

## LOCAL PARTNERS

### ● BUCHAREST

- ▶ "Regina Elisabeta" Special Technological High School
- ▶ Special Gymnasium School for the Visually Impaired
- ▶ Special Technological High School no. 3
- ▶ Special Gymnasium School for the Deaf no. 1
- ▶ "Emil Racoviță" National College
- ▶ Theoretical High School "Lucian Blaga"
- ▶ "Anghel Saligny" Technical College
- ▶ "Ion Neculce" National College
- ▶ National Library of Romania
- ▶ Bucharest Metropolitan Library

### ● BUZAU

- ▶ Special High School for the Visually Impaired
- ▶ Special Technological High School for children with hearing impairments
- ▶ "Spiru Haret" National Pedagogical College
- ▶ "Mihai Eminescu" National College
- ▶ "Vasile Voiculescu" County Library Buzau

### ● RAMNICU SARAT

- ▶ Ramnicu Sarat Inclusive Education School Center
- ▶ Ramnicu Sarat Theoretical High School
- ▶ Municipal Library "Corneliu Coposu" Ramnicu Sarat



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# Our voice counts!

The project "**Our voice counts!**" aims to change the mentalities and attitