Grant amount awarded:	
€ 1,211,416	
Grant rate:	
85%	
Planned project duration:	
20 months	

Partners:	
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Type of partner:	
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Total project cost:	
€ 1,425,195	
Project no:	
RO0063	
Project web-site:	
www.dgas.ro	





## Conservation of the Historic Landscape of the Saxon villages in Transylvania

The purpose of the project is capacity building for the local communities of Bunesti in Brasov County and Laslea in Sibiu County to better protect their heritage in a sustainable way, with the overall objective of sustainable rural development through the conservation of and use of cultural heritage in the Saxon villages of Transylvania.

Transylvania is one of the most untouched regions in Europe where Saxon villages still exist. These old and beautiful villages have a central place in European cultural history and they were built during the Middle Age. Still remarkably unchanged, their continued preservation is pivotal. The Mihai Eminescu Trust is

one of the organisations which make considerable efforts to preserve the cultural heritage of these villages - the farmers' houses and barns built around fortified churches.

Among the activities and the planned results of the projects are: development of zonal and urban plans for 10 villages in Bunesti and Laslea communes, restoration of four buildings and improvement of their functionality in two villages - Viscri in Brasov County and Malancrav in Sibiu County, a heritage skills training program for local stakeholders, finalisation of a building conservation guide, establishment of two heritage training and information centres in Viscri and Malancrav.

Project promoter:	
Mihai Eminescu Trust	
Type of applicant:	
NGO	
Grant amount awarded:	
€ 291,083	
Grant rate:	
82%	
Planned project duration:	
24 months	

## Partners: Type of partner: Total project cost: € 353,814 Project no: RO0028 Project web-site: www.mihaieminescutrust.org

### Conservation and Restoration of the Ethnographic Heritage from ASTRA Museum – Sibiu Woods

The purpose of the project is to construct and establish a "Centre for Conservation, Restoration and Valorisation of Movable Cultural Heritage" within the premises of the Open Air Astra Museum – Sibiu Woods, with the overall objective of improving the protection and care of cultural heritage and its accessibility to the public.

The future Centre will function as a conservation laboratory for the restoration of artefacts and equally as a storage facility with the proper requirements. Works for creating a 350 meter long water drainage system, connecting the Centre to the existing sewerage will also be carried out. In addition, restoration and conservation of wooden architectural heritage from the open air museum will be performed, including: 45 items of hand-painted furniture, six wooden architectural heritage

households/monuments and 26 wooden historical traditional houses.

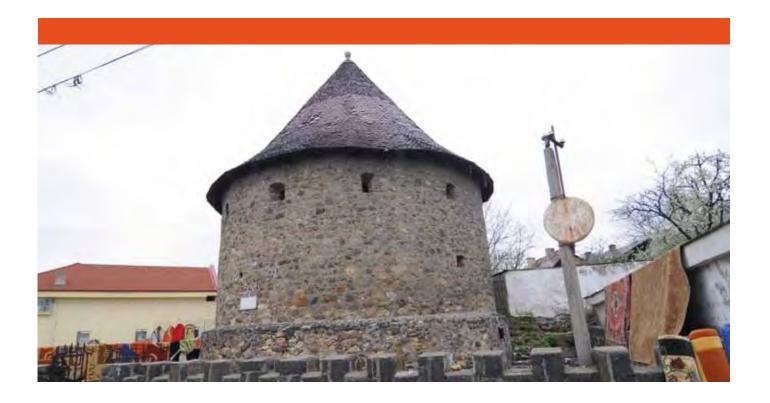
ASTRA National Museum Complex is the second largest cultural heritage open air museum in Europe, spread over 96 hectares in the beautiful Sibiu Woods (Dumbrava Sibiului) in Transylvania in the heart of the country. The museum is one of Romania's leading institutions in matters related to restoration and conservation. It has an impressive collection of 146 monuments and 22,500 items. As a result of a constantly increasing collection of movable heritage, the current size of the museum's storage facilities is insufficient to ensure adequate storage of all these valuable historic items. Some artefacts are stored in buildings where the required technical conditions are lacking.



Partners:

## Project promoter: ASTRA National Museum Complex, Romania Type of applicant: Public institution Grant amount awarded: € 2,461,888 Grant rate: 84.42% Planned project duration: 24 months

SINTEF, Norway	
Type of partner:	
Private research institution	
Total project cost:	
€ 2,916,238	
Project no:	
RO0029	
Project web-site:	
www.muzeulastra.ro	



#### Restoration and Revitalisation of the Butchers' Fortress in Baia Mare

The project aims to restore and rehabilitate the medieval monument of the Butcher's Fortress in Baia Mare, Maramures County, and expand its facilities, with the overall objective of creating an area dedicated to the preservation of traditional cultural heritage and developing a sustainable livelihood for the local community.

The fortress dates back to the 15th century and is currently in a severe state of degradation. The rehabilitation of the courtyard through the project funded by the EEA Financial Mechanism will include the development of a small amphitheatre, and the construction of two small buildings for demonstration workshops, exhibitions and administration. The old tower will also be restored. All these planned operations will bring new life to this magnificent medieval fortification in the old citadel of Baia Mare.

Partners:

- 1. Baia Mare County Museum of History and Archaeology, Romania
- 2. Baia Mare County Museum of Ethnography and Folk Art, Romania
- 3. Maramures County Center for Conservation and Promotion of Traditional Culture, Romania

Saving local cultural heritage is a first important part in this

endeavour, a second one being the exchange of experience

between skilled craftsmen and folk artists in Maramures,

4. Telemark County Council, Norway

Romania, and those in Telemark, Norway.

- 5. University College of Telemark Faculty of Art, Folklore and Pedagogy Norway
- 6. West Telemark Museum, Norway

#### Project promoter:

Maramures County Council, Romania

#### *Type of applicant:*

Local public authority

#### Grant amount awarded:

€ 1,518,124

#### Grant rate:

85%

#### *Planned project duration:*

22 months

#### *Type of partner:*

- 1 3. Public institutions
- 4. Local public authority
- 5. Public education institution
- 6. NGO

#### Total project cost:

€ 1,788,028

#### Project no.

RO0030

#### *Project web-site:*

www.cjmaramures.ro



## Restoration of Traditional Hydro-Powered Technical Equipment within the Maramures Museum

The aim of the project is to complete the traditional village of the open air Maramures Village Museum in Sighetul Marmatiei town, Maramures County, with hydraulic installations, and with the overall objective of improving the protection and care of the cultural heritage.

Among the activities to be carried out in the project are the redesign and installation of the hydraulic machinery, as well as construction of an underground canal water supply from Ronisoara river. While these construction works are being

implemented, the museum will also assemble and restore two water flour mills and a felting mill with support from its project partner, the West Telemark Museum in Norway. In addition, the open air Maramures Village Museum will carry out works to improve part of its landscape, further beautifying the scenery.

Once the old mills are operational, visitors will be able to see this historic technology in action. Such an opportunity represents a central part in preserving and raising awareness in matters of cultural heritage.

#### Project promoter:

Maramures Museum, Romania

#### *Type of applicant:*

**Public institution** 

#### Grant amount awarded:

€ 547,834

#### Grant rate:

85%

#### Planned project duration:

20 months

#### Partners:

- 1. West Telemark Museum, Norway
- 2. Maramures County Council, Romania

#### Type of partner:

- 1.NGO
- 2. Local public authority

#### Total project cost:

€ 644,510

#### Project no

RO0031

#### *Project web-site:*

www.sintec.ro/muzeusighet

#### Restoration of the Gabroveni Inn in Bucharest

The purpose of the project is the restoration of the historic Gabroveni Inn in Bucharest in order to create new facilities for cultural activities within a European Cultural Centre and to provide vocational training for a socially disadvantaged group, with the overall objective of conservation of cultural heritage in Romania.

Gabroveni Inn is located on 84-86 Lipscani Street in the historical centre of Bucharest. It was built in an area close to the former Princely Court (Curtea Domneasca). The old town of Bucharest experienced a rapid commercial development during the 18th and 19th century. The Inn was built as a large commercial centre, introducing for the first time the concept of "commercial passage" in Bucharest, with shops for textiles at the ground floor. The building kept its commercial destination for some time after the war, but since 1968 the building has

deteriorated significantly. There have been several attempts to restore the Inn ever since, but funding has been lacking.

When fully restored, this old edifice will serve as a modern and complex centre for cultural and information activities addressing various categories of the public. In this fashion the project "Restoration of Gabroveni Inn" plans to offer an example of good practice and professional excellence for the rehabilitation of the historic centre of Bucharest. The restoration work implies selection of architectural drawings, substantial reconstruction and modernisation work, as well as construction of a new annex to the original Inn. The project combines the architectural side with a social component by offering young people the chance to receive vocational training.



