

**UNITED STATES EMBASSY BUCHAREST**  
**DEMOCRACY COMMISSION SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM**  
**LIST OF FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS AND PROJECTS**

**2009-2010**

**International Association “A Step to the Future” (Asociatia Internationala “Un Pas Spre Viitor” UPSV)**

The project: “*Independent Life*” will institute an internship program for orphan young people in Brasov county as part of the educational process of preparing them for social integration and for an independent life.

**“Impreuna” Agency for Community Development (Agentia de Dezvoltare Comunitara “Impreuna”)**

With the project: “*Empower Minority Women in Trade Unions*”, the NGO plans to build a mechanism so as to allow access of Roma women employees to trade unions in order to promote equal opportunities on the labor market.

**COTE Foundation (Fundatia COTE)**

“*I Can Make a Difference!*” project aims to encourage leadership and participation in civic life in a group that has fewer opportunities to engage in community life due to financial constraints. The project will empower disadvantaged youth in Iasi by forming teams to implement small projects in their communities.

**Young Professionals Club**

The purpose of “*Linked to Green*” project is to initiate a feasible “green” system for selective recycled waste collection in 20 participating Bucharest hotels, restaurants and cafeterias using an online platform to link businesses in the industry to waste-collection companies so that waste is properly separated, collected, and recycled and business owners become familiar with the international practices of selective waste collection and recycling.

**Habitat for Humanity Association Pitesti (Asociatia Habitat pentru Umanitate Pitesti)**

The project “*Mentoring: A Promise Strategy for Youth Development*” will create a mentoring program with activities for 30 disadvantaged children of Pitesti community. Mentors are “Habiteens” from local high schools. The program pairs each of the “Habiteens” with a local child from a disadvantaged family or an orphanage.

**“Cum” Association of Young Artists (Asociatia ”Cum” a Tinerilor Artisti)**

The purpose of the project “*See Me as I Am – Words and Images of Roma Women*” is to look at representations of Roma women and empower Roma girls by creating a publication about the representation of Roma women in the context of history. Student workshops will yield tests, drawings, audio samples, and video material, including production of a documentary. Students will then help organize and participate in screenings and public discussion of documentary.

**Youth Forum Association (Asociatia Forumul Tinerilor)**

*“Build Up Your ‘Green’ Future!”* will involve high school youth and the community of Rosiori de Vede in a joint effort to rehabilitate the city park, providing a future venue for youth activities that the city now lacks.

**Biosanta Foundation (Fundatia Biosanta)**

The project *“The Romanian Woman, from Tradition to Affirmation”* will empower 40 disadvantaged young women of Tiha Bargaului currently at risk of being trafficked by providing information on the patterns of trafficking solicitation in their area and the need to protect their human rights, while they acquire new skills through specialized training that will enable them to contribute to the future of their families and of the community.

**Green Echoes Association (Asociatia Ecouri Verzi)**

With the project *“Junior Rangers of Rapa Rosie Natural Reserve – Youth Involvement and Empowerment for Nature Conservation”*, the NGO will create a Junior Ranger program of youth leaders to help protect the Râpa Rosie Wildlife Reserve and involve the community of Sebes, Alba county, in environment protection action.

**Association For Studying Roma History (Asociatia pentru Studiarea Istoriei Romilor)**

In partnership with the “Ellie Wiesel” National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania, ASIR will implement the project: *“Education on the Holocaust. Development of Civic Values for the Inclusion of Jewish and Roma Minorities”*, in order to develop a pilot program of continuous education on the Holocaust for teachers, including the Roma holocaust component of the curriculum, to improve the quality of the teaching procedures used by 25 teachers, and to create extracurricular activities in partnership with 25 schools and creation of models of best practices.

**Association for Civic and Labor Education (Asociatia pentru Educatie Civica si Sindicala)**

The purpose of the project *“Know Your Local Government”* is to produce a booklet of approximately 30-40 pages that will introduce local government officials/offices, and their duties to the citizens of Horezu District.

**Institute for Public Policies Association (Asociatia Institutul pentru Politici Publice IPP)**

With the project *“Transparent and Accountable Romanian Parliamentary Steering Committee for a More Participative Legislative Process”*, IPP plans to research and publicize the activity of the 39 Parliamentary Steering Committees during the first legislative session; advocate to expand video-recordings of proceedings in pilot committees to all steering committees; and to initiate a mechanism to consult on new legislation with social categories to be affected.

**Center for Democratic Education Association (Asociatia Centrul pentru Educatie Democratica CDE)**

The project *“Don’t Hide Corruption!”* aims at researching and tracking the legal developments of current major cases of corruption in Romania for public awareness and for transparency regarding their legal status.

**Philanthropy Association Severin (Asociatia “Filantropia” Severin)**

The purpose of the project *“Info Center for the Visually Impaired – ‘Didim the Blind’”* is to create an Information Center for the visually impaired in Drobeta Turnu Severin and engage the visually impaired persons in group activities.

**Romanian Center for Investigative Journalism (Centrul Roman pentru Jurnalism de Investigatie)**

With the project *“Expanding and Strengthening a National Network of Investigative Journalists in Romania”* CRJI will train local journalists about in-depth research and investigative journalism and will expand the national network of investigative journalists in Romania to bolster the quality of critical journalism in Romania .

**Center for Independent Journalism (Centrul pentru Jurnalism Independent)**

The project *“Good Governance as a Human Right – second edition”* will train twenty local journalists for professional reporting of governmental institutions’ activity, and will teach professional skills and knowledge about legislation so that the media can better perform its watch-dog function.

**“The Word That Builds” Foundation (Fundatia “Cuvantul Care Zideste”)**

The project *“Children – The Protectors of Nature!”* will engage students from eight schools in Dolj and Gorj counties in cleaning up areas identified in the Tismana, Oltet, Jiu and Sohodol valleys, and will produce a documentary film and photos for a traveling exhibition to be viewed in the schools of the two counties in order to demonstrate the positive impact of volunteerism and the importance of a clean environment.

**2008-2009**

**“Linisor” Association (Asociatia “Linisor” Hunedoara)**

The purpose of the project *“Campaign for electoral training of Roma communities in Hunedoara County”* was to increase Roma participation in the elections. The project addressed the critical problem of low turnout of Roma and targeted 15 Roma communities in Hunedoara county.

**Association “Support for Social Integration” (Asociatia “Sprijinirea Integrarii Sociale” ASIS)**

The project *“I’m a citizen. I know my rights!”* rose awareness of orphans’ and generally of young people’s rights and educated opinion leaders among orphan children and youth, helped create teams with non-orphan high school students, and improved conduct of educators and social workers in child protection in order to eliminate discrimination.

**“Young People’s Future” Association (Asociatia “Viitorul Tinerilor” Ploiesti)**

The purpose of the project *“Democracy among young people”* was to promote volunteering among youth in orphanages and high schools in Prahova.

**Philanthropy Association Mehedinti (Asociatia “Filantropia” Mehedinti)** The project *“The elders are ours too!”* had the purpose to involve the elderly of Mehedinti county in the social life of the community through interaction with youth.

**Friendship Ambassadors Association (Asociatia “Ambasadorii Prieteniei” Targoviste)**

The purpose of the project “*Networking democratic schools – coaching for quality assurance of EDC (Education for Democratic Citizenship)*” was to consolidate teachers’ planning abilities acquired in an initial pilot project so as to integrate EDC policy and school development policies into the general school development process; also to develop a practice of accountability in school, team work and quality criteria for EDC.

**Volunteer Youth Action (Asociatia Actiunea Tinerilor Voluntari Galati) (ACTIV)**

“*Dialogues in Democracy*” had the purpose to raise awareness among university and high school students in Galati (Moldavia) on the importance of civic involvement of youth, stimulate their participation in the voting for parliament in November and in community-related projects.

**Pro-Mehedinti Association (Asociatia Pro-Mehedinti)**

The project “*Responsible Youth*” had the purpose to stir young people’s interest in being involved into the political and social life of their community, Drobeta Turnu Severin city.

**Odorheiu Secuiesc Community Foundation (Fundatia Comunitara din Odorheiu Secuiesc)**

The project “*Developing leaders: enabling higher quality youth civic engagement*” had the purpose to increase the civic involvement of youth and educating youth and NGO leaders on the benefits of volunteering and youth leadership.

**Traveling Book Foundation (Fundatia “Cartea Calatoare”, Focsani)**

“*The library for all!*” expanded a pilot project consisting in opening an audio books library nationwide in order to enable people with sight disabilities to have access to information in public libraries. The project aimed at developing the spirit of social solidarity and understanding for the visually impaired.

**Local Initiative Roman 2002 Association (Asociatia Initiativa Locala 2002 Roman)**

“*Be informed, don’t be a slave!*” educates high school youth in Roman city and Neamt county on the threat of trafficking in persons (TIP) and expands information on the threat of TIP to teachers, public institutions and the entire community.

**Vasiliada Association Gorj Branch (Asociatia Vasiliada Gorj)**

The project “*Invest in my education!*” raised awareness of children’s rights to have access to education and enjoy equal chances, and in an after-school center opened by the organization it helped good students of poor families who faced a high risk of school abandonment.

**GAL Association “Micro-Region Hartibaciu” (Asociatia GAL Microregiunea Hartibaciu, Sibiu)**

The purpose of the project entitled “*Youth & Living Democracy: Workshops in Themes of Democracy*” was to educate 20 high school students interested in journalism about democracy and civil society and to enable them to put theory into practice by writing editorials for the local newspaper Gazeta Hartibaciu.

## **2007-2008**

### **Pro Democracy Bucharest (Pro Democratia Bucuresti)**

The project "*A Fair Referendum*" had the purpose to contribute to a fair environment for citizens to exercise their voting rights during the national referendum by monitoring voting and public institutions with responsibilities in the referendum, and to prepare and publicize report of referendum monitoring.

### **"A Step to the Future" Association ("Asociatia Un Pas Spre Viitor" UPSV Brasov) -**

The project "*Volunteerism Caravan*" had the purpose to identify needs for young volunteers in public institutions in Brasov, train volunteers among orphan youth in placement centers and in high schools and help the new volunteers have a chance to be active and useful. Also, the projects created a database of volunteers, kept a log of needs for volunteerism, and set the base for a Center of Volunteerism.

### **"Speranta"(Hope) Support Association -Bucharest**

The project *You Can Make A Difference –Be Informed!* had the purpose to promote democracy through activities meant to change mentalities and attitudes of civil society in Romania towards elderly people. Activities included two street campaigns, an informational campaign in 5 schools and 5 high schools in Bucharest, site visits to elderly homes, a newsletter and a web site.

### **Pro Democracy Onesti**

The project "*Introducing participation democracy*" had the purpose to raise awareness among high school students in Onesti and Targu Ocna on civic rights and obligations and involve them in small civic projects.

