



Promote European Citizenship through Intergenerational and Intercultural Learning

Story Highlights by

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Carpathian Foundation Network



Carpathian Foundation was established in 1995 through a partnership of the East West Institute, New York and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

Today, The **Carpathian Foundation Network** (CFN) represents a unique transfrontier regional structure, that provides **grants and technical assistance** to non-governmental organizations and local governments, focusing primarily on economic development and transfrontier activities.

Its working area is targeting the bordering regions of **Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Ukraine**.





Carpathian Foundation Network - working area -



Hungary: Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén, Hajdú-Bihar,
Heves, Jasz-Nagykun-Szolnok,
Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg counties

Poland: Podkarpackie Province

Romania: Bihor, Botosani, Harghita,
Maramures, Satu Mare, Salaj and
Suceava counties

Slovakia: Košice and Prešov region

Ukraine: Černivetska, Ivano-Frankivska,
Lvivska, Zakarpatská oblast (region)



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- **7 counties** - Bihor, Botosani, Harghita, Maramures, Salaj, Satu Mare and Suceava, part of NW and NE development regions
- **3,326,637 inhabitants ; 42,122 sq km surface**
- **46 towns**, from which **9 are municipalities**, and **449 communes** having other several hundred villages under their local administration authority; more than **1,500 registered NGOs**

The region can be considered as one of the most under-developed from the economic point of view, compared to the rest of the country, even if it is located in the so-called “Western Wall.”

In statistic terms, from the 188 regions of Europe, the NW one is on the position 186 and the NE one, on the 188.

We are targeting the less developed regions of whole Europe.



Past programs, activities - Grant making and Operational programs

Grants Statistics 1995 - 2006



Year	Number of projects	Amount granted USD and EUR
1995	12	17,794 USD
1996	14	207,329 USD
1997	6	43,135 USD
1998	13	69,998 USD
1999	26	75,622 USD
2000	28	108,830 USD
2001	27	152,125 USD
2002	48	269,858 USD and 44,106 EUR
2003	34	113,553 USD and 38,835 EUR
2004	26	66,582 USD and 49,551 EUR
2005	16	112,700 USD
2006	5	67,610 USD
Total	255	1.265.136 USD and 132.492 EUR





Facts and figures about Oradea

- area = 11.556 ha, the 10th city of Romania
- population = about 206.614 inhabitants
- population ethnic structure:
 - o 145.284 Romanians
 - o 56.985 Hungarians
 - o 2.1% Other (563 Germans, 166 Jews, 474 Slovaks, 2.449 Gypsies etc.)
- population religious structure:
 - o 59% Orthodox
 - o 3.3% Greek-Catholic
 - o 11.2% Roman-Catholic
 - o 16.3% Neo-Protestant
 - o 3.6% Baptist
 - o 4.6% Pentecostal
 - o 2% Other





Current Financing and Technical
Assistance Programs
implemented by CF FDCE Romania in the
framework of
Carpathian Foundation Network
between 2007 – 2009

- BRIDGE
- Carpathian Scholarship Fund - CSP Fred Robey
- Carpathian Relief and Development Fund
- Community Development by Education
- The Way It Works – CF SK
- Carpathian House – CF PL
- InfoTur – CF UA
- Norwegian Mechanism Fund – NGO
Small Grant Program for Heritage – 2008
- 2010



Main Projects implemented in Romania as a local partner - since 2000 -

- **ECOROUTE** - Leonardo da Vinci Programme
- **EDEN** – Ecos Ouverture Programme
- **LIVING HERITAGE** – Community Development through cultural resources in South East Europe - Culture 2000 Programme
- **TALK IT** - Leonardo da Vinci Programme
- **TRIN 2** - EU Second Transnational Exchange Programme
- **GUIDELIFE** - Leonardo da Vinci Programme
- **EUROPEAN GENERATION LINK** – SOCRATES Programme
- **THE WAY IT WORKS** - Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG - Budget Heading 04.03.03.01 Industrial Relations and Social Dialogue
- **WINE** - Leonardo da Vinci Programme