#### Project promoter:

The Ministry of Culture and National Patrimony, Romania

#### *Type of applicant:*

Central public authority

#### Grant amount awarded:

€ 2,550,000

#### Grant rate:

85%

#### Planned project duration:

24 months

#### Partners:

- 1. Centre for Cultural Projects of the Bucharest Municipality (ArCuB)
- 2. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Romania

#### *Type of partner:*

- 1. Local public authority
- 2. International organisation

#### Total project cost:

€ 3,000,000

#### Project no:

RO0032

#### Project web-site:

www.hanulgabroveni.ro



### Restoration of the Fifth Gate of the Vanubian Citadel Fortification in Alba Iulia

The purpose of the project is to restore the fifth gate of the Citadel in Alba Iulia town, Alba County, with the overall objective of proving a good practice example of heritage rehabilitation and facilitating integration of young unemployed and/or disadvantaged persons in the local community.

The Citadel in Alba Iulia's star-shaped form is characteristic for the building tradition commenced by the French Marquis de Vauban. His ambition was to construct fortresses where the enemy would be met by fire from every angle, hence the distinctive star shape. The citadel in Alba Iulia is constructed in the Vaubian style with six different gates which are all modelled in 18th century Transylvanian architectural style.

The restoration of this early baroque fifth gate of the citadel entails significant reconstruction work on the gate's brick tunnel, stone and wood elements, wooden bridge and exterior gate elements.

The spectre of this cultural heritage project is expanded to also include a social component, as the project will also ensure jobs for several young unemployed and disadvantaged persons in the local community, in addition to the skilled craftsmen, with the support of the project partner, UNDP Romania. Through this project, the Citadel and its Vaubian style gate will be preserved for the future.

#### Project promoter:

The Ministry of Culture and National Patrimony, Romania

#### *Type of applicant:*

Central public authority

#### Grant amount awarded:

€ 723,408

#### Grant rate:

81.13%

#### Planned project duration:

22 months

#### Partners:

- 1. Municipality of Alba Iulia, Romania
- 2. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Romania

#### *Type of partner:*

- 1. Local public authority
- 2. International organisation

#### Total project cost:

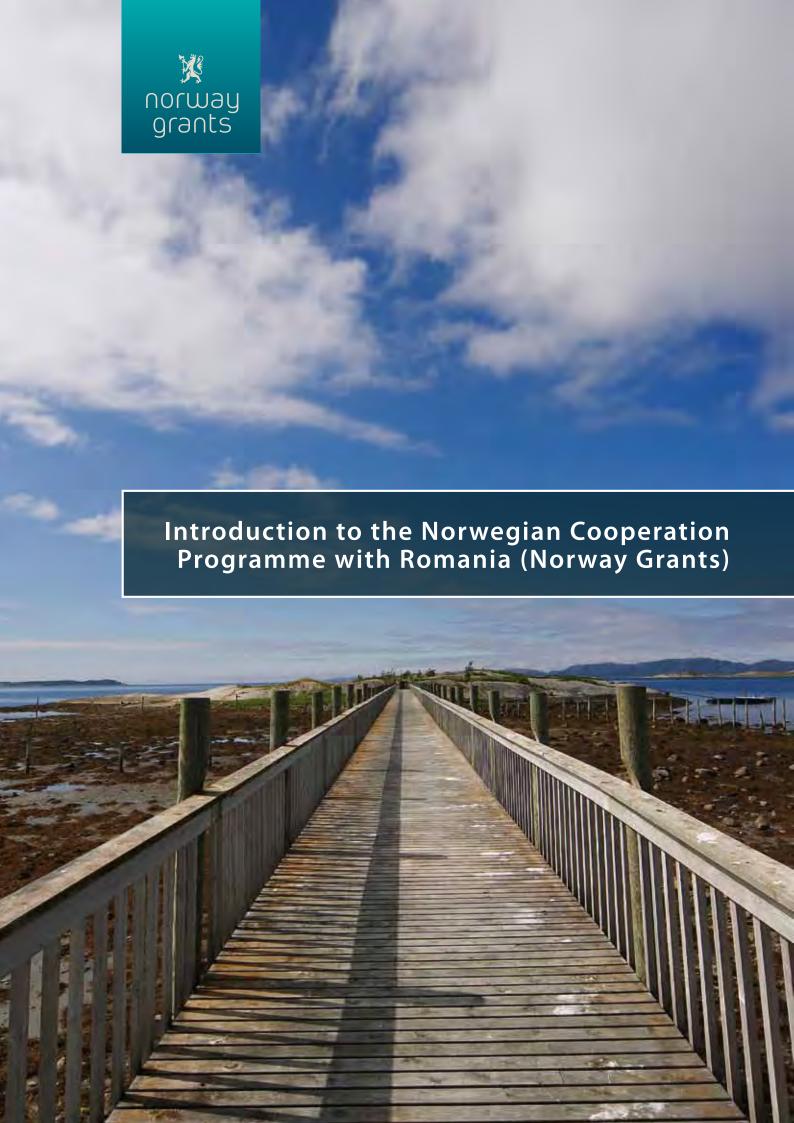
€ 891,665

#### Project no:

RO0033

#### Project web-site:

www.cultura.ro



### Together We can Make a Difference

The Norwegian Cooperation Programme with Romania (Norway Grants) is a bilateral cooperation programme, part of the European Economic Area (EEA) enlargement agreement of 2007 with Romania. The Programme makes available grants amounting to Euro 48 million for Romanian-Norwegian partnership projects in four major sectors: environment, energy efficiency, sustainable production and health.

Three types of projects have been supported through Norway Grants: travel support schemes for NGO's/social partners, seed money projects and individual projects – the first two being meant as a preparatory tool for the last category of larger individual projects. The purpose of Norway Grants is to contribute to economic growth and sustainable development in Romania, as well as to strengthening bilateral relations between Romania and the Kingdom of Norway. Another important goal of the programme is to foster transfer of new technology, knowledge and competence to Romania from sectors where Norway has a competitive advantage.

The Norway Grants Programme is administered by Innovation Norway - a state company owned by the Norwegian Ministry of Trade and Industry and the Norwegian County Authorities. The Programme management stakeholders include, besides Innovation Norway as programme administrator, the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs as programme owner and the Romanian National Focal Point – The Analysis and Programming Directorate within The Authority for the Coordination of Structural Instruments in the Romanian Ministry of Public Finance as coordinator on the Romanian side. Funds are transferred directly from Innovation Norway to the project promoters/partners, be they Romanian or Norwegian.

The Programme had one single call for project applications. This was closed separately on 18 June 2008 for seed money applications and travel support schemes and on 31 December 2008 for individual projects. All individual projects are carried out through partnerships between Norwegian and Romanian actors. Eligible applicants included private enterprises, public

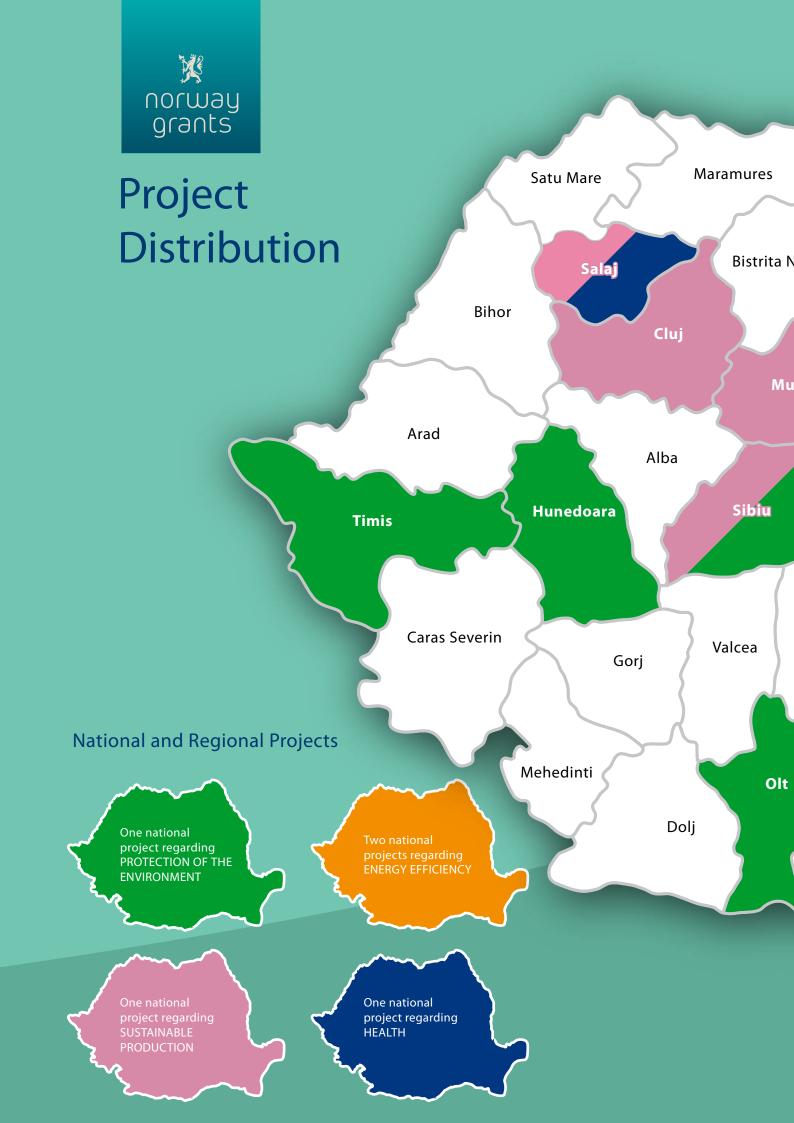
entities and NGOs/social partners. A total of 182 project applications were received by December 31, 2008, consisting of 13 travel support applications, 98 seed money applications and 71 individual projects. The seed money projects have already been implemented.

