



PROGRAMUL DE COOPERARE ELVEȚIANO-ROMÂN
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Thematic Fund Partnership and Expert Fund
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List of financed projects

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1	Carpatina Ardeleana Association of Tourists SKV	Connecting Romania to the European long- distance footpaths network	<p>Overall objective: Reinvigorating the local pedestrian tourism and increasing the number of Romanian and foreign visitors in Romania's less developed regions by connecting the national paths system to the European long-distance paths network and by adopting an integrated system for dealing with mountain infrastructure with the involvement of mountain associations based on the Swiss expertise model.</p> <p>Specific objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. developing cooperation at international, national, regional and local level in order to improve the national paths network as part of the European network through access to Swiss expertise; 2. drawing up printed and electronic maps and a guidebook for the Romanian sections of the E3 path (Oradea - Turnu Severin) and the E8 path (Sighetul Marmăției - Turnu Severin) with a cumulated length of over 1,500 km; 3. highlighting Romania's tourist potential by developing the hiking tourism, promoting the Romanian segment as an inherent part of the European long-distance paths system with the help of maps, a guidebook, a website, leaflets, professional publications of the European partner associations, a large-scale European tourist event organized in Romania, the participation of SKV in pan-European tourist events organized every year by ERA and especially within the 2017 Annual ERA Conference in Romania. 	Swiss Hiking Trail Federation, Bern, Switzerland	36	241,565.62

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2	National Center for Sustainable Production and Consumption (CNPCD)	Partnership for eco-innovation (EcoPartner)	<p>Overall objective: Strengthening the partnership for eco-innovation</p> <p>Specific objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase awareness level regarding eco-innovation within the industry sectors 2. Increase capacity of the CNPCD and other service providers to deliver eco-innovation services 3. Create an informal network of eco-innovation experts and key stakeholders 	<p>Genevan Association for the Development of the Circular Economy (AGEDEVE), Anières, Switzerland;</p> <p>Romanian Cluster Association (CLUSTERO), Bucharest, Romania</p>	24	216,217.91
3	Terra Mileniul III Foundation	Green cities - green regions (GC - GR)	<p>Overall objective is to strengthen the capacity of urban Romania's representatives to follow low-carbon urban development paths.</p> <p>The specific objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increasing Romanian local authorities' levels of information about green economy and expertise on low-carbon urban development. 2. Local authorities' capacity building towards development and implementation of climate friendly local policies; 3. Strengthening the level of cooperation between Swiss and Romanian green municipalities and regions <p>Periodic consultations involving both EU member partners but also countries outside the EU with broader expertise in green economy implementation could review strategies and consider how such international support could best be mobilized.</p>	R20-Regions of Climate Action, Versoix, Switzerland	24	249,449.00



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4	Propark Foundation for Protected Areas	Green jobs in green destinations - increasing the quality of ecotourism products and destinations for higher performance in sustainable development in Romania	Overall objective is to enhance the sustainable development and nature conservation through ecotourism in the rural areas that include protected areas. 1. higher performance of ecotourism destination management through increased quality of local human resources for boosting sustainable development in seven regions with protected areas and small scale tourism services in Romania. 2. increased qualification of the service providers from Romania that offer one of the core ecotourism activities. 3. increasing the awareness of the general public concerning the high quality ecotourism offer in Romania.	International Commission for the Protection of the Alps in Switzerland (CIPRA Schweiz), Langenbruck, Switzerland; Association of Ecotourism in Romania (AER), Braşov, Romania	24	245,913.00
5	Institute for Research and Development for Capitalization and Marketing of the Horticultural Products (HORTING)	Implementation of aquaponic technology in Romania to benefit health and sustainable livelihood in deprived areas	Overall objective is to promote a long-term Romanian and Swiss partnership in order to contribute to poverty reduction and contribute to change current food habits in mountain areas by developing aquaponic technology. It will develop the aquaponic Technology in Romania by establishing and building two Incubation Hubs (IH), both in urban and rural settings. Each hub will include a fully operational aquaponic System to be used for research, education and demonstration. The goal is to create a multiplication effect and thus create sustainable livelihoods by promoting social entrepreneurship in rural communities. Specific project objectives (expected outcomes) 1. Establish a long-term partnership between Romanian and Swiss Institutions. 2. Develop and promote aquaponic Technology as sustainable, resource efficient technology in urban and rural areas of Romania. 3. Set up appropriate channels for dissemination, training programs and consulting systems for interested farmers.	School of Life Sciences and Facility Management (ZHAW), Wädenswil, Switzerland; Ecological Society for the Study and Protection of Wildlife AQUATERRA, Bucharest, Romania	30	249,982.00
6	Association for Training	House of experiments	Overall objective: Increased level of education in Romania Specific objectives: 1. Increased interest for science and culture among	Swiss Science Center Technorama, Winterthur,	18	236,029.30