### **Youth Forum – Bucharest**

The project "*The civically responsible youth of today is the future of democracy*" had the purpose to improve youth participation in Rosiori de Vede and create opportunities for young people to express their views and opinions, encouraging them to have a voice and participate in the decision making process.

### **Center for Independent Journalism - Bucharest**

The project "*Law and Order – the internet Version* " had the purpose to promote fair and responsible online journalism, to raise awareness of targeted internet users about rights and responsibilities on the Internet, to stimulate media to apply same rules on web as in the traditional press.

### **Aria Association - Galati**

The project "*Let's Prepare Together to Vote Our Common Future!*" had the purpose to raise awareness and educate the disadvantaged category of children and youth whose parents are abroad for work with respect to their civil rights and obligations and their place in Romanian society.

### **Democratic Education Center CDE - Bucharest**

The project "*Young People Vote*" had the purpose to raise awareness of the importance of voting and encourage youth participation in the electoral process.

### **Association for Promoting Community Initiatives - Buzau**

The project "*For community we stand*" had the purpose to promote the active democratic spirit among high school students in Buzau through informative seminars, training and other civic education activities.

### **Resource Center for Public Participation (CeRe) - Bucharest**

The project "*Inclusive Policy Making – with Citizens, for the Community*" had the purpose to create a dialog between citizens and public institutions in two rural locations Giurgita (Dolj county) and Amara (Ialomita county) so as to develop an inclusive policy making mechanism.

### **Junior Achievement - Bucharest**

The project "*Social Entrepreneurship through ‘Be a Leader’ in School Program*" had the purpose to teach 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade high school students to be community leaders, to identify community problems and find solutions, and to write and implement community projects.

### **Institute for Public Policies - Bucharest**

The project "*How to measure your local elected officials’ performance – tools and mechanisms for an increased accountability of local governance in Romania*" aimed to increase transparency and accountability of local governments in Romania, by actively providing citizens with efficient instruments for surveying individual mandate performance of local councilors and by advocating for a more transparent and participative decision making process at local level.

### **Association for Oriental Studies - Iasi**

The project "*Combating Discrimination and Promoting Mutual Respect and Understanding Through Knowing the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Tragedies, Holocaust and Communism; New Education of the 21st Century*" developed a train-the-trainer course for history teachers so as to increase the number of high schools in Romania in which students will have a better understanding of the Holocaust and of the history of the Jews.

### **Association Vasiliada - Craiova**

With the project "*You have the right to know!*" the NGO raised awareness of human rights among children 13-14 years old (in middle school), helped them develop civic behavior and gain abilities of civic leaders in three rural locations in Dolj county, an area facing several problems: parents go abroad for work and leave their children behind, children are exploited through work, Roma children fail to attend school. In addition to raising awareness of human rights among children and youth, the project raised the awareness of local authorities in the three villages about the major problems that the communities face there, especially the children.

### **AFI Pro Familia Association - Bistrita**

The project "*Teenagers, actors of the fight against human trafficking*" had the purpose to carry out an awareness campaign and training sessions among high school youth in two cities and several rural localities in Bistrita county on the problem of trafficking in persons.

### **Romanian Association of Youth with Initiative ARTI -- Craiova**

The project "*Participatory Youth Structures – partners for public consultation*" had the purpose to support youth involvement in the decision-making process in the local and national administration through survey, info materials, meetings and forums in various cities.

**Association Center of Consulting and Youth Education (Targu Mures)**

The project "*Human Rights in High Schools – Awareness and Action* " had the purpose to sustain human rights in three high schools in Targu Mures through active involvement of all stakeholders (students, teachers, administrative council, and parents) and through a network that supported and promoted respect for human rights.

**Organization of Timisoara Students (OSUT) - Timisoara**

The purpose of the project "*Student democracy at work*" was to organize a campaign to promote free democratic elections of student representatives in the University Senate and School Councils.

**Alliance for Roma Unity - Galati**

The project "*Equal Opportunities for Roma Population*" aimed for the rehabilitation and social insertion of 50 Roma children at risk of abandoning school in Galati, and raising parents' awareness of importance to keep children in school.

**2006-2007**

**Association for the Implementation of Democracy (AID)**

The project "*National Parliamentary Transparency Initiative (NETI)* " expanded a successful pilot project that had opened communication between MPs and their constituencies and contributed to parliamentarians' accountability in seven counties. A practice of regular communication between parliamentarians and civil society was created in seven more counties through activities of working groups composed of MPs, local NGOs, media, local businessmen and industries, and by monitoring parliamentarians' activities related to local agenda and publicizing results (projects implemented with co-funding from Embassy of Germany and Embassy of UK).

**The Romanian Center for Economic Education (CREE) -- "*In-Country Train-the-Trainers Program to Seed Economic Education Delivery Network*".** The Center for Economic Education implemented a successful pilot project of economic education in 2004, training primary school teachers of several counties. This second project targeted middle school and high school teachers in 10 cities throughout Romania. Grant covered costs of one seminar; the US National Council of Economic Education (NCEE) funded other seminars as well.

**Foundation "Help the Children" Romania -- "*Collateral Effects of the Institutional Environment*".** Children especially those coming of age in orphanages are in great need of education for life in society. Upon leaving the orphanage, they face exclusion and especially girls become targets of human trafficking. The project aimed at providing education and awareness of public institutions in Cluj of the rights and obligations to orphan girls who come of age and leave the placement centers (orphanages) for their social inclusion. The target group was 18 year old girls in a placement center in Cluj who participated in training sessions and educational activities.