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Allocated human resources

- CF – FDEC Romania staff
- Sociologist from Oradea University
- Pupils from Oradea high schools
- scholars from Sighetu Marmatiei

6 stories

1. Kinga and Monica - Italy
2. Florian - France
3. Ovidiu – Germany
4. Marius – Germany
5. Tunde - Hungary
4. Ana - Canada



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Dissemination events - locations

- Oradea
- Baia Mare
- Sighetu Marmatiei



Demonstration events - locations

- Oradea
- Poland – CF Network





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Challenges

- Difficult to find people & stories
- Difficult to find young people interested to work with us
- Reluctance and lack of trust in such an NGO initiatives
- “if we leaved without internet until now, why we would need it...”
- working challenge for the implementing team – especially the IT component!



We had to extend the area and the target group -

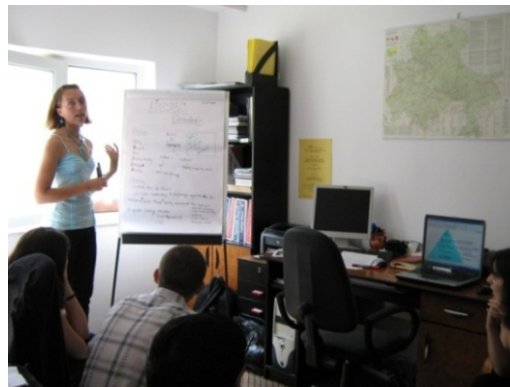
- people who left the country before 1989 and after – 2 different groups -



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Lessons learned

- work differently, with different group of youth
- find the “right motivation” for the young people
- learn the “third generation language”
- be opened todelicate reactions
- learn more about migration reasons – working environment mainly!
- the value of the TEAM!!!!!!!!!!

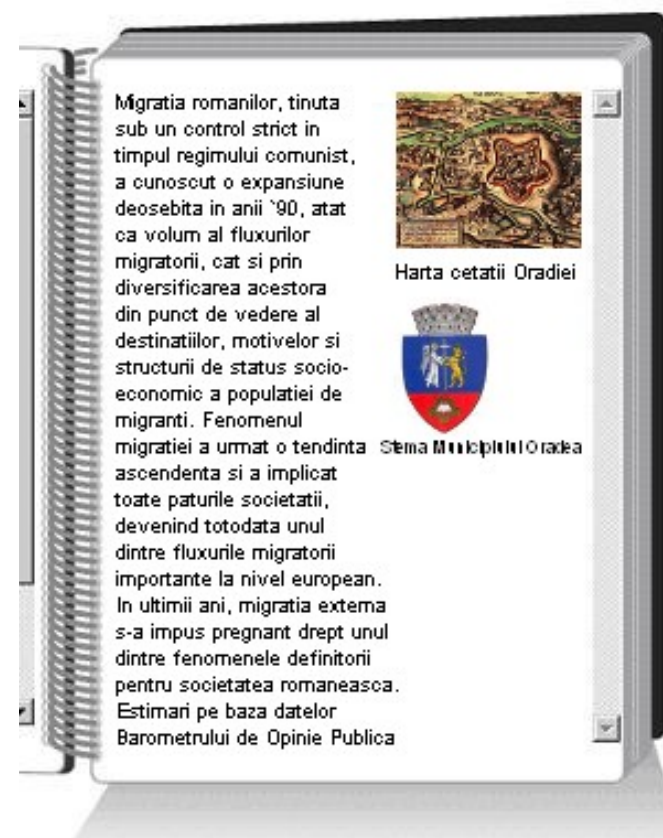




Conclusion

All the involved persons, expressed their interest to continue this project!

It seems that a higher development will have from now on, when the methodology is established and the working team is more familiar with the project criteria and context!





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Thank you for your attention!!!!

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