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			<p>youngsters</p> <p>2. Strengthen the capacities and structures of the Romanian organisations involved in education</p>	<p>Switzerland Gymnasial School no.79, Bucharest, Romania National College "Emil Racovita", Bucharest, Romania "Dante Alighieri" High School, Bucharest, Romania Technical College "Mircea cel Batran", Bucharest, Romania ADOR Children Association, Timisoara, Romania</p>		
7	ICAR Foundation	Harmonization in professional development standards in psycho-trauma intervention through Swiss - Romanian cooperation	<p>Overall objective: to enhance the institutional partnerships between ICAR Foundation, a Romanian NGO, and the Association Pluriels, a Swiss non-profit organization by establishing the first trauma recovery training programme for mental health professionals in Romania.</p> <p>Specific objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase professional expertise of Romanian specialists from ICAR through training, sharing of good practice and exchange of experience with Swiss counterparts (from Pluriels) 2. Starting up and developing a Swiss-Romanian training programme on trauma for mental health practitioners in Romania. 3. Promote the Swiss-Romanian training programme at national level and build organizational capacity for ICAR Foundation. 	Association Pluriels: Psychotherapy and cross-cultural studies for expatriates and migrants, Genève, Switzerland	24	189,770.00

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8	Romanian Institute for Adult Education (IREA)	Community centers for lifelong learning - an integrated approach to overcome economic, social and educational disparities in rural areas from the West Region of Romania	Overall objective of the project is to enhance access to education for disadvantaged adults in rural areas, by setting up 4 community centres for Lifelong Learning in the West Region of Romania. The centres will respond in a flexible and adaptable manner to the lifelong learning needs of the adults, and that ultimately will contribute to the economic and social development of the local rural community. Specific objectives: 1. To establish four Community Centres for Lifelong Learning in the counties from the West Region: Timis, Arad, Hunedoara and Caras-Severin. 2. To develop and deliver educational services and programmes that will contribute to the social and economic development of the communities 3. To elaborate a community development strategy for the sustainability of the centre and its replication across other regions and/or rural areas in Romania.	Swiss Federation for Adult Learning, Zürich, Switzerland; Romanian-German Foundation, Timisoara, Romania; Center for Rural Assistance, Sacalaz, Romania	36	222,772.27
9	NESsT Foundation Romania	Enhancing social entrepreneurship, building bridges	Overall objective: To strengthen the role of social enterprises as agents of positive change and inclusive growth by establishing knowledge and best-practice sharing between Romania and Switzerland Specific objectives: 1. To leverage local partner's experience to support a portfolio of 10 social enterprises in the business planning process, with a focus on those in NESsT's core impact areas (see footnote on page 4) 2. To strengthen the capacity of 10 social enterprises per year in NESsT Romania's portfolio (including those selected through the above competition) through new incubation tool validation and conferences on the social economy 3. To promote the social economy and best practices that emerge from this project in a strategic communications campaign, based on SEIF's expertise	Social Entrepreneurship Initiative & Foundation (SEIF), Zürich, Switzerland; Alaturi de Voi Romania Foundation, Bucharest, Romania	36	249,143.98