**Freedom House**

The purpose of the project *“A More Powerful Local Media”* was to help local press become more professional and expand audience. The target audience was made up of media editors who were involved in interactive trainings (on layout, marketing, editorial policies). Other project activities included the preparation and publication of a guide for press managers on press analysis and monitoring.

### **YMCA**

With the project *“Baia Mare Community Youth Activity Center”* YMCA Baia Mare involved youth in activities in partnership with local authorities, other NGOs, and high schools. Through this project, a civic center was created to host activities for youth.

### **Femina 2000 Association**

*“Human Traffic = Slavery. Informing Campaign Regarding Human Trafficking for Teenagers”* was a project that targeted 13 to 19 years old students especially in the rural areas of Neamt County in order to raise their awareness of trafficking-in-persons risks through an educational campaign, forum, workshop and media campaign.

### **Anti-Aids Romanian Association (ARAS) Constanta**

With the project *“It Is Time to Speak About Your Rights!”* the Anti-AIDS Association ARAS Constanta intended to empower HIV positive adolescents in Bucharest and 6 other counties to advocate for the rights of HIV positive youth in Romania through meetings and other educational/informative activities and by facilitating their participation at a national conference.

### **Life Foundation**

*“Creating Safe Communities”* project was meant to be a response to the need for education to prevent juvenile violence. The project targeted young workers, teachers, police officers in 10 communities of Oradea and Bihor county that were involved in training courses. A network was created in the project and partnerships with local institutions active in violence prevention which continued to act locally after the initial investment of the project.

### **Pro Democracy**

With the project *“High School Students and Public Institutions”* Pro-Democracy Bucharest expanded and used the experience of previous activities aimed at getting high school students interested in the activities of the Chamber of Deputies. The purpose of the project was to promote civic awareness among high school youth. The target audience was 17-year old students of 11 high schools in Bucharest, Ploiesti, Alexandria, Tandarei and Zimnicea that were involved in a training of volunteers, a campaign and a summer school.

### **Center for Development and Innovation in Education TEHNE**

*“Quality Assurance of Education for Democratic Citizenship”* was aimed at helping teachers of civic education in 6 schools in Dambovita county learn new quality education methods, school development planning, and self-assessment (based on tool developed by the Council of Europe). Activities included seminars, workshops, and planning and implementation of activities by partner schools.

### **Civic Education Project and Academic Development Foundation**

The purpose of *“Romanian Mass Media: Understanding Democratization Processes in the Black Sea Region”* project was to inform journalists about democratization in the Black Sea region, and educate them for more accurate reporting of news from neighbor countries. The

project targeted 10 journalists working in Romania. Activities included: prepare curricula, select journalists, training, workshop on democratization in Black Sea Region, virtual forum, monitoring trained journalists. A virtual forum continued the work at the end of the project.

**Romanian Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking (RWCT)**

*"Youth for Democracy: What Does it Take to Be an Active Citizen?"* targeted students of 3 high schools in 3 counties (Mures, Bistrita and Cluj) as well as teachers, with the purpose to develop skills and motivation of high school youth to participate in community projects. Activities included human rights training for students (4 modules) and critical thinking training (1 module) for teachers, a web site for results dissemination, and the publication of a guidebook also for further use in the work with students.

**Media Monitoring Agency (MMA):** *"FreeEx - The Ethics of TV News"*. The project addressed 9 TV stations in Romania with the purpose of identifying the manner in which TV stations in Romania observe journalistic ethical standards and obligation to act in the public interest.

**2005 - 2006**

**Social Alternatives Association Iasi** -- *"Promoting democracy through actions against child labor and trafficking in children"* (promote democracy through activities meant to defend the right to education, to combat trafficking in persons, and to reduce vulnerability towards trafficking through vocational guidance for students in high school.)

**Disputa Transylvanian Association (Oradea) & ARDOR** -- *"Romanian Youth Versus Corruption"* A series of public debates across Romania about the role of youth in fighting corruption" (with the purpose to build an anti-corruption mentality among the young generation, to stimulate the development of young opinion leaders, to raise awareness and responsibility among parents and teachers for the creation of a sounder environment for youth)

**FAMNET Federation** -- *"Child, fight against vulnerability by getting informed!"* (prevent human trafficking by educating students in middle school and high-school about this phenomenon both during activities held in schools and during a summer camp to include sessions on the topic.)

**Panaghia Assoc. for Community Development (Calopar commune, Dolj)** -- *"Partners for Dialog"* (stimulate citizens participation at the decision making process through the dialog between community and Local Council in the commune Calopar, Dolj County.)

**LADO Cluj-Napoca** -- *"Conduct Guidelines for City Hall Employees"* (introduce Conduct Guidelines to the employees of Cluj City Hall, and raise citizen awareness about the right for decent treatment from state employees)

**Phoenix Hope Association (Medias)** -- *"Mobile office of information and consultancy"* (inform and educate marginalized disabled people in Medias area about their rights and responsibilities as members of their communities and citizens of Romania, raise awareness in those communities and create a network of community leaders educated in the spirit of democracy)

**Cluj-Napoca Volunteer Center** – *“Cluj Napoca Volunteer Center”* (develop volunteerism in Cluj-Napoca and increase the number of organizations and institutions which involve volunteers in their work)

**Hope and Homes for Children (Baia-Mare)** – *“Anti Discrimination Campaign: Special Olympics Baia Mare”* (promote equal chances for people with special needs by providing an event which gives the chance for community involvement with disabled people: a one day Special Olympics event in Maramures county)