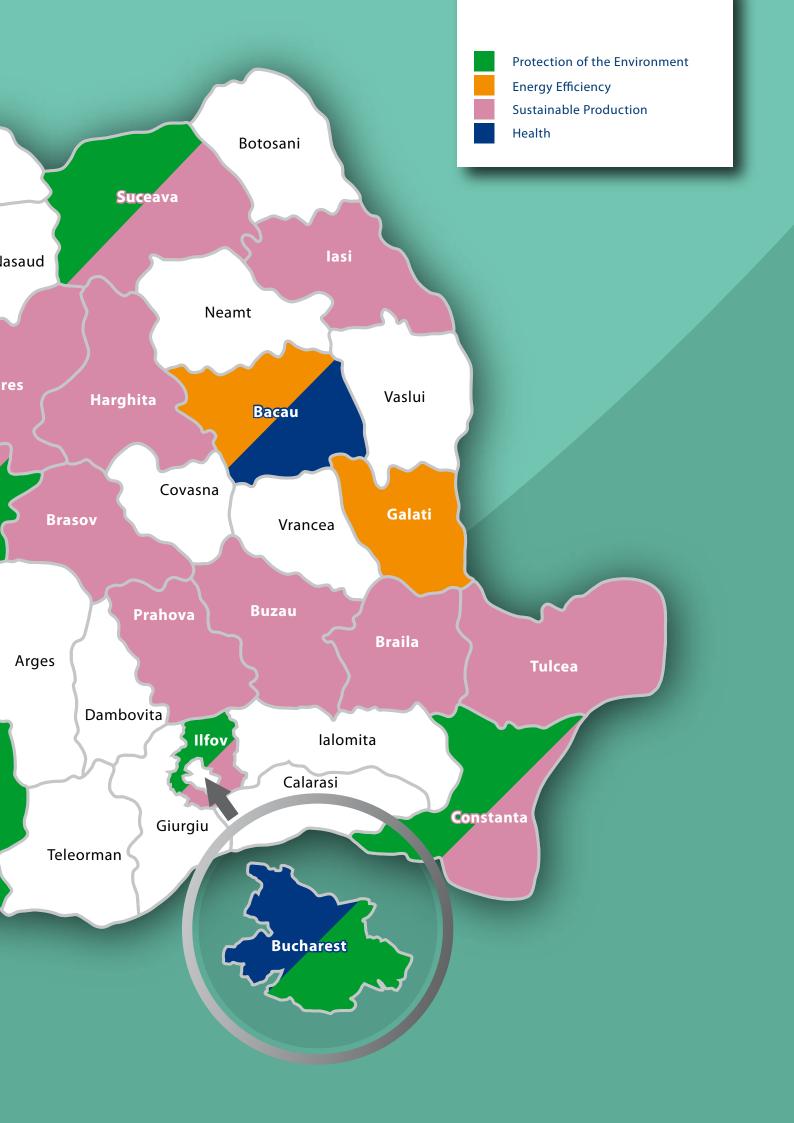
All the project funding was committed before the deadline of April 30, 2009. A total number of 29 individual projects were approved amounting to Euro 42,224,101, of which Euro 7,830,950 was committed to NGO projects, Euro 18,810,000 to public-entity projects and Euro 14,983,151 was granted to private companies. The grant value of the approved projects ranges from Euro 105,000 to Euro 4,800,000. An additional Technical Assistance fund of Euro 720,000 was allocated to the National Focal Point at the Romanian Ministry of Public Finance.

Individual projects approved within Norway Grants by priority sectors:

- Energy efficiency 3 projects approved totalling Euro 4,210,000;
- Health 5 projects approved totalling Euro 7,899,450;
- Sustainable Production 14 projects approved totalling Euro 21,905,151;
- Environment 7 projects approved totalling Euro 8,209,500.

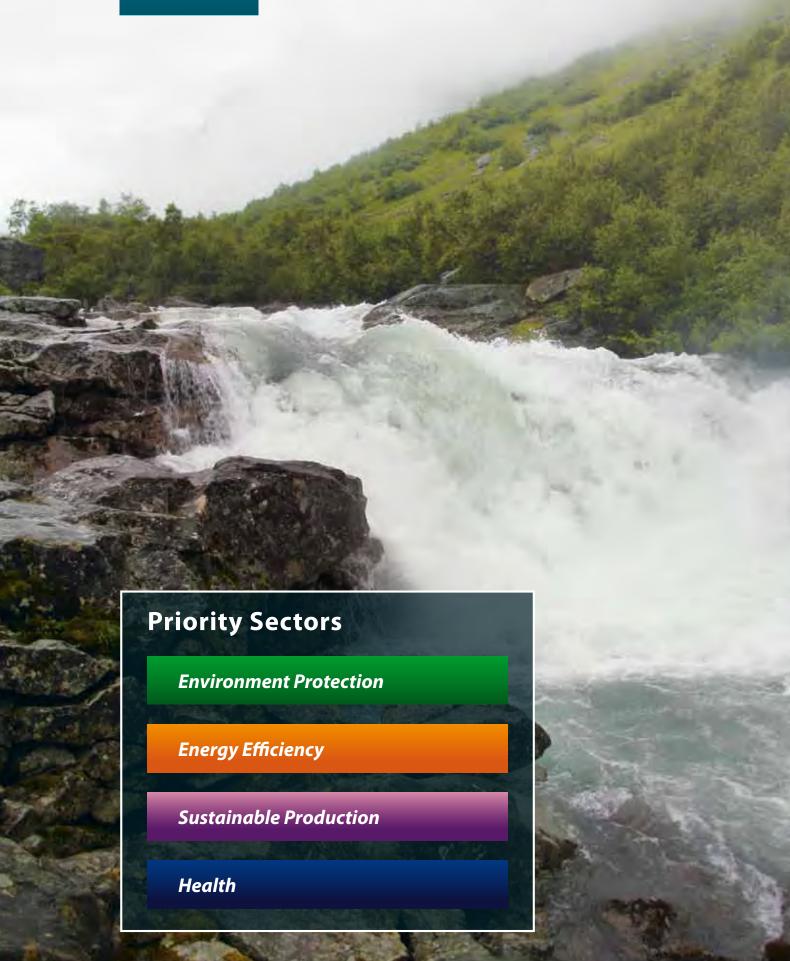
For more information about the Norway Grants and the approved projects you can visit: www.norwaygrants.org.







## Projects funded under Norway Grants







#### Strengthening Environmental Governance in Bucharest

The objective of the project is to strengthen community participation in public policy making and implementation in the field of environment.

The project target group includes 30 civil servant beneficiaries of the training courses, 1,200 citizens involved in the opinion survey, 300 young people prepared in the field of sustainable development, 12 young leaders involved in preparing the campaign and the performances, and around 5,000 citizens taking part in the Environmental Event.

In addition to the exchange of experience and know-how that will take place during the above-mentioned activities, the tangible results of the project will be:

- a Climate Network between the City of Bucharest and 10 Norwegian municipalities in the county of Østfold involved in producing a Climate Plan under the coordination of Askim Municipality.
- upgrading a medium- and long-term strategy for Bucharest based on sustainable environment principles, focusing especially on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and other emissions in air and water.
- a Policy Toolkit for policymakers and administrators which supports policy reform and environmental impact assessment in order to foster sustainable development and better conservation of ecosystems and biodiversity.