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10	The Movement for European Action and Initiative Association (MAIE)	An hour of democracy	<p>Overall development objective: To create opportunities, with the support of Swiss expertise, for young people in Drobeta-Turnu Severin to understand participatory democracy, to express their ideas about the public problems, and become active citizens within their communities.</p> <p>Specific project objective: 1. To promote participatory democracy by developing, with the support of Swiss expertise, and implementing an educational programme on participatory democracy and active citizenship between September 2015 and June 2016 with 210 high school students from the 3 high schools in Drobeta-Turnu Severin partners in the project; 2. To lobby for raising awareness among stakeholders on the need for consistent educational programmes promoting participatory democracy and active citizenship among young people; 3. To facilitate learning and good practice transfer from Swiss knowledge and expertise to 12 students from 3 high schools in Drobeta-Turnu Severin participating in a summer school on Participatory Democracy and Active Citizenship organized in Switzerland in June 2016.</p>	<p>Swiss Romanian Association for Support in Integration (RSI), Hellbühlstr, Switzerland;</p> <p>National Pedagogical College "Stefan Odobleja", Drobeta-Turnu Severin, Romania;</p> <p>National College "Gheorghe Titeica", Drobeta-Turnu Severin, Romania;</p> <p>Technical College "Decebal", Drobeta-Turnu Severin, Romania</p>	18	99,990.00
11	Romanian Academic Society (SAR)	University change through student engagement and exchange	<p>The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the institutionalization of good governance and performance evaluations in Romanian higher education through the transfer of know-how and best practices between Swiss and Romanian student associations.</p> <p>Specific objectives: 1. To engage 40 university student associations in the monitoring and evaluation of good governance and performance standards in 40 public universities over a period of two years. 2. To analyze the mechanism of allocating public money to public higher education institutions and to make</p>	<p>The national Union of Students of Switzerland (VSS-UNES-USU), Bern, Switzerland;</p> <p>National Alliance of Student Organizations in Romania (ANOSR), Bucharest, Romania</p>	24	200,365.40

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			<p>recommendations for the implementation of a less discretionary mechanism.</p> <p>3. To support grass-roots efforts of challenging non-transparent and unlawful decisions in public universities through legal counseling and litigation.</p>			
12	Semper Musica Association	Learning from the best Swiss-Romanian cooperation project	<p>Overall objective: Increasing the capacity of Semper Musica Association Romania, using the ABQ experience and expertise, to have a better internal management, to use efficient tools related with project management, to better mobilize the local communities in the benefit of its beneficiaries, to use different fund raising mechanisms, to be able to adapt different methodologies to the local context and implement projects accordingly.</p> <p>Specific objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Semper Musica Association will have efficient tools to conduct sessions addressed to school and high school teens, parents and teachers on the effects of discrimination and LGBT issues; 2. Semper Musica Association will develop internal strategies and procedures in order to increase the capacity of the organization to have an efficient organizational and project management; 3. Semper Musica Association will adapt tools and mechanisms to conduct efficient fund raising activities for expanding its projects and arias of action, but also for a better mobilization of the local communities in the interest of its final beneficiaries. 	ABQ Schulprojekt Bern, Switzerland	18	86,049.74



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13	Copiii Nostrî Foundation	Promoting the national strategy for parenting education	<p>Overall objective: to improve national education policies by promoting a national strategy for parenting education and strengthen the capacities of the governmental and nongovernmental institutions involved in child protection and education to implement it through the transfer of experience and know-how from the Swiss partner.</p> <p>Specific objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To transfer in Romania the Swiss experience of the system, methods and instruments for parent's education and parenting support as one of the most important educational and social service which is not yet available in Romania in a structured, general and compulsory legal framework. 2. To create a specific legal framework for parenting education which will be interconnected with the general legal framework in Romania and especially with laws and other legal documents regarding child and family education, social protection and health. 3. To develop an information and community involvement campaign for promoting the National Strategy for Parenting Education. 	<p>Formation Des Parents CH, Lausanne, Switzerland;</p> <p>Federation of NGOs for Children (FONPC), Bucharest, Romania</p>	36	248,290.40



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14	Hosman Durabil Association	Solidarity for economic development in Hartibaciu Valley (SOLID.E.D.)	<p>Overall objective: Revitalization of the rural local economy in the region of Hârtibaciu Valley based on traditional activities and crafts. This goal serves the general purpose of many actors in the region that try to keep traditions alive and heritage well protected. Helping secure sustainable and sufficient income for the inhabitants is an important step closer to revitalize the rural area and stop the migration of people to urban areas and abroad. The project partnership will strengthen the capacity of Hosman Durabil in this efforts and will, through Pro Longo măi, ensure a better understanding of the local status-quo and working strategies from Switzerland.</p> <p>Specific objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1.Streamline and expansion of the economic activities of 166 local food producers and traditional craftsmen.2. Strengthening the organizational capacity of Hosman Durabil Association in partnership with Pro Longo măi in order to ensure further development of the area.3. Promoting the project and the goods manufactured by local producers.	Pro Longo măi Association, Basel, Switzerland	24	230,113.78



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15	Bihor County Council	Establishing the mountain rescuers training center in Bihor county, with the support of the Swiss experience and know-how from St.Gallen	<p>The overall objective is to strengthen on long-term the capacities and structures of the Bihor County in order to offer better mountain rescue services for the community and for the tourists, benefit from Swiss knowledge and expertise.</p> <p>Specific objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhance quality of partnerships between Swiss and Romanian institution and increase the level of cooperation in local and international networks. Enhance the visibility of the existing cooperation, allowing the best practice examples in both countries to be known. 2. Facilitate the access of mountain rescuer volunteers to the theoretical information - by elaborating the Code/manual of mountain rescue conduct, which contain also the Swiss expertise -and practical guidance to improve their skills -by establishing the first Mountain Rescuers Training Center in Bihor County, with the support of the Swiss experience and know-how from St. Gallen -as a relevant development challenge. 3. Adapting the way of accomplishing the mountain rescue assistance, by ensuring a complex technique endowment, a multidisciplinary experience exchanges, workshops, training and skills development of the rescuers, as well adopting rules regarding the relationship between the mountain rescue team and those who are managing and operating ski areas so that accidents prevention and interventions in case of accidents could be performed with maximum efficiency. 	<p>State of Chancellery of St Gallen Canton, St.Gallen, Switzerland;</p> <p>Hospital Grabs, Grabs, Switzerland; Bihor County Mountain Rescuers Association (BCMRA), Oradea, Romania</p>	20	249,016.00



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16	Melikoleg Association	Partnership for sustainable apiculture - a national competence center for innovative organic beekeeping, applied knowledge transfer and participatory education	Overall objective: The project's overall (long-term) development objective is to strengthen the organic beekeeping sector in Romania as a sustainable way of generating income in rural areas, using domestic resources and providing high-quality products for domestic consumption as well as for export. Specific objectives: 1. Strengthening of the Romanian beekeeping community, in particular the organic, on the primary production side 2. Enhancing income generation and share of value added at the level of the individual producers by developing domestic high-quality processing and direct marketing by the primary producers 3. Enhancing public awareness and popularizing beekeeping, thus enriching the general knowledge of the population and contributing to increasingly aware and responsible consumer behaviour, with positive feedback effects on the organic beekeeping sector and the organic agricultural sector in general	Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FIBL), Frick, Switzerland	36	240,320.45
17	CARPATERRA Association	From the Swiss Alps to the Romanian Carpathians - Partnership for sustainable development	The overall objective is to set up a sound basis for the appropriate and efficient management of the protected nature areas and their sustainable development, based on the experience of the Swiss-Romanian partnership Specific objectives: 1. Develop a set of practical tools for the efficient management of protected nature areas and sustainable development of the communities included in those areas, based on the cooperation between the Swiss and Romanian experts and practitioners 2. Increase the awareness of the communities on the protected nature areas as important resources for sustainable development and better standards of life, through an active citizen participation process in the next three years	Asociation Parc Ela, Tiefencastel, Switzerland	18	102,407.80

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			3. Increase the capacity of local communities to protect and promote the environment and natural resources, by training local guides for protected areas and running education and promotion events			
18	Euroregional Center for Democracy	All-inclusive universities: a project for enhancing the accessibility services of universities for students with disabilities	<p>Overall objective: enhancing the accessibility of the four universities of Timisoara, Romania</p> <p>Specific objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessing the implementation of the Framework on Inclusion of Students with Disabilities in the four public universities of Timisoara 2. Increasing the knowledge of the university staff in charge of / involved in implementing the Inclusion Framework in the four universities, in the field of accessibility tools and mechanisms for students with disabilities 3. Promoting a campus culture characterized by attitudes of respect and inclusion in the four universities of Timisoara 	School of Management, Fribourg, Switzerland	18	83,704.00
19	Macondo Cultural Association	Films for teens	<p>The overall objective is to show how film can be used to engage young people in critical and creative thinking about different social issues.</p> <p>Specific objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To complement the formal educational system with alternative educational methods through culture, namely film. 2. To create a bridge between cultural avenues and educational institutions. 3. To increase the level of participation among youth by encouraging critical thinking and debates on the topics presented by the selected films. 	The Magic lantern Association (ASLM), Neuchâtel, Switzerland	20	231,046.47



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20	"Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iasi	Skills for a better and safe life - SBS	<p>The main objective of the project is sustainable knowledge development of young people and such with many years of professional experience, especially women, living and working in structurally weak peripheral regions of South-Eastern Romania with target to reach a qualified job in the middle or top management of the textile and garment industry and to enable them to stay in their homeland with enhancing their poor life quality.</p> <p>The specific objectives of the project are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To contribute to keep intelligent people with thirst for knowledge, who are extremely useful for the national Romanian economy and especially for the development of the Textile and Garment industry in the South-Eastern part of Romania in their home country and to avoid emigration. 2. To strengthen the self-confidence of people who don't feel brave enough to take responsibility and to contribute to the development of their country in order to compensate the gap between life quality and standards in Switzerland and Romania. 3. To develop and secure the competitiveness of the enterprises of the textile and garment industry in South-Eastern Romania to provide sustainable high quality jobs for employees with a better future. 	<p>Swiss Textile College (STF), Zurich, Switzerland;</p> <p>Alumni Association of the Textile & Leather Faculty of Iasi (ASITEX), Iași, Romania</p>	24	212,428.00



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21	Resource Centre for Public Participation	Growing cities communities	<p>The overall objective is to contribute to the consolidation of local citizens' initiatives that will play a consistent role in facing the challenges of the Bucharest's development.</p> <p>Specific objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explore models of community building and intervention in city public decision making from the Lausanne experience to inspire Romanian action 2. Strengthen four civic initiative groups in Bucharest's neighbourhoods in their capacity to act and mobilize citizens for the local common interest 3. Building a network of civic initiatives in Bucharest to strengthen citizens' voice in the decisions regarding Bucharest's development 	<p>City of Lausanne - Development and Communication Service (DEVCOM), Lausanne, Switzerland;</p> <p>Media DoR Association, Bucharest, Romania</p>	18	143,830.00
22	Foundation for Professional Training Romania (FPPR)	Professional education of organ builders and carpenters	<p>The overall objective of the project is to promote and consolidate the institutional partnership between the solicitant Romanian organization and the Swiss partner-organization in order to develop the structures of the Romanian partner and the innovative activities offered to the target group.</p> <p>Specific objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To organize a two-year advanced technical training program / master class for 5 ex-apprentices. 2. To organize a two-year integrated entrepreneurship training for 3 ex-apprentices. 3. Elaboration of a strategy for sustainable organizational development of the solicitant organization with participation of 6 persons (board members, volunteers, apprentice of FPPR) under the supervision of Swiss partner. Inside this strategy of development for 5-10 years an important role plays the innovative training courses for ex-apprentices. 	Swiss Foundation for Organs in Romania (SSOR), Zumikon, Switzerland	24	247,151.77

