

CiCe Network National Co-ordinators Country Reports	2011-2012 <b>ROMANIA</b>
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The aim of this report is to inform on ways of disseminating CiCe materials in Romanian education institutions and authorities, NGOs and policy makers as well as on possibilities to enrich the European practice in citizenship education with local contributions.

#### Events and activities

The three universities that are part of the CiCe Network - the University of Oradea, 'Vasile Goldis' Western University, Arad, University of the West, Timisoara – included and promoted CiCe knowledge in annual conferences, seminars and workshops organized by their universities at the level of the departments of education, psychology or language studies. CiCe theories were also circulated during professional annual assembly meetings (the Romanian Community Psychology Association, the Mentors' Association of Romania, the Romanian Association of Psychology).

CiCe material was also disseminated to other universities of Romania (the „D.Cantemir” University in Bucharest, the „A.I.Cuza” University in Iasi, the „Dunarea de Jos” University in Galati, the „Babes-Bolyai” University in Cluj), to several NGOs (the Civic Academy of Bihor, the Bihor office of the Association Kiwanis International, the *Museum Friends* Association of Oradea) and professional associations (the Association for Promoting Cooperative Learning, the Association for Developing Critical Thinking), to research centres of the University of Oradea (the Research Centre on Identity and Migration Issues (RCIMI), the Faculty of Political and Communication Sciences, Jean Monnet Center of European Studies and International Relations, the Faculty of Social Sciences), as well as to several policy makers ( the County School Inspectorates of Bihor, Arad, Timis; the Houses of the Teaching Staff in Bihor, Arad, Timis, Bucharest III).

Copies of Cice materials are to be found in the libraries of the three universities that are members of the CiCe Network, and at the departments for education of the three universities. The electronic copies of CiCeA newsletters are regularly forwarded to the same departments of other Romanian universities (Bucharest III, Iasi, Cluj, Galati).

CiCe Network facilitated the development of other projects, staff exchange agreements, information exchange, collective researches, and other activities among the HEI members of the network (e.g. the Daphne project with Cyprus, Slovakia, Italy, the common researches carried out between Romanian and Hungarian universities).

### Seeing the future

The agenda for the period to come includes strengthening liaisons with both the universities in the network and the four universities that have already been contacted as showing interest in CiCe materials on the one hand, and on the other hand trying to keep evidence of how CiCe materials get to be processed during educational instances (BA/MA papers, conferences, courses).

It also means sending CiCe materials to local and regional organizations working on programmes regarding citizenship education and awareness such as

- Institutul Intercultural Timisoara (The Intercultural Institute in Timisoara)
- TEHNE Romania (The Centre for Innovation in Education) – the field of education for democratic citizenship – County School Inspectorate Bihor, British Council Romania

We intend to start liaisons with several professional associations interested in democratic citizenship education:

- ANPRO (the National Association of Teachers of Romanian Language and Literature)
- RATE (the Romanian Association of Teachers of English)
- APIR CLIO (the National Association of Teachers of History)

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### CiCe EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### CONFERENCES/LECTURES/COURSES/WORKSHOPS

The University of Oradea

May 26-28, 2011, Education for All - one school for each and everyone . The Annual Seminar of the University of Oradea (with international participation)

May 27, 2011, the Annual Seminar of Studies in Cultural Identities, the Faculty of Letters, The Culinary Discourse in Contemporary Fiction

Oct. 13. 2011 lecture entitled Teaching as a Political Activity – the teacher as a political actor Alistair Ross, Professor of Education, London Metropolitan University.

Sept. 8-11 2011, Promoting wellbeing, health and social justice, The second international Scientific Conference in the field of Community Psychology organized in Romania, Romanian Community Psychology Association organizer, partner the University of Oradea,

Oradea, 25-26 of May 2012, "Social and Psychological Change in the Knowledge-based Society", the section Education, culture and social inequalities

Oradea, May 25, 2012, the Annual Seminar of Studies in Cultural Identities, the Faculty of Letters, Times and Taste(s) in Fiction/Temps et Gout(s) en Litterature

"Vasile Goldis" Western University of Arad

May 20-22 2011, International Conference, Diversity of Psychological Services - Challenges and Controversies, Western University "Vasile Goldis" Arad, Romanian Community Psychology Association (partner)

University of the West, Timisoara

Oprescu, Monica, Oprescu, Florin, A New Cultural Canon in a New Multicultural World – Identity, Diversity, Multiculturalism between Past and Future in Romania's Banat, presented at the international conference Europe's Future, Citizenship in a Changing World, Thirteenth CICE European Conference, 9th – 11th June, 2011, Dublin City University, Ireland.

Oct.11, 2011 lecture entitled Teaching as a Political Activity – the teacher as a political actor Alistair Ross, Professor of Education, London Metropolitan University.

May 17-19, 2011, the 22nd British and American Studies Conference of the Department of English, Magda Danciu, Narratives of Spaces, Places, and People (paper on place identity)

#### EXAMPLES OF GOOD PRACTICE

The University of the West, Timisoara  
Publications

Oprescu, Florin, Oprescu, Monica, A new cultural canon in a new multicultural world: Identity, diversity and multiculturalism between the past and future in Romania's Banat region, în Proceedings of the thirteenth Conference of the Children's Identity and Citizenship in Europe Erasmus Academic Network, Dublin 2011, published by the CICE Thematic Network Project, Institute for Policy Studies in Education, London Metropolitan University, ISBN 978-1-907675-02-7, ISSN 14706695, p. 227-233.

Marius Crișan - "19th Century Oradea: The Reflections of a Multiethnic City in British Travel Literature". Romanian Magazine of Political Geography / Revista Română de Geografie Politică. Year XIII, no. 1 / 2011, pp. 82 - 89 <http://rrgp.uoradea.ro/last.html>.

Carmen Țîru, Laurențiu Țîru, Social identity analysis: categorial structure of individual, West University Annals, Sociology, Psychology and Social Work/ Analele Universității de Vest, Seria Sociologie, Psihologie și Asistență Socială, nr. IX/2003, Timișoara (coautor), pag. 46-51.

"Vasile Goldis" Western University of Arad

Voluntary work: Romanian Community Psychology Association organizer

18. August 2011, One day with the psychologist: sharing identity worries (5 specialists, 23 participants)

08. March 2012, Women's counseling : duties and responsibilities of working mothers (3 specialists, 12 participants)

The University of Oradea

Workshop, May14, 2011, Community Psychology – a new field in the Romanian Psychology - Oradea, the Romanian Community Psychology Association organizer (21 participants)

Meetings:

August 4, 2011, One day with the psychologist: Do you acknowledge your worries as a citizen?- the Romanian Community Psychology Association , the School Inspectorate of Bihor (3 specialists, 36 participants)

March 2012, Women's counseling in terms of their individual rights , the Romanian Community Psychology Association, the Liberal Women's Associations (28 participants)

#### COOPERATIONS

NGOs:

- The Civic Academy of Bihor, Magda Mitrasca
- The Bihor office of the Association Kiwanis International
- Reading Club
- The Museum Friends Association of Oradea ( environmental education, education for preservation of historical monuments)

- the Romanian Association of Psychology
- the Romanian Community Psychology Association
- the Association for Promoting Cooperative Learning (developing citizenship skills by cooperative learning in primary schools and class Zero)
  - the Research Centre on Identity and Migration Issues (RCIMI), Faculty of Political and Communication Sciences; prof. Lia Pop(interdisciplinary research in order to get acquainted with and measure the phenomenon of migration in Bihor and other counties)
  - Jean Monnet Center of European Studies and International Relations, prof. Ioan Horga turned into The Institute for Euroregional Studies (CICERO) in 2008– Faculty of Social Sciences, the University of Oradea

#### Policy Makers and Institutions:

- The County School Inspectorates in Arad, Bihor, Timis, Bucharest
- House of the Teaching Staff Bihor
- House of the Teaching Staff Arad
- House of the Teaching Staff Timis
- House of the Teaching Staff Bucharest III
- The Public Library
- The Police Departments of Bihor, Arad, Timis
- the local representatives of the Mentors' Association of Romania (getting informed about CiCe agenda and interest for developing civic awareness )

#### Regular activities:

##### 1. Correspondence, discussions, information exchange)

- Correspondence with the University of Timisoara
- Contacting the University „Babes-Bolyai” of Cluj, Dimitrie Cantemir of Bucharest, A.I.Cuza of Iasi (contact persons: Michaela Mudure, Carmen Dutu, Ciprian Ceoban)
  - Forwarding all the CiCe information to members of universities in Romania
  - Information exchange with the University of the West in Timisoara and the University „Vasile Goldis” in Arad
  - Cooperation with the Association The Museum Friends for environmental and historical education programmes to include student teachers
  - Discussing possible programmes of AIESEC and the Romanian Students' Association (the branch of Oradea) for including non-formal civic education activities on their agenda

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2. Teaching on the course during the MA Programme “European Culture and Civilization”, The Faculty of Letters, The University of Oradea : Multiculturalism in Europe: the Case of Scotland (based on the theoretical body we have created in the CiCe). Director of the course: Prof. Magda Danciu with 2 MA papers (teaching in multicultural kindergartens and living in a multicultural environment – London).

3. CiCe materials (both hard-copy and information about on-line resources, including past CiCe conference proceedings, booklets) dissemination:

- Copies in the department for Teacher Training of the University of Oradea, Arad, Timisoara
- Copies in the university libraries of Oradea, Arad, Timisoara
- Copies at the psychology department of the Faculty for Social Sciences, the University of Oradea, Arad, Timisoara
- Copies at the English department of the Faculty of Letters (I work there!), the University of Oradea
- Copies at the Teachers' Training Centre of Bihor, Arad, Timis County
- Forwarded electronic copies to members of Romanian universities (Bucharest III, Iasi, Cluj, Galati).

4. CiCe materials used in different contexts (in teaching, research, student supervision, student projects, other projects)

e.g. research for BA papers

research for MA papers

research for the obtaining the teaching degree I

research for paper presentations at conferences in the field of humanities

where issues of

- identity,
- multiculturalism,
- education in the age of globalization were at stake.

5. Other projects/activities within the country or between countries that have been enhanced by CiCe (eg staff exchange, information exchange, research projects, other activities) UNESCO Chair with Cyprus

- Common research work and paper presentation with Hungary
- Daphne project with Cyprus, Slovakia, Italy (closing stage)
- Summer school in teaching children civic responsibilities organized by the Association for Promoting Cooperative Learning (July 5-7, 9-11 20012, 39 participants)
- Erasmus agreements (eg. Italy, Roma Tre)
- seminar, panel meetings, summer school 2-8 July 2012 in cooperation with into The Institute for Euroregional Studies (prof. Ioan Horga)
- developing the research work in Studies in Cultural Identities within the Faculty of Letters.

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#### FUTURE PLANS/INTENTIONS

1.Strengthen liaisons with  
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