**Association “A Step to the Future” (Un Pas Spre Viitor UPSV)** -- *“Youth for youth – always together”* (inform and educate the orphans in placement centers on their democratic rights and obligations as rightful members of society, inform employees of the mayor’s office, public administration, ministry of labor and social protection, ministry of education, police, and other relevant authorities on the legal provisions concerning young orphans leaving placement centers in order to work out solutions to common problems that these young people encounter, and to hold informative activities on the topic for communities in Brasov and Prahova counties)

**Sun Valley Association (Targu-Mures)** – *“We did elect them! Do they work for our environment?”* (lobby for the adoption of new regulations on the decision-making process concerning the environment at local administration level that should involve civic society in Targu-Mures)

**Romanian Foundation for Accident Victims Assistance FRAVA (Timisoara)** -- *“Victims, Damages, Consumer Rights, and Unaccountable Law”* (build the non-existing practice of defending consumers and victims of accidents by informing and training the judiciary on practices in western democracies and by raising awareness among citizens on their democratic rights as consumers)

**Center for the Training of Journalists (CTJ)** -- *“The Community Convergence Project CCP – Building citizen participation in drafting laws and making decisions in 9 communities in Tulcea and Galati counties”* (encourage civic participation and initiative, to initiate local partnerships with public administration, to help citizens and local administration work together in identifying the best solutions for development)

**CRISDU-AREOPAGUS** -- *“Leaders of Tomorrow, Voters of Tomorrow: Together for Better Politics”* (bring together students, experts and civic NGOs representatives with representatives of youth organizations of political parties, and local administration in Timisoara and Iasi to exchange information and discuss expectations)

**Romanian Association for Community Development (RACD)** -- *“Working Together for a Better Community”* (encourage more citizen involvement in the community life through community based organizations. The target audience consists in 32 representatives of 16 community-based organizations, registered or informal groups, in Arges, Olt, Teleorman counties)

**PAEM Foundation (Alba)** -- *“Conflict Resolution for Roma Minorities in Romanian Classrooms”* (train Alba County educators to address their own discriminatory attitudes)

towards Roma students, and the classroom tensions between Romanian and Roma students, to teach them ways to deal with ethnic tensions)

**Institute for Public Policies (IPP)** -- *“The Nominal Voting Procedure (Roll Call) in the Romanian Parliament - a decisive step towards increasing the accountability of the Romanian MPS and strengthening their relation with voters in between elections”* (increase the political accountability of public elected officials in Romania and the transparency of the deliberative process in all its stages)

## **2004**

**Academic Foundation for Rural Progress “Terra Nostra” (Iasi)** -- *“Property basis: the basis of liberal democracy”* (awareness of property rights and respect for private property)

**Agency for Information and Development of NGOS (AID-ONG) Timisoara** -- *“Building a coalition for a better legal framework for NGOs”* (cooperation between NGOs for more effective laws concerning NGOs)

**Association for Socio-Economic Development (ADES) Curtea de Arges** -- *“Campaign to improve citizens’ rights to knowledge”* (awareness of democratic/human rights and citizen-government communication in Curtea de Arges)

**League of Young Romanians from Everywhere** -- *“News to know: introducing democratic media to poor schools in Galati and Tulcea”* (introduce media to middle school students in rural areas in Galati and Tulcea)

**Romanian Association of Debate, Oratory and Rhetoric (ARDOR)** -- *“Young decision makers”* (legislative debate as a tool of civic education, preparing students for a life of active community participation)

**Terra Mileniul III** -- *“Whom do we vote for a sustainable development?”* (monitor environmental policies promoted by political parties, citizen debates on parties’ environmental policies)

**Health Messengers Association** -- *“My first vote – civic multimedia education for teenagers”* (civic education of the young voters)

**IKON Foundation (Galati)** -- *“My first vote for democracy and progress”* (civic education of first time voters)

**Center for Political Studies and Comparative Analysis (CPSCA)** -- *“A Public agenda for reform in an electoral year – main issues and how they are addressed”* (put public concerns on politicians’ agenda)

**Association for the Implementation of Democracy (AID)** -- *“National electoral transparency”* (citizen awareness of public policies promoted during the electoral campaign and dialog on public policies)

**Protect Nature and Youth (Motru)** -- *“A new beginning for Motru youth”* (awareness among the youth in Motru of their democratic rights and obligations)

**Alternative Foundation (Oradea)** -- *“Building citizenship in Oradea”* (internships for young students with public administration)

**EuroEd Foundation (Iasi)** -- *“Next lesson: Democracy”* (alternative methods for civic education in classrooms)

**League of Romanian Lawyers** -- *“Can Justice be more than just debating reform”* (discussion of reform solutions aimed at a justice free from politics)

**ALMA-RO Association** -- *“Codes of ethics for local elected representatives – an instrument against corruption”* (awareness among public and elected representatives about the Code of Ethics and share the experience of other countries in the implementation of the Code)

**Montana Motilor Association (Alba Iulia)** – *“Democracy and intercultural dialog in multiethnic school communities”* (promote democracy, non-discrimination and equal opportunity in order to prevent low academic achievement of Roma children)

**Pro Women Foundation (Iasi)** -- *“Partners for equality”* (gender-related information to citizens in Iasi)

**Romanian Center for Economic Education (CREE)** -- *“Democracy advanced through market economy-based education. Training trainers on economic education in elementary school”* (train schoolteachers to better provide students with the knowledge and ability to use economic principles of democratic society in practical and effective manners)