#### Project promoter:

Assistance and Programs for Sustainable Development - Agenda 21, Romania

#### Type of applicant:

NGO

#### Additional Romanian partners:

- City Hall of Bucharest
- School Inspectorate of Bucharest

#### Grant amount awarded:

€ 105,000

#### **Grant rate:**

84%

#### Planned project duration:

22 months

#### Partner (main):

Askim Municipality, Norway

#### *Type of partner:*

Local public authority

#### Additional Norwegian partners:

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#### Total project cost:

€ 125,000

#### Project no:

2008/114885

#### Project web-site:

www.agenda21.org.ro

#### Wastewater Treatment Sludge and Residual Marine Biomass from Romanian Black Sea Coast as Innovative Bio-solid Composite

The objective of the project is to obtain a bio-solid composite to be used as an innovative environmental non-conventional technology for agriculture.

Research will be undertaken into turning bio-waste like wastewater sludge and marine biomass such as algae into a

bio-resource (bio-solid compound) with potential for use in agriculture as soil fertiliser.

The application for patenting the new bio-solid and a proposal for a related project under the EU's Framework Programme 7 will be developed.



#### Project promoter:

Association for the Protection of the Human Being and Environment for a Sustainable Development in the World (ECOM), Romania

#### *Type of applicant:*

NGO

#### Additional Romanian partners:

- Ovidus University of Constanta
- National Consultancy Centre for Environmental Protection from "Politehnica" University of Bucharest

#### Grant amount awarded:

€ 400,000

#### Grant rate:

90%

#### *Planned project duration:*

24 months

#### Partner (main):

Norwegian Institute for Water Research (NIVA)

#### *Type of partner:*

Private research institution

#### Additional Norwegian partners:

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#### Total project cost:

€ 444,000

#### Project no:

2008/115241

#### Project web-site

www.sludgebiomar.ro www.niva.no www.sludgebiomar.eu

## Romanian Atmospheric Research 3D Observatory

The objective of the project is to improve air research capabilities in Romania, which will allow a better observation and understanding of atmospheric and hydrologic processes and enable well-informed policy making in the field of environment.

This project consists of three key elements, the first of which is the establishment of a Romanian Atmospheric Research 3D Observatory (RADO), made up of an Observation Network, a Data Centre and a Science Centre.

The observatory will include the construction of a 2-floor, 200 square meter-footprint building to host the Data and Science Centres, as well as the procurement/development and installation of monitoring, measuring and modelling equipment.

The measurement sites include Magurele and Baneasa, lasi, Cluj and Timisoara.

The second component of the project is the employment and training of 9 new staff members involved in the operation of the observatory. 2 proposals for the integration of RADO into European networks will be developed in addition to scientific consultations in Norway for staff from all the partner institutions.

The final element will address awareness raising and dissemination. At least 2 international workshops and other science-related meetings will be organised. Two polls on public awareness will be carried out and an exhibition/awareness program for professionals and laymen alike (with a focus on attracting children to science) will be conducted.



#### Project promoter:

National Research and Development Institute of Optoelectronics INOE 2000, Romania

#### Type of applicant:

Public research institution

#### Additional Romanian partners:

- A.I.Cuza University of lasi
- "Babes Bolyai" University of Cluj-Napoca
- "Politehnica" University of Timisoara
- · National Administration of Meteorology
- Horia Hulubei National Institute of Physics and Nuclear Engineering
- Faculty of Physics of the University of Bucharest

#### Grant amount awarded:

€ 2,430,000

#### **Grant rate:**

85%

#### *Planned project duration:*

24 months

#### *Partner (main):*

Norwegian Institute for Air Research (NILU)

#### *Type of partner:*

Private research institution

#### Additional Norwegian partners:

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#### Total project cost:

€ 2,870,000

#### Project no:

2008/115266

#### *Project web-site:*

http://inoe.inoe.ro/RADO

#### Developing Emergent Ecological Markets in Romania

The objective of the project is to build environment-related capacity within Romanian eco-innovative organizations, foster networking, and provide training in environmental technology.

In an effort to develop ecological markets, the partners will commission a market study on environmental technologies. In addition to this, a web platform or portal on eco-innovation, which will include databases and case studies, will be developed and made ready for use. This is an important and useful tool in creating a basis onto which one can construct an emerging ecological market.

An eco-innovation network consisting of at least 200 innovative RO units (companies and R&D entities) will also be

established. They will be trained in, and informed about, ecoinnovation best practices and the ecological criteria for nine categories of products/services.

At least 400 public procurers trained in green procurement issues in all of the 8 regions of Romania, approximately 50 per region, is an endeavour which will be undertaken as well. An innovative monitoring scheme for green public procurement will emerge as a result of recommendations provided by Norwegian experts during the study trips to Norway and the regional events in Romania. A green consumption media campaign will be launched under this project, as well as other awareness-raising instruments, such as information materials and conferences dedicated to eco-innovation topics.



#### Project promoter:

Romanian Ministry of Environment

#### Type of applicant:

Central public authority

#### Additional Romanian partners:

- Bucharest Chamber of Trade and Industry
- Management Agency for Scientific Research, Innovation and Technology Transfer (AMCSIT)

#### Grant amount awarded:

€ 1,630,000

#### Grant rate:

85%

#### Planned project duration:

24 months

#### Partner (main):

Norwegian Ministry of Environment

#### Type of partner:

Central public authority

#### *Additional Norwegian partners:*

- · Climate and Pollution Agency (KLIF)
- The Agency for Public Management and eGovernment (Difi)

#### Total project cost:

€ 1,919,083

#### Project no:

2008/115171

#### Project web-site:

www.mmediu.ro

## Partnership for a Clean Environment, Low Waste and Sustainable Development

The objective of the project is to improve regional-level waste management in Romania through a combination of institutional building, small-scale pilot project implementation and awareness raising actions.

The Regional Environmental Protection Agency Sibiu and partners have put into motion a project that will revise the Regional Waste Management Plan based on statistic and social studies. The project also includes a massive strengthening of the institutional capacity by training 220 staff with regard to waste management issues.

Three practical small-scale pilot projects will be implemented. The process involves the creation of a model system of individual composting of biodegradable waste in Medias, consisting in training the community and procurement of various types of special composting systems. A mobile installation for the treatment of construction and demolition waste and a system of hazardous waste collection from households will also be purchased and implemented in Medias.

All this will be supported by 12 public information and awareness-raising campaigns about waste management.



#### Project promoter:

Regional Environmental Protection Agency Sibiu (REPA Sibiu), Romania

#### *Type of applicant:*

Public regional authority

#### Additional Romanian partners:

- The County Council Sibiu
- The Medias City Hall
- The Association of Romanian Cities
- The Ecological Club Bios Sibiu
- "Lucian Blaga" University
- SC Lafarge SA
- SC Fabis SRI

#### Grant amount awarded

€ 2,000,000

#### **Grant rate:**

83%

#### *Planned project duration:*

24 months

#### Partner (main):

The Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (KS)

#### Type of partner:

NGO

#### Additional Norwegian partners:

- Green Living
- Waste Management Norway
- Stavanger Municipality
- Trondheim University

#### Total project cost:

€ 2,400,000

#### Project no:

2009/100026

#### Project web-site:

www.arpm7c.ro www.ks.no





## Corporate Social Responsibility Focusing On Environment and Community Development

The objective of the project is to develop national capabilities in relation to corporate social responsibility (CSR), focusing on environmental actions, community development and SMEs.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is a concept whereby organizations or companies take responsibility for the impact of their activities on the community where they operate, and is a topic of growing global awareness. This project aims to amass further knowledge of CSR through the creation of a national policy paper and corresponding action plan to encourage CSR among SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises) in Romania. This plan will be drafted, debated and ready for government adoption.

Another aspect of the project is CSR training. At least 12 representatives from regional authorities and other

environmental protection organisations will be trained to disperse knowledge on CSR, and at least 42 representatives of 21 SMEs and 30 representatives of local governments will be trained in important CSR relevant issues, hence increasing awareness.

Small-scale demonstration projects will also be implemented in at least four locations in the South-West region of Romania based on small grants to be awarded to SMEs and local communities during the lifetime of the project.

A national seminar or press conference organised for project result dissemination will finally be conducted in addition to general CSR promotion.

## Project promoter: The Association for Implementing Democracy (AID), Romania Type of applicant: NGO Grant amount awarded: € 960,000 Grant rate: 90% Planned project duration: 20 months

## The Royal Norwegian Society for Development Type of partner: NGO Total project cost: € 1,065,500 Project no: 2008/112976 Project web-site: http://www.aid-romania.org http://www.norgesvel.no



#### **Environmental Solution Development**

The objective of the project is to introduce Environmental Solution Development (ESD) in selected cases with environmentally-challenged businesses.

This project seeks to deliver effective implementation models and find unique solutions to specific environmental challenges. This is done to facilitate better and more use of natural resources offering a cleaner or less wasteful alternative to traditional products and services.

