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### Press release

Assistance and Programs for Sustainable Development – Agenda 21, in partnership with National Agency of Civil Servants, organized the second part of the training course for volunteers within the project “Transparency and quality in public administration through social media”, financed through EEA 2009 – 2014 Grants, within NGO Fund in Romania. The event took place in Bucharest, between the 30<sup>th</sup> and the 31<sup>st</sup> of October at the Romanian-American Foundation.

The project aims to increase the role of civil society in promoting principles of good governance and citizen participation in the policy making process at the local level and promote the fundamental right of citizens to participate in public affairs. The total value of the project is 82,684.50 euro, of which 70,648.50 Euro – is co-financed by the EEA grants.

The aim of the event was to design the activities dedicated to the No Hate Speech Campaign which will be organized between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup> of December in every county involved in the project. Another objective of this event was to set the monitoring procedures for the 60 events that will be organized by the public institutions through social media channels. 24 people attended the training course: volunteers and representatives of partner NGOs (Act Integration, Association NIKE, UN Youth Association in Romania, Center for Studies in Political Ideas, Association Valori Dobrogene, Doriana Foundation, Peace Action Training and Research Institute of Romania) from Cluj, Mehedinți, Tulcea, Suceava counties and Bucharest, partners’ representatives and experts in communication and in monitoring procedures of public institutions.

Virginia Mateș, member of PATRIR, the coordinator of volunteers in Cluj county considers that “attending this training course for volunteers from Bucharest, in the project “Transparency and quality in public administration through social media”, was a wonderful experience because it offered the opportunity to share experiences with participants from other counties, acquire knowledge and learning new methods in order to realize a campaign and develop new monitoring methods”.

“The training course for volunteers offered a better understanding of the specific of No Hate Speech campaign and the way that volunteers and partners NGOs will realize monitoring activities for the public institutions involved in the project. Creativity, competence, making the most of the specific expertise of each participant, communication and interactivity are the key words which define the whole training course” declared Nina Cugler, the project manager.

Nina Cugler

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