**Zone Geographic Initiative “People of Sibiu for Peace”** -- *“Perpetuum Memoriam – Information Caravan about Holocaust in Sibiu’s county”* (disseminate information regarding the Holocaust events to the citizens of Sibiu county)

**Academic Society for Research of Religions and Ideologies (SACRI) Cluj** -- *“Future leaders, future voters: how can they make a difference?”* (bring together the future leaders with their future voters)

**Democratic Union of Roma (Alba Iulia)** – *“Electoral education of Roma in Alba county”* (voter education and encouragement for civic participation of Roma ethnics in 21 communities in Alba county)

**Youth CeTin Organization (Bistrita)** -- *“Know about your rights. ACT on your responsibilities”* (youth citizenship awareness of democratic principles and human/child rights)

**African and Oriental Studies Association (Bacau)** -- *“Teaching the Holocaust in the 21<sup>st</sup> century”* (train 30 high-school teachers to train colleagues in teaching the history of the Holocaust)

**Ramses Foundation – Foundation for Social Development of the Roma (Dej)** -- *“People for People”* (human rights education through 2 series of interactive radio talk shows)

### 2003

**Manfred Worner Euro-Atlantic Association** -- *“Opening the past: freedom of information in foreign affairs and military archives”* (overcome institutional barriers that are blocking access to state archives)

**Romanian Center for Education and Human Development (CRED)** -- *“Human Rights Education in Reeducation Centers for Minors”* (increase knowledge, skills and conduct in observance of human rights both in staff and inmates in prisons for minors)

**Institute for Public Policies (IPP)** -- *“Romanian Constitution under public debate”* (awareness among young citizens and retired people - the least informed - about the importance of revising the constitution and to better inform them about the main issues that are subject to revision)

**Zalau Volunteer Center** -- *“Zalau volunteer development”* (encourage volunteering among citizens in the county through campaigns)

**Friends of the library (Zalau)** -- *“Democracy and Human Rights Education Project”* (informative purpose through seminar, presentations in schools, human rights day, resource center on democracy and human rights in the county library, visits to public institutions in Bucharest)

**Romanian Society for Defending Human Rights (SADOR) Galati** -- *“From spectator to participant”* (public awareness of human rights through info center, booklet on public institutions, citizen meetings w/ local administration, citizen reports to local administration on most frequent problems and unsolved cases)

**Foundation Biosanta (Bistrita)** -- *“Human trafficking – explained to teenagers”* (create positive attitude among teenagers regarding trafficking prevention through meetings with high-school students in Bistrita-Nasaud county during summer camps and school afterclasses)

**Foundation for Democratic Change (FDC)** -- *“Developing support for third-neutral intervention in ethnic conflicts”* (develop a specialized working group of Roma NGOs)

representatives to work in prevention and resolution of conflicts within the Roma community)

**CERAS Foundation Ramnicu-Valcea** -- *“Democracy starts with me”*: involve high-school students in Ramnicu-Valcea in promoting democratic activities through participation in the Local Youth Council

**CENTRAS Constanta** -- *“Public awareness campaign promoting volunteerism”* (awareness on the importance of volunteerism through campaign in the Dobrogea area)

**Alliance for the Unity of the Roma People Braila** -- *“A Day in Life”*: teach understanding and tolerance through experience (multicultural education in classrooms of Braila county)

**Romanian Academic Society (SAR)** -- *“Policy Warning Report: Strengthening Romania’s Democracy by Building Independent Sources of Policy Expertise”* (public debate about important public policy issues through the publication of a series of reports based on results of opinion polls and through policy discussions with decision makers and media coverage)

**Center for Urban and Regional Sociology (CURS)** -- *“Understanding political migration in Romania”* (public education and media debate on the topic of political migration through research, public dissemination of results, regional meetings and action plans)

**Save the Children –Arges** -- *“Learn and live in and for society”* (complement civic education program in schools of Pitesti for more powerful impact and engage children in activities in the local community)

## **2002**

**Foundation for Development through Economic Education and Partnership (DEEP)** -- *“Community Survey”* (increase citizen participation in the Jiu Valley area by working with community to identify problems, seek solutions, lobby before local administration to adopt solutions)

**Ethnocultural Roma Project Organization (OPRE)** -- *“Democracy training”* (train in democracy young representatives of the Roma community, initiate communication network with other ethnic NGOs, Government, academia)

**Assoc. of Neuromotor Handicapped in Romania (AHNR)** -- *“Towns for all”* (first public campaign to make buildings and means of transport accessible to physically handicapped people)

**Foundation for Culture and Human Rights** -- *“Literature in a conflict environment”* (hold a two-day conference with international cultural figures to meet, dialog and initiate cooperation projects, and have conference proceeds published in supplemental issue of “22” magazine)

**Center for Legal Resources** -- *“Combating cybercrime”* (to bring together experts to draft law on cybercrime)

**Association of European Youth (ATE)** -- *“Public participation in the local government”* (to stimulate citizens’ active participation in decisions concerning their community in four villages of Olt county)

**Romanian Society for Political Studies (SRSP)** -- *“Invisible College”* (alternative academic education in the field of political studies)

**Peasant Museum** -- *“Hungarians in Romania”* (exhibition dedicated to the life, traditions, culture of Hungarian minority and multimedia center on the life of this minority)

**Reaching Out** -- *“Preparation for governmental shelters to victims of trafficking”* (working model for implementation in shelters when the Government takes over shelters from NGOs)

## 2001

**Students’ League** -- civic education during children’s summer camps

**Peasant Museum** -- Two exhibitions dedicated to the Roma, Jewish, and other ethnic minorities. “Together” exhibition is an itinerant exhibition and focuses more on the Roma ethnics

**Association of Support for the Physically Handicapped Children (ASCHFR)** -- *“Give communication a chance”* (three issues of the Association’s magazine, with contributions – articles and graphics – by handicapped children)

**Association of Women Entrepreneur and Pro Familia Agency** -- *“FAM-NET”* (create virtual community of NGOs dealing with domestic violence and trafficking)

**Master Forum Association** -- *PAL-TIN* - *“Youth Participation in Local Administration”*, meeting of children and youth “councils” and “mayors”

**CARA Arad** -- create five clubs, replicas of the American Toastmasters’ to teach democratic principles and promote communication and leadership training

## 2000

**Equal chances for women (SEF)** – *“Guideline for work inspectors on equal opportunities”* (to work with Office of Inspectors, Ministry of Labor to introduce equal opportunities norms and practices in inspectors' activity & raise awareness on gender discrimination in career building)

**Association of Physically Handicapped AHFR Lugoj** – *“The wall is us: educate us to educate others”* (through special classes in high-schools in Timisoara, raise awareness of the young generation and change its mentality on disabled people, and thus contribute to the acceptance and integration of this category into society)

**Partners for Change** – *“Communication skills for women in politics”* (contribute to the promotion of equal opportunities in Romania and help increase the number of women in decision-making positions in the administration, by teaching communication skills to 20 women-politicians, candidates in the elections)

**Symposium XXI Foundation** – electoral education of young voters for presidential and parliamentary elections of November 2000

**Romania Literara Foundation** -- dedicate a section of the "Romania Libera" journal to the publication of U. S. essays on human rights, civic education, and democracy

**Roma Women Association** -- improve communication among NGOs of Roma through newsletter and homepage

**Civic Society Development Foundation FDSC** -- organize the annual NGOs Fair in Bucharest with the purpose to help boost the NGO sector in Romanian civic society

**Regional Center for Economic and Organizational Development CREDO STAR (Cluj)** -  
- connect NGOs and local administration in Cluj county through meetings and live TV interactive debates with the purpose to get politicians' attention before elections on major concerns of NGOs and civic society

**Romanian Business School** -- "*Guide for Women's Associations*" (provide legal info and share from experience in the U.S. adaptable to the Romanian reality, help nascent associations in Romania play a stronger role in civic society)

**League for the Defense of Human Rights LADO** -- "*Equal opportunities for men and women*" (promote a series of principles and terms to become part of Romanian legislation – equal opportunities, gender issues, discrimination, sexual harassment)

**National Organization of Disabled People** -- "*The Human Rights Week*" (establish a connection between pupils and disabled people in order to make the young generation aware of the barrier that prejudices of society place before people with disabilities and to fight such prejudices for equal participation to society life of its members)

## 1999

**Romanian Forum of Social-Democratic Women** – project to create the first national database on the condition of women in Romania

**Women-Manager Association** – project to integrate women into the free market economy, encourage entrepreneurship among women and serve as lobby for women entrepreneurs through newsletter

**Association of Women Entrepreneurs** -- guidebook to educate social service working with abused women & seminars to raise public awareness on domestic violence and to get the government enforce legislation in the field

**Study Group of the Problems of the Disabled** studied the implementation status of UN Standard Rules and round table on the International Day of the Disabled (December 3)

**Association of Neuromotor Handicapped in Romania (AHNR)** drafted proposal of amendments to law on handicapped per UN Standards, and lobby; seminar on policies for implementation of standards.

**H Foundation for Distance Learning** provided access to education to children w/ disabilities; proposed alternative teaching method and train instructors.

**"Altair" Foundation** developed database of cases of handicapped children in rural areas left out of government statistics; worked with the government to improve assistance programs for handicapped children

**"ANA" (Feminist Analysis Society)** raised awareness among decision makers and public opinion on need to include gender issues in policies by publishing special issue of "Jurnal" dedicated to outcomes of 10 years of gendering transition in Romania.

**"Trebuie" Organization of Children and Adults with Special Needs** initiated standard models of social integration of disabled children through series of seminars w/ NGOs in child protection and Government.

### **1997-1998**

**Galati Lawyers' Bar Association** -- NGO of attorneys works to reform legal system; initiate new court management system to be use all over Romania

**"Themis" Voluntary Judges Association** – keep judges informed on new legislation through development of informational library w/ computerized database

**Romanian Institute for Administrative Studies** -- the judicial department of Sibiu Law School works with lower court to research ways to improve court administration

**"Kiwanis Club" Satu-Mare** -- three one-day trips for 40 orphans of far-away rural community for trips to Northwestern cities, visit factories, meet local administration

**Junior Achievement of Romania** -- applied-economics program for economic high-school in Timisoara; set up computer lab for teaching business skills

**Oltenia Judges Association** -- NGO of judges in Craiova to start keeping track of new legislation electronically

**National Magistrates Association** -- development of informational library, legal database, seminar, newsletter

**Timisoara Judges Association** -- upgrade court system by electronic record-keeping and sharing of information

**Group for Social Dialog** -- seminar on equal opportunity for women and two supplementary issues of "22" magazine

**Brasov-Covasna Judges Association** -- computerized legal databases, training judges to computers for streamlined management of court dockets