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23	Center for Rural Assistance Foundation	Cultural bridges for the sustainable development of micro-region Tinutul Padurenilor - Tara Hategului	<p>Overall objective: To increase the capacity of the partners and of the stakeholders from the Microregion Tinutul Pădurenilor – Țara Hațegului to adapt and implement Swiss innovative best practice models in rural community development, through transfer of know-how and experience in economic valorization of cultural assets.</p> <p>Specific objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To increase by 50% the human resources capacity of the partners and of the microregional key stakeholders from Ținutul Pădurenilor – Țara Hațegului to preserve and promote the cultural and natural heritage, as vital factors for a sustainable economic, social, ecological and cultural development of rural communities, over a period of 12 months. 2. To create the microregional strategic framework and associative and networking structures in Ținutul Pădurenilor – Țara Hațegului, that will insure the commitment and participation of the local stakeholders in the sustainable development of their microregion, over a period of 12 months. 3. To highlight and promote the cultural and natural heritage assets, for the preservation of cultural and natural heritage, and the economic development of the local communities, over of period of 9 months. 	<p>Kaos Pilots Switzerland, Bern, Switzerland;</p> <p>Association Intercultural Institute Timisoara (IIT), Timisoara, Romania</p>	24	249,750.00



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24	Chamber of Commerce Switzerland- Romania (CCE-R)	CCER-SEC partnership in developing Romanian-Swiss businesss relations	Project overall objective: Strengthening partnership between the CCE-R and SEC in the field of establishing and developing business contacts between Romanian and Swiss companies. The described overall objective will be achieved through the realisation of the specific objectives of the project proposal. Specific objectives 1. Sharing experience and good practices to diversify the services provided by the CCE-R to its members and to external companies and organisations, as well as to improve their quality. 2. Improving the efficiency of the activities for attracting new members from Switzerland and Romania through exchange of experience between the partners in the field of joint organisation and carrying out of business forums and events.	Chamber of Commerce Switzerland - Central Europe, Zurich, Switzerland	18	99,308.50
25	Civitas Foundation for Civil Society	Social integration of disadvantaged people in rural areas through sustainable collection and processing of medicinal and aromatic plants	The overall objective is to strengthen the partnership between Romanian and Swiss NGOs in order to facilitate social integration of disadvantaged people in rural areas through knowledge transfer and capacity building in the field of collection and processing aromatic and medicinal plants. Specific objectives: 1. Establishing networks of communities and NGOs to facilitate social integration 2. Transferring of expertise and knowledge in the field of sustainable agriculture, specifically in collection and processing medicinal and aromatic plants. 3. Encouraging and promoting local economic activities and sustainable development.	Association for Biodynamic Agriculture, Liestal, Switzerland; LIA Foundation, Harghita, Romania; Civitas Cluj, Cluj- Napoca, Romania	24	228,270.07
26	Urban 2020 Association	Young placemakers initiative	Overall development objective: Facilitating the transition towards sustainable participatory planning and civil empowerment in Romanian cities through innovative best practice transfer of Swiss youth involvement experience and an applied public space co-design process.	Institute for Spatial Development (IRAP), Rapperswil, Switzerland;	18	136,331.28

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			<p>Specific objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Achieving a heightened awareness towards social public space, planning and civic involvement among 7,000 students, among which a pilot group of 30 high school students and 6 volunteers from the University to be involved in further activities.2. A pilot group of 30 young citizens (high-school students) with the ability to co-design and negotiate the development of public space in Bucharest and be actively involved in their community.3. On-site implementation of 2 redesign projects and diffusion of project achievements through an online platform, a publication and a final presentation event as a means to ensure the continuity and lasting impact of the initiative.	Center of Excellence in Planning (CEP), Bucharest, Romania		

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