

Street Events

The public campaign with an emphasis on vulnerable groups took place between November 2022 and February 2023, both in the 3 locations of the project (Bucharest, Buzău, Râmnicu Sărat), as well as in 4 other cities (Ploiești, Galați, Brănești, Călărași), and included various actions from presentations and discussions on the project and the rights of people with disabilities, with an emphasis on young people and children with visual and hearing impairments, to workshops dedicated to digital stories made by children themselves, to artistic moments, workshops dedicated to sign language or the use of Braille equipment, the distribution of materials to citizens, with an emphasis on the young population (leaflets, posters, bookmarks). Over 5.500 people were informed following the running of the campaign. Also as part of the Street Event, we met with representatives of non-governmental organizations that are active in the field of human rights and vulnerable groups, as well as with representatives of central and local authorities relevant to the context of the project (Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, ANPPD, DGASPC, etc.) to discuss with them the way in which they can take action related to the demands expressed by young people with visual and hearing impairments in the Manifesto developed in the awareness and advocacy campaign. The activities took place within the project **"Our voice counts!"**, project implemented by the Association Assistance and Programs for Sustainable Development - Agenda 21 in partnership with the National Association of Librarians and Public Libraries from Romania, Startlight Petra Association and Norsensus Mediaforum Norway, with the financial support of the Active Citizens Fund Romania, programme funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through EEA Grants 2014-2021. The aim of the project is to change the mentality and attitude of the citizens of Bucharest, Buzău and Râmnicu Sărat through advocacy activities that promote human and children rights, designed to combat stereotypes, prejudices and practices of exclusion and marginalization that affect children and young people with hearing and vision impairments, and their families.

About Active Citizens Fund Romania

The Active Citizens Fund Romania programme is funded through the EEA Grants 2014-2021. The overall objective of the Grants is to reduce economic and social disparities, and to strengthen bilateral relations between 15 beneficiary countries and the Donor States (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway). The programme is administered by a consortium composed of Civil Society Development Foundation, Romanian Environmental Partnership Foundation, Resource Center for Roma Communities, PACT Foundation and Frivillighet Norge, acting as Fund Operator designated by FMO – Financial Mechanism Office of the EEA and Norway Grants. The objectives of the Active Citizens Fund Romania are to strengthen civil society and active citizenship and to empower vulnerable groups. With a total allocation of 46,000,000 euro, the programme pursues a long-term development of the civil society sector sustainability and capacity, stepping up its role in promoting democratic participation, active citizenship and human rights, while strengthening bilateral relations with organizations from the Donor States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway. For more information about the Active Citizens Fund in Romania, please go to www.activecitizensfund.ro. For more information about the EEA and Norway Grants, go to www.eeagrants.org.

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