The Environmental Solution Development project will deliver the best possible customized environmental technology to selected Romanian companies based on their specific needs and degree of improvement. In the case selection, main focus will be given to the regions/sectors/industries with the highest consumption of environmental goods and concentration of pollutants.

The project will also focus on the creation of financial mechanisms and strategic plans for reuse of the developed solutions and design guidelines on environment-friendly solutions. 3-5 cases will be chosen in cooperation with ECOIND and practical solutions for meeting environmental challenges by these companies will be developed.

#### Project promoter:

SINTEF, Norway

#### *Type of applicant:*

Private research institution

#### Grant amount awarded:

€ 684,500

#### Grant rate:

50%

#### *Planned project duration:*

24 months

#### Partners:

National Research & Development Institute for Industrial Ecology (ECOIND), Romania

#### *Type of partner:*

Public research institution

#### Total project cost:

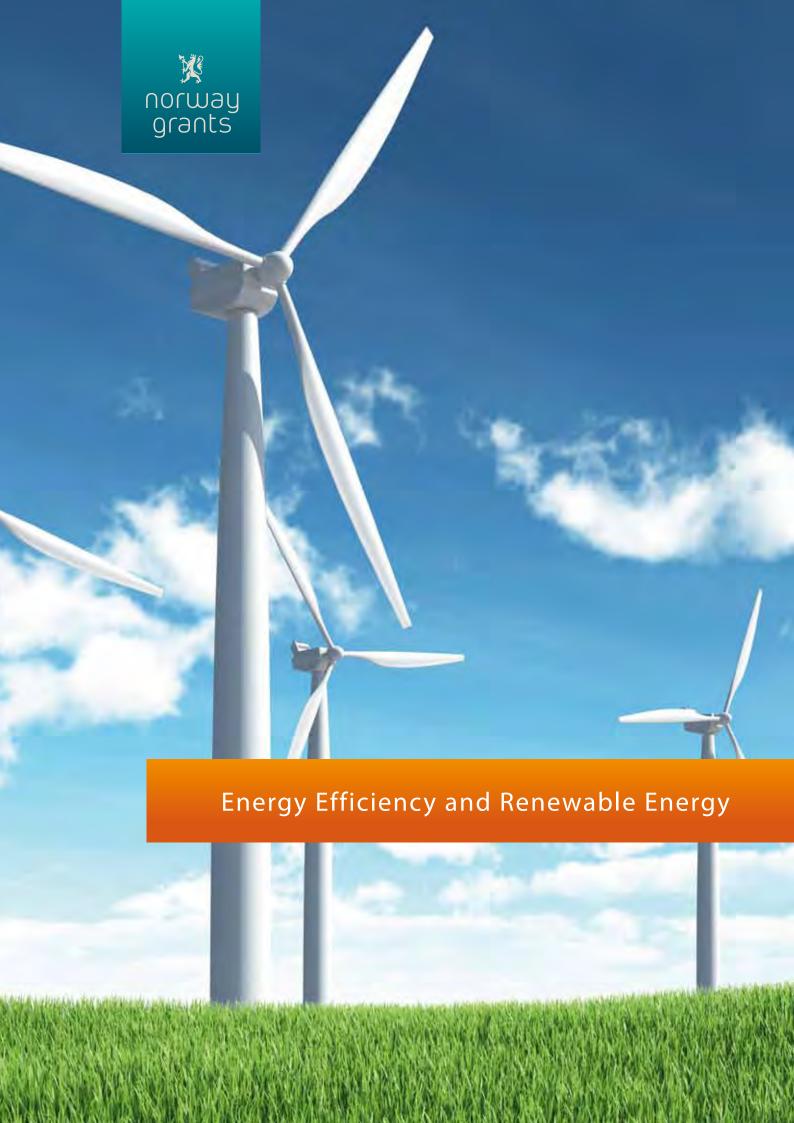
€ 1,369,000

#### Project no:

2008/113112

#### Project web-site:

www.sintef.no www.incdecoind.ro





## Romanian Small Communities, Schools and NGOs, Promote Climate Friendly Solutions

The objective of the project is to create a model of participative local planning, decision-making and project management of the Rural Sustainable Development Centre in the mountain village of Brusturoasa, and replicate the model in 5 other Romanian villages

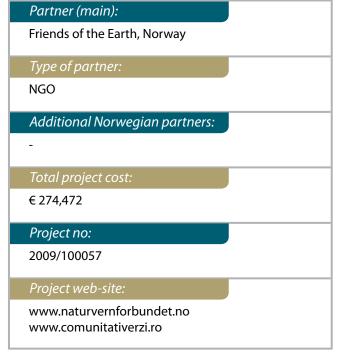
This project will set up a (co-funded) Rural Sustainable Development Centre in Brusturoasa, Bacau county. It will also distribute information about climate change issues in 30 communities and undertake practical demonstrative activities on bio- and solar energy for villages, schools and local authorities with the proper equipment.

Local Energy Planning Committees and 10 pilot project developed in 5 other locations in Romania are to be implemented. Educational material and teacher's training to assist schools in implementing energy issues will also be undertaken.

With 10 pilot schools and the involvement of at least 30 schools, the program will contribute substantially in the dispersion of knowledge and awareness building.

Also among the results of the project, 10 NGOs will increase their ability to work with and give relevant contributions to action plans.

# Project promoter: Friends of the Earth, Romania Type of applicant: NGO Additional Romanian partners: Romanian Climate Action Network Grant amount awarded: € 210,000 Grant rate: 76.51% Planned project duration: 24 months



### Safe Nuclear Energy – Regional Excellence Programme Romania

The objective of the project is to enhance nuclear safety in Romania.

Romania has invested much effort in recent years to secure and prove safe the operation of its nuclear installations, greatly enhancing the nuclear safety of the operating plants and the effectiveness of the regulatory body. Nevertheless, there are still improvements to be made. In an examination by the IAEA (IRRS, 2006) a number of issues requiring closer attention were noted.

In order to tackle these issues, the Government of Romania, with financial and expert contributions from Norway and technological contributions from IAEA, has initiated the Regional Excellence Programme on Safe Nuclear Energy in Romania.

This Excellence Programme is divided into ten projects and will cover a number of areas important to vital nuclear safety. Safety assessment, safety culture, capability building, emergency preparedness, response and management systems are all on the project's agenda.

All activities are implemented through the renowned IAEA extra budgetary programme which aims to reduce the risk of nuclear accidents, while at the same time improving emergency preparedness in Romania.

The Excellence Programme seeks to develop and enhance the competence of both regulator and operator. If successful, the model can be replicated and applied to other countries and consequently improve nuclear safety both in Romania and in other countries.



### *Project promoter:*

National Commission for Nuclear Activities Control (CNCAN), Romania

### *Type of applicant:*

National authority

### Additional Romanian partners:

National Nuclear Electricity Society (SNN), Romania

### Grant amount awarded:

€ 3,500,000

### Grant rate:

85%

### Planned project duration:

20 months

### Partner (main):

Norwegian Radiation Protection Authority (NRPA)

### *Type of partner:*

National authority

### Additional Norwegian partners:

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

### Total project cost:

€ 4,120,000

### Project no:

2008/115227

### Project web-site:

www.cncan.ro www.nrpa.no



## Energy Security and Critical Infrastructure Protection Strategy for Romania and the Regional Perspective (ROSTREC)

The objective of the project is to develop an Energy Security Strategy for Romania

Energy efficiency, renewable energy sources and securing adequate protection of critical infrastructures are the key issues in this project.

In Romania, the main existing strategic documents related to the energy and energy security domains were drafted before the integration of Romania into the European Union. They stipulate general provisions related to energy efficiency and critical infrastructures, based on the development scenario and assumed international obligations of Romania in that period.

This project therefore wishes to address the obvious need for an updated and complete energy strategy, especially with reference to the two crucial aspects: energy efficiency and critical infrastructures in an integrated approach, considering also the new EU member status of Romania.

Project promoter:		
European Institute for Risk, Security & Communication Management (EURISC), Romania		
Type of applicant:		
NGO		
Grant amount awarded:		
€ 500,000		
Grant rate:		
90%		
Planned project duration:		
14 months		







### Pilot for Sustainable Agricultural Production in the County of Salaj -Transylvania

The objective of the project is to work with the local breeders to increase the productivity in own production. The focus will be on increased meat production through training activities.

The project will help the farmers' organization become more efficient in production organisation, sales and marketing.

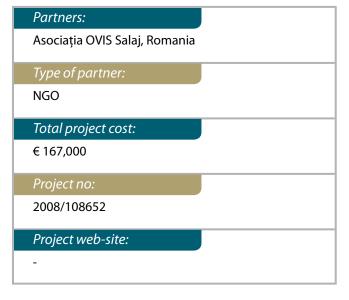
By strengthening the knowledge and skills of the local farmers, the project will enable them to meet their daily challenges in a more efficient, market-oriented fashion.

In the process of empowering the Romanian organisation, the experience from farmers' organisation establishment in Norway will be exploited actively.

The overall objective of the project is empowering the local farmers and enabling them to market their products directly, avoiding costly middlemen.

This will allow the farmers a better profit and increased control of their own situation, to the benefit of the business as a whole.

Project promoter:	
Agri Romania, Norway	
Type of applicant:	
NGO	
Grant amount awarded:	
€ 150,000	
Grant rate:	
90%	
Planned project duration:	
19 months	



### RoNoMar: Romanian-Norwegian Maritime Project

The objective of the project is to increase the competitiveness and potential for wider cooperation of the maritime sector in Romania through the development and implementation of maritime incubator activities and of joint education and research programmes.

This project aims to strengthen the vital maritime sector in both Romania and Norway.

One means to this end is the establishment of an incubator centre in Constanta, which will work to support start-ups in the maritime sector.

There will be an educative element to the project, with the development and implementation of an exchange program for at least 20 students and 10 visiting teachers. Two joint Master Programs in navigation/maritime transportation and naval engineering will be developed and certified. Another strengthening element is the establishment of a life-long learning centre including refurbishment works, equipment and course development and certification. All this is topped with the development and certification of IMO courses, upgrade of an engine simulator, the construction of a Fire Fighting Training Centre and purchase of a Dynamic Positioning simulator.

The research component will consist of one feasibility study on the use of manned ship models in addition to the development of three studies on maritime education, the development of computer assisted marine structures and motivation for targeted groups to join the marine sector. A joint research program in the maritime field will also be developed and implemented. This includes the purchase of research and simulation equipment, researcher training and workshops.



### Project promoter:

Constanta Maritime University, Romania

### Type of applicant:

Public education/research institution

### Additional Romanian partners:

Naval Academy of Constanta

### Grant amount awarded:

€ 4,000,000

### Grant rate:

85%

### Planned project duration:

24 months

### Partner (main):

Ålesund Knowledge Park AS, Norway

### *Type of partner:*

Public-private partnership

### Additional Norwegian partners:

- Ålesund University College
- Sivatech AS

### Total project cost:

€ 4,700,000

### Project no:

2008/111922

### Project web-site:

www.ronomar.eu

### BEluga STurgeon COMunity BAsed Tourism - BEST COMBAT

The objective of the project is to establish the competence base for promoting environmentally friendly tourism in the Danube delta by using the beluga sturgeon as a flagship species.

The Danube delta is the second largest river delta in Europe, with a diverse and fragile ecosystem. It is both a wonderful tourist destination and a delicate equilibrium which should only be handled, or visited, with caution.

This project will investigate the impact of the present sturgeon fishing ban on local communities along the Danube.

The outcome of the investigation is expected to help the local environment through research into nature tourism promotion and how it can offer a sustainable alternative to sturgeon fishing.

The research will enhance knowledge and understanding of the biology and behaviour of beluga sturgeon in order to maximise the tourism potential of this species.

Another important element is to build competence and improve practice of environmental tourism in the Tulcea region of the Lower Danube. The project will provide a model for the development of sustainable, nature tourism in Romania.



### Project promoter:

Danube Delta National Institute for Research and Development, Romania

### *Type of applicant:*

Public education/research institution

### Additional Romanian partners:

Caviar House Bucharest, Branch Office Tulcea S.R.L.

### Grant amount awarded:

€ 1,050,000

### Grant rate:

85%

### *Planned project duration:*

24 months

### Partner (main):

The Norwegian Institute for Water Research (NIVA)

### Type of partner:

Private research institution

### Additional Norwegian partners:

Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

### Total project cost:

€ 1,240,000

### Project no:

2008/112231

### Project web-site:

www.indd.tim.ro www.niva.no





## Sustainable Production for Small-Scale Farming Communities in a Natura 2000 Landscape

The objective of the project is to promote the economic survival of small-scale farming communities in Transylvania, through sustainable use of natural resources.

The landscape of the Tarnava Mare area of Southern Transylvania is one of the most extensive working High Nature Value Farmed landscapes in lowland Europe, making it a matter of both global and European importance.

ADEPT works closely with farmers, local communities, universities, other NGOs and all levels of government toward solving problems threatening the survival of this precious landscape and of the small-scale farming communities who live in it and maintain it.

With financial support from the Norwegian Cooperation Programme, ADEPT is taking the first of many steps towards giving this landscape and these communities an economic future. At least 100 farmers will be trained in organic farming, certification and product marketing.

Milk hygiene courses will be held in all the communes of the Tarnava Mare areas, in order to prepare farmers for European quality standards. 8 milk-collection centers will be designed and built up to EU standards, in rent-free premises, equipped with necessities like milk testing equipment. In addition, two Farmers' Markets will be established to promote sales of high quality products linked to the area.

### Project promoter:

ADEPT Foundation Transylvania, Romania

*Type of applicant:* 

NGO

Additional Romanian partners:

Local Action Group Dealurile Tarnavelor

Grant amount awarded:

€ 605,000

Grant rate:

81%

Planned project duration:

22 months

### Partner (main):

The Royal Norwegian Society for Development

Type of partner:

NGO

Additional Norwegian partners:

Intbau Scandinavia

Total project co

€ 745,000

Project no:

2008/111984

Project web-site:

www.fundatia-adept.org



### The Fruits of Tradition in Odorhei

The objective of the project is to increase the economic revenue of rural enterprises in the Odorhei region by sustainable and enhanced use of natural resources, in particular of traditional varieties of fruit and wild forest species.

The main goal of the project is to reveal sustainable development opportunities for rural small and medium enterprises by promoting the long term maintenance and use of traditional fruit varieties and wild forest species in Odorhei (Harghita county) micro-region.

These natural values belong to the partly forgotten natural heritages of the beautiful Carpathian Mountains.

Among the planned activities should be mentioned one-year training for at least 20 farmers, assistance provided to launch one producer group in the region, and establishment of a Rural Assistance and Development Centre (RADC) with consultation mission. The training will focus especially to extend the competence of the farmers in sustainable economic development issues, traditional handling procedures of traditional orchards, and processing of raw material by respecting the safety rules. The producer group will be organised as a farmers' representative organisation to enhance their access to the market. In order to provide long-term sustainability for the project results and increase the economic revenue for an extended number of farmers, the Civitas Foundation will assist their development efforts and facilitate experience exchange with Norwegian peers.

### Project promoter:

Civitas Foundation for Civil Society, Romania

Type of applicant:

NGO

### Additional Romanian partners:

- AGORA Foundation
- Association of Hungarian Farmers from the Odorhei region
- Modern Business Sciences College
- Academic Society of Targu Mures

### Grant amount awarded:

€ 886,500

### Grant rate:

90%

### *Planned project duration:*

24 months

# Partner (main): The Royal Norwegian Society for Development Type of partner: NGO Additional Norwegian partners: Total project cost: € 985,000 Project no: 2008/114542 Project web-site: www.frutrad.ro

# Establishing a Production Unit for the Waste Compactor in Romania

The objective of the project is to set up a joint venture entity and production facility where 900,000 waste compactor units may be produced annually. The entity is estimated to employ as many as 240 staff by the end of 2011, and grow to 350 staff by the end of 2015.

This sustainable production venture entails a new production facility consisting of a 3,800 square metres built area, of which 3,500 is the production hall and 300 is office space.

Their production equipment consists of injection machines, assembly lines, moulds and tools, lifting and handling equipment.

The product is a trash compactor which will enable households to fit twice the amount of household waste in their bins, and hence the waste collector can collect twice the amount of waste with each collection. This permits reducing their collection frequency, cutting transport costs and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.



Project promoter:
Haugland Group AS, Norway
Type of applicant:
Private entity
Grant amount awarded:
€ 4,000,000
Grant rate:
60%
Planned project duration:
24 months

Partners:	
Harplast SA, Romania	
Type of partner:	
Private entity	
Total project cost:	
€ 6,670,975	
Project no:	
2008/115195	
Project web-site:	
www.hauglandgroup.no	



### Capacity Building for Members of the Health and Safety Committees

The objective of the project is to enhance social dialogue in the work place and introduce innovative measures for improvement and monitoring of the working conditions in the Romanian industry.

This project will focus on increasing the efficiency of the Health and Safety (H&S) Committees within Romanian companies by capacity building for workers' representatives and by the development of the social dialogue between employers and trade unions. The main aim of the project is to modernise the negotiation agenda with the managers of Romanian companies with a view to increasing their awareness of the importance of preventing work accidents and illness.