**Iasi Magistrates' Association** -- improvement of court management through electronic record keeping and better dissemination of legal info

**Independent Radio Stations Foundation** -- electronic equipment and Internet capability to keep independent radio stations outside Bucharest informed on new in media programming and legislation on the media; to monitor radio stations' observance of the copyright law; lobby for the interests of independent broadcasters

### **1995-1996**

**Asst. Center for NGOs** -- pro-active, bi-monthly magazine on "NGO Projects" for democracy building oriented NGOs

**Pro-Democracy** -- citizens' legislative initiative (campaign) to change electoral law

**APADOR- CH (Human Rights Protect. Assn - Helsinki Committee)** -- human rights parliamentary advocacy

**Europe for Europe** -- integration events including touristic trips and cultural activities

**Young Generation Society of Romani** -- "Negotiations for social peace" 4 sessions (dialog Roma-police) of one month each

**Civil Society Foundation** -- publication of "Sfera politiciii", debates

**Young Women's Leadership Seminar** -- seminars on ethnic tolerance, civic responsibility, self-esteem and communication skills

**Assistance Center for NGOs** -- bi-monthly magazine funding for six issues

**Assn of Textbook Publishers** -- textbooks databases; trimestrial letter; initiate market for alternative manuals

**Civic Academy Foundation** -- interviews w/ former political prisoners in the Romanian Gulag system (long term project)

**Nemere Hiking Association** -- Strawberry e-mail network for NGOs

**USE EURO MED** -- training activities for NGO leaders on using media for public relations purposes

**Radio Total** -- set-up community center

**Mare Nostrum** -- national conference of environmental NGOs

**Interethnic Dialog Association** -- monthly magazine for various ethnic communities

**'Consonante' Foundation** -- train staff at orphanages; organize meetings of public figures with children; help children self-organize, etc.

**Foundation for Pluralism** -- teaching lobbying techniques; training local administrators in strategy & communications

**ARCA Romanian Association of Broadcasters** -- keep broadcasters informed and encourage sharing of information among media outlets; computers and Internet capability

**Association of Rroma Students** -- Student news bulletin targeting young Rromani

**"22" Magazine** -- two supplements containing debates in seminar on financial and political independence of press. one-day workshop on difficulties of press distribution

**Development Center for Small and Medium Businesses** -- trainings for small business resource center

**Romanian Association of Education for Democracy and Human Rights (AREDDO)** -- support teachers run tutorials and extracurricular activities, develop materials on human rights, responsibilities and law; preparatory course materials, publishing activity books

### 1994-1995

**Christian Movement for Peace** -- human rights seminar

**ARCA** (Broadcasters' Association) -- 3 one-day seminars to promote professionalism and rights of independent media

**Romanian Free Psychiatrists' Association** -- seminar to find alternatives to old structures of Romanian psychiatry

**Society of Motor Handicapped** -- integration events including touristic trips and cultural activities

**ROMANI CRISS** -- multi-lingual quarterly review addressing Roma issues

**Association for Support of Physically Handicapped Children** -- questionnaire for evaluation & lobbying; public. of bulletin of legal activities; case studies

**SIRDO** (Romanian Independent Society of Human Rights) -- republication of children's book about human rights; drama club for human rights

**Casa Corpului Didactic** -- publication of textbook on community services, volunteerism, ethnics issues and civic duties designed by English-as-a-Foreign-Language (EFL) teachers

**Romanian Foundation for Democracy** -- teaching lobbying techniques; training local administrators in strategy & communications

**SIRDO -- "GENESIS" Project:** seminar on domestic violence; creation of parliamentary lobby; informational bulletin

**The Jewish Theater** -- copyright & translation fees for three American/Jewish plays promoting ethnic tolerance and understanding

**The National School for the Training of Magistrates** -- purchase of equipment for teaching purposes

**"22" Weekly Newspaper** -- publication of comparative study between American & Romanian local administrations with American case studies and photographs

**Romanian Association against AIDS (ARAS)** -- purchase of telephone/ switchboard so hot line hours can be extended

**Law Faculty, Cluj University** -- purchase of CDROM reader and CDROM's on bankruptcy and government contracts

**Association for the Protection of Human Rights (APADO)** -- purchase of office equipment; annual conference on law and human rights

**Romanian Ecologist Youth (TER)** -- monthly newsletter and bi-monthly supplement on citizen advocacy and environmental issues

**Foundation for Pluralism** -- two workshops on "Organizing for Political and Civil Action"

**Tele 7 abc** -- project to clean up Bucharest and consumer rights project

**Health-Aid** -- support for children with AIDS and their families

**Transylvania Business Center** -- pilot-project to build job database for students; training in resume writing, interviewing, internships

**"Speranta" Habilitation Center** -- integration activities for handicapped children; meeting w/ gov't officials; center for parental and child counseling

**Comparative Educational Evaluation Center** -- computer for newsletter on education and for communications (email & CDROM capability)

**Pro-Democracy** -- publication of a "Citizen's Guide to the Romanian Parliament"

**League for Defense of Human Rights (LADO)** -- training program of domestic election observers; publication of booklets

**Bucharest Young Lawyers' Association** -- English legal course; newsletter, mock trials and workshops

**Center for Political Studies and Comparative Analysis** -- research; creation of documentary files; political & social case studies; database of political information; pre-election training program; 2 newsletters

**"Solidarity" Foundation** -- education alternative; multimedia center

**Black Sea University** -- seminar to promote religious tolerance and understanding

