



AT THE HEART OF DEMOCRACY: THE LIBRARY AS A CATALYST FOR BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF YOUNG CITIZENS



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1. COORDINATOR. LOCATION CONTACT DETAILS



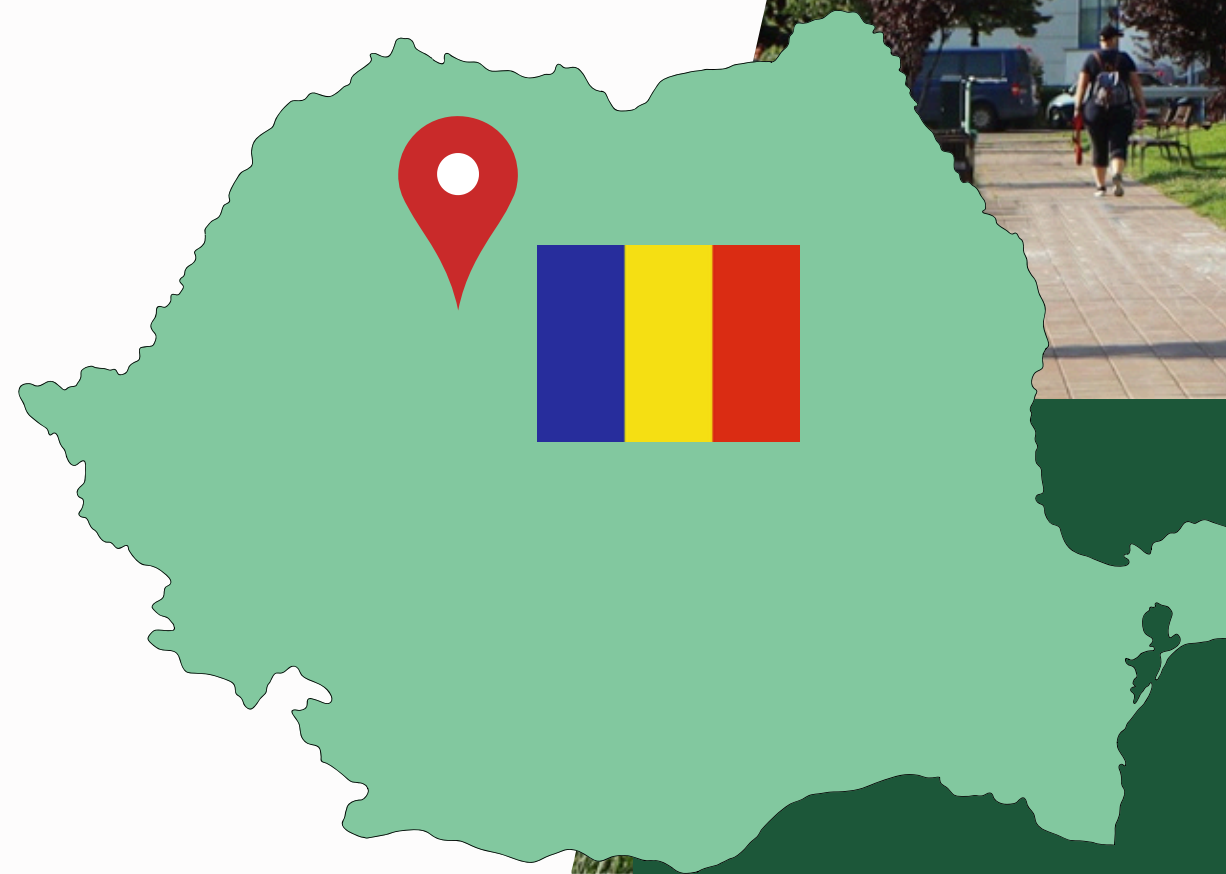
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2. INITIAL SITUATION

In a polarized society where the number of conflicts is rising at an alarming rate, the future generations of citizens need to have the chance to learn about the Other and nurture values like acceptance, diversity and solidarity.

The library stands at the heart of democracy, and promotes an open and constructive dialogue between individuals. Through various activities, the library can become a space where children can learn that differences can be valued as superpowers, leading to building stronger and diverse communities.

3. OBJECTIVES

01



Communication and
co-determination

Dialogue, debate culture, and
perspective-taking

02



03



Anti-discrimination, diversity, and
tolerance

Community spirit, solidarity, and
cohesion

04



4. TARGET GROUP



Children aged 10–11 years old

5. ACTIVITIES

Human Library Meeting



The children will be able to discover the life story of a neurodiverse person through live dialogue, discussions and debate, focussing on notions like diversity, different perspectives and tolerance.

Gardening Workshop



The children will learn how to work together in order to take care of the urban communal garden of the library. Along the workshop they will build stronger communication skills, solidarity and cohesion.

Cultural Center Visit



The children will have the opportunity to discover a different culture through a series of activities organized by a cultural center, opening the space for inclusion and debate.

6. RELEVANCE TO DEMOCRACY



The project is relevant for democracy from the perspective of the objectives it pursues: creating a diverse community, in which respect, communication and solidarity are the catalytic values for its citizens, keeping in mind that working together can become a way of living.

7. TIMELINE



8. BUDGET PLAN



Human Library Meeting

130 euro
for
materials used during the
activity (A4 and A3 paper,
colored pencils, flipchart
markers, pens).



Gardening Workshop

140 euro
for
plants and tools for the garden.



Cultural Center Visit

130 euro
for
materials used during the
activity (colored paper,
brushes, A3 and A4 paper,
water colours).

9. EXPECTED IMPACT



By the end of the 3 activities, the children are expected to:

- improve their communication skills
- develop a wider and more inclusive perspective on the world
- build a sense of solidarity
- understand the core values of democracy



10. DOCUMENTATION PLAN

	Taking pictures	Recording short videos	Gathering written feedback
Human Library Meeting	✓	✓	✓
Gardening Workshop	✓	✓	✓
Cultural Center Visit	✓	✓	✓