Bearing in mind that a good working climate depends on increased health and safety conditions, the parties involved in the project will organise training courses for the H&S Committees and for the trade union members. The outcome of these courses will be an improved dialogue between management and workers regarding the importance of healthy and safe working conditions,

more awareness concerning the importance of accident prevention and the establishment of a Resource and Information Centre providing services for the members of the trade unions.

### Project promoter:

The Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions (LO)

### Type of applicant:

Social partner

### Additional Romanian partners:

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### Grant amount awarded:

€ 600,000

### Grant rate:

90%

### *Planned project duration:*

24 months

An important outcome of the project is the Resource and Information Centre (RIC).

The RIC will serve as an interface between the experts on H&S and the trade union representatives in Health and Safety Committees in order to :

- optimise the labour relations in general and the working conditions in particular;
- ensure efficient H&S prevention measures at company level.

In order to reach these objectives, the RIC will operate on two levels: - through an online platform which will be established for the exchange of information, good practices on H&S issues and relevant documentation in this area;

- through the organisation of a library with two different sections: a virtual section which includes mainly relevant European and Romanian legislation on the topic, training materials and information about the function of H&S Committees in different European countries; a library with printed versions of H&S leaflets, brochures and handbooks and electronic versions of documentation.

### Partner (main):

Democratic Trade Union Confederation of Romania (CSDR)

### Type of partner:

Social partner

### Additional Norwegian partners:

- National Trade Union Conferderation "Cartel Alfa"
- · National Trade Union Confederation "Fratia

### Total project cost:

€ 666,666

### Project no:

2008/111186

### Project web-site:

www.lo.no www.comitetessm.ro

### MEDICARE - Medical Disposable Blood Treatment and Dialysis Line Manufacturing

The objective of the project is to support the design, production and qualification of new moulding equipment, moulding tools, blister packaging and transducer solutions for medical disposable products, in a dedicated production factory in SC Euromedica SRL, lasi.

This project is divided into research and development, investments and training activities.

Moulding machines and different medical grade polymer materials will be acquired for testing and qualification of existing and new medical devices, and processes for several disposable parts developed. In addition to new and efficient assembly lines, the establishment and qualification of a sterilisation facility in Romania will reduce the costs of sterilisation and transport.

The end result is a state-of-the-art factory producing disposable articles for medical use. The benefits include a reduced production cost per unit, reduced transport costs and a significant number of new jobs in the lasi area.



Partners:

Project promoter:	
Memscap AS, Norway	
Type of applicant:	
Private entity	
Grant amount awarded:	
€ 1,860,000	
Grant rate:	
60%	
Planned project duration:	
16 months	

SC Euromedica SRL, Romania	
Type of partner:	
Private entity	
Total project cost:	
€ 3,108,000	
Project no:	
2008/111257	
Project web-site:	
www.medicare.memscap.no	
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### Business Unit for Healthcare Products Dedicated for Hospitals, Elderly and Disabled Persons

The objective of the project is to build a factory and business unit for production of the BANO concept (health care products for bathrooms in hospitals, health institutions and for elderly or disabled persons) in the county of Buzau.

The establishment of a joint venture company between OLS, AGORA and DENO will result in a new job creating production facility.

This new facility will be state of the art and ready to produce highly complex quality products for the healthcare sector in Romania and Europe.

In addition the staff will be, post implementation, trained in sales, marketing, logistic and advanced production and plant operation.



Project promoter:	
OLS AS, Norway	
Type of applicant:	
Private entity	
Additional Romanian partners:	
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Grant amount awarded:	
€ 4,800,000	
Grant rate:	
59%	
Planned project duration:	
12 months	



### Sustainable, Competitive, Quality Production in Cluj-Napoca

The objective of the project is to upgrade qualifications in all parts of Ensyro SRL, by introducing new system for Enterprise Resource Planning, Manufacturing Planning Software and Quality Assurance System with the aim to ISO 9000 certify the company during the project period.

The Romanian company Ensyro produces metal products on an industrial scale mainly for export to industries abroad. This project aims to bolster the quality of the production process and finished products to the benefit of both existing foreign clients and new domestic markets. The upgrade will consist in refurbishing the factory with improved machinery and stronger product supervision, enabling Ensyro to comply with high certification standards and requirements.

Another undertaken effort is further training for all different types of staff. This means an increase in competence within management, sales & marketing, logistics, production, welding and steel sheet production, allowing the team to produce the high quality products that the market demands.



Partners:

# Project promoter: SC ENSYRO SRL, Romania Type of applicant: Private entity Grant amount awarded: € 800,000 Grant rate: 54% Planned project duration: 24 months

INSOFT NORGE AS, Norway	
Type of partner:	
Private entity	
Total project cost:	
€ 1,489,500	
Project no:	
2008/111361	
Project web-site:	
www.ensyro.com	
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### Food Traceability in Romania

The objective of the project is to improve the hygiene and food safety standards in the Romanian food industry and to facilitate implementation of European regulations on food safety and traceability, through the development of a well functioning IT-system for traceability and information handling within the meat industry.

The project will develop an integrated traceability IT system connecting product flow and information along the entire food chain in Romania, making it easier to trace food products. This will be done by transferring know-how and technology developed by the Norwegian SME A/S SCASE.

Two pilot/demonstration sites will be established with the total traceability systems installed and running with the necessary hardware, software and various industrial terminals.

The results from all this will again be disseminated to businesses, consumers and policy-makers. In the long run this will improve confidence in the products as well as improving their quality.

### Project promoter:

A/S SCASE, Norway

### Type of applicant:

Private entity

### Additional Romanian partners:

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### Grant amount awarded:

€ 992,000

### **Grant rate:**

48%

### *Planned project duration:*

12 months

### Partner:

SC SOFTWIN SRL, Romania

### *Type of partner:*

Private entity

### Additional Norwegian partners:

Two beneficiaries (private enterprises) within the meat and poultry industry to be identified

### Total project cost:

€ 2,083,578

### Project no:

2008/112000

### Project web-site:

www.scase.no



### Ecotourism – an Instrument for Sustainable Development

The objective of the project is to develop and implement responsible tourism with focus on ecotourism and environmentally friendly renewable energy for biodiversity conservation.

Wherever nature is fragile it is not always necessary keeping the public out. The key is ensuring that the tourism is run according to the needs of nature. To that end, this project will develop a Guide for good practices in ecotourism and eco-label which is to be adopted by local authorities in Tara Dornelor, Suceava county.

65 persons will be given training in a broad range of issues, inter alia, rural development with a focus towards ecotourism and fundraising opportunities, strategy for development

of local partnerships, ecotourism, evaluation of ecotourism facilitation services, techniques and methods for environment interpretation (interpretation of trails), and renewable energy. All these elements will ease the pressure on nature and instead shift the responsibility towards the visiting individual.

An eco-network (Calimani) will be set up and become fully functional. It will consist of ecoturism service providers and representatives of the authorities.

In an effort to bolster ecotourism in Tara Dornelor, the partners will attend an international tourism fair in Norway, where the documentary film "In Tara Dornelor" will be screened and relevant promotional materials will be disseminated.

### Project promoter:

Speleological Foundation Bucovina, Romania

### *Type of applicant:*

NGO

### Additional Romanian partners:

Association for Ecotourism in Romania

### Grant amount awarded:

€ 315,000

### Grant rate:

90%

### *Planned project duration:*

24 months

### Partner (main):

Community-Based Natural Resource Management Network (CBNRM Net), Norway

### *Type of partner:*

NGO

### Additional Norwegian partners:

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### Total project cost:

€ 350,000

### Project no:

2008/115228

### Project web-site:

www.speo.org.ro

### Romanian Industrial Heating Technology Centre

The objective of the project is to create a Romanian Industrial Heating Technology Centre by investment in tangible support of increased production and R&D capabilities.

Uttis and EFD have activities within advanced metallurgical processes and nanotechnology. The production and R&D facilities currently in use limit the possibility to manufacture high performance equipment and thus to comply with the requirements of Romanian and EC companies.

The project will help set up production and research and development facilities in the counti of llfov.

This will include a modern testing and investigation laboratory and process development laboratories. 9 production equipment items and 6 pieces of R&D/laboratory equipment will be delivered as well.



# Project promoter: UTTIS Industries SA, Romania Type of applicant: Private entity Grant amount awarded: € 1,413,600 Grant rate: 28% Planned project duration: 24 months

Partners:	
EFD AS, Norway	
Type of partner:	
Private entity	
Total project cost:	
€ 5,070,000	
Project no:	
2008/109978	
Project web-site:	
www.uttis.ro www.efd-induction.com	



### **Outsourcing of Sub-Sea Structures**

The objective of the project is to improve the skills of the staff working for Promex S.A. and 24 January S.A. with respect to the production of deep-sea structures, which requires attention to some special technical parameters.

Several general and specific training modules will be delivered, the end result of which will include:

- Better capacity on the Romanian side to produce deepsea metal structures
- A new production line in Romania with considerable business potential
- Increased cooperation and more joint projects between the Romanian and Norwegian partners.

### Project promoter:

Grenland Group ASA, Norway

### Type of applicant:

Private entity

### Additional Romanian partners:

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### Grant amount awarded.

€ 433,051

### Grant rate:

32%

### Planned project duration:

12 months

### Partner (main):

S.C. 24 January S.A., Romania

### Type of partner:

Private entity

### Additional Norwegian partners:

- S.C. Promex S.A.
- · Isim Timişoara

### Total project cost:

€ 1,356,600

### Project no:

2008/115130

### Project web-site

www.grenlandgroup.com, www.24january.ro, www.promex.ro, www.isim.ro





### Norwegian-Romanian Partnership for Progress in Rare Diseases

The objective of the project is to establish a Romanian Pilot Centre for networking, competence-building and training in relation to rare diseases, based on the Frambu model - a Norwegian national centre for rare disorders and disabilities.

Rare diseases are treated in specific ways, which is why it is imperative to have the right knowledge when faced with them. In cooperation with its partners, The Prader Willi Association in Romania is to establish a Pilot Centre for Rare Diseases in Zalau in the northwest of the country - an important step in the process of creating a training network for rare diseases.

At the end of the road all this will become a vital part in developing specialised services for rare diseases patients and families, using the Frambu model, a result of knowledge transfer between Norway and Romania.

### Project promoter:

Prader Willi Association, Romania

### *Type of applicant:*

NGO

### Additional Romanian partners:

- Ministry of Health
- "St. Family" Church Zalau
- Acasa Foundation Zalau
- City Hall Zalau (DASC)
- County Council Salaj (DGASPC, ISJ Salaj)
- Romanian Medical Genetics Society
- University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Victor Babes" Timisoara
- Romanian National Alliance for Rare Diseases

### Grant amount awarded.

€ 1,874,000

### Grant rate:

90%

### *Planned project duration:*

24 months

### Partner (main):

Frambu Foundation, Norway

### *Type of partner:*

NGO

### *Additional Norwegian partners:*

The Norwegian Prader Willi Syndrome Association

### Total project cost:

€ 2,109,764

### Project no:

2008/115272

### Project web-site:

www.apwromania.ro



### Integrated and Innovative Healthcare Services for Rural Romania

The objective of the project is to help provide basic/primary healthcare solutions and services to 8 rural areas in one of Romania's most economically challenged regions (North-East).

As many as 22,292 rural patients are targeted by this project, simply because of the lack of service capacities in the designated area. In certain remote areas you can find an average of 2,000 patients to a single general practitioner, a condition worsened still by transportation complications in poor weather.

This project expects a vast set of results. At least 2,000 children of school age and 100 teachers will be informed about health-promoting practices like healthy eating, hygiene, moderation or abstinence with alcohol and smoking. The establishment of innovative 10 'mother and baby' corners in 10 medical facilities in the relevant area is another step being taken. Four

community vehicles will be purchased to increase population mobility in connection with access to health services.

A multi-functional community care centre is to be opened in Motoseni commune (Fintinele village), Bacau county, for community healthcare to all categories of people.

In addition, 8 home-care teams will be put together and accredited to provide home services to ill elderly people.

One home care resource centre of excellence will be established and operational. Finally there will be exchange visits to Norway for 34 locals (mayors, doctors, staff members) to facilitate knowledge transfer between the two countries, which will offer a supplement to the national conference on rural health in Romania.

### Project promoter:

Community Support Foundation Bacau (FSC Bacau), Romania

### *Type of applicant:*

NGO

### Grant amount awarded:

€ 1,025,450

### Grant rate:

88%

### *Planned project duration:*

24 months

### Partners:

Selbu Municipality, Norway

### Type of partner:

Local public authority

### Total project cost:

€ 1,161,000

### Project no:

2008/114367

### Project web-site:

www.fsc.ro

## Increasing Access to High Quality Primary Prevention Services for Children and Adolescents

The objective of this public health project is to prevent obesity and promote healthy diets and lifestyles at national level in Romania.

Obesity is a widespread and grave problem in the entire western world and beyond. Obesity leads to health problems and it equally drains the public purse.

To contribute to halting and reversing the trend of increasing overweight in children and adolescents in Romania, and

increase the percentage of children and adolescents that have a healthy lifestyle, action is being taken.

With the establishment of institutional platforms at national and local levels, this project will contribute to effectively curb overweight and obesity amongst children and adolescents.

The experiences and information gathered in this project will also be used as a basis for a National Action Plan for Nutrition and Physical Activity.



### Project promoter:

- · Romanian Ministry of Health
- Implementation Unit: Public Health Centre of Sibiu

### *Type of applicant:*

National authority

### Additional Romanian partners:

- Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports
- Youth for Youth Foundation
- Romanian Association of Health Psychology

### Grant amount awarded:

€ 1,300,000

### Grant rate:

85%

### *Planned project duration:*

24 months

### Partner (main):

The Norwegian Institute of Public Health

### *Type of partner:*

National authority

### Additional Norwegian partners:

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### Total project cost:

€ 1,530,000

### Project no:

2008/108643

### Project web-site

www.ms.ro, www.fhi.no www.cspsibiu.ro





### Day Centre for Children with Developmental Disorders

The objective of the project is to improve capacity in the Romanian public health system to treat children with developmental disorders, through the establishment of a day-care centre and transferring know-how on treatment methods.

The project will establish a day centre specialised in the care of children with developmental disorders in a new 1,500 sqm, fully equipped building. The financial support from the Norwegian Cooperation Programme will contribute to the building and its amenities and to the training of the relevant staff.

At least 90 professionals such as psychiatrists, psychologists, educators, social workers and other mental health professionals will be trained in therapy-related issues based on Norwegian and Romanian training material.

A vital part of the project is the consultation meetings with Norwegian partners from which exchanges of best practices relating to centre operation issues can be derived.

### *Project promoter:*

Psychiatric Hospital Titan "Dr. Constantin Gorgos" in Bucharest, Romania

### *Type of applicant:*

Public health institution

### Additional Romanian partners:

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### Grant amount awarded:

€ 2,900,000

### **Grant rate:**

80%

### *Planned project duration:*

24 months

### Partner (main):

Adults for Children, Norway

### *Type of partner:*

NGO

### Additional Norwegian partners:

Norwegian Society for Autism

### Total project cost:

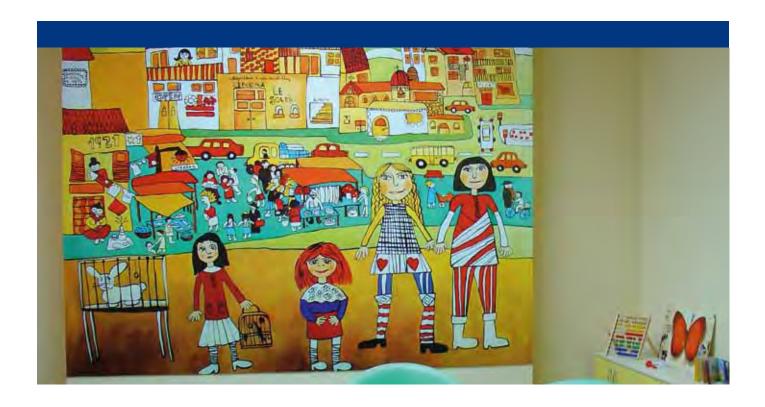
€ 3,632,200

### Project no:

2008/112481

### Project web-site:

www.cgorgos.ro



### The Best of Care for Healthier Romanian Children

The objective of the project is to promote mental health and improve the quality of care for vulnerable children and adolescents through the development of an operational framework and the delivery of training programs.

The new "Centre for Emotional and Behavioural Education for Children", run by Save the Children Romania, will provide children and their parents with a first-of-its-kind community-based service where care is available in a user-friendly and non-stigmatizing way.

The training of local staff and resource persons from institutions will also enable the project to have a long term impact on the design of these services in Romania.

The centre in Bucharest will be multidisciplinary and consists of three departments. One department for service delivery for direct beneficiaries (children and parents), another concerned with capacity building (training of personnel, supervision and technical assistance) and finally one for resource development (e.g. studies, creation of materials, screening and diagnosis instruments etc.).

Project promoter:
Save the Children Norway
Type of applicant:
NGO
Grant amount awarded:
€ 800,000
Grant rate:
90%
Planned project duration:
24 months

Partners:
Save the Children Romania
Type of partner:
Type of partner.
NGO
Total project cost:
€ 890,000
Project no:
2008/112231
Project web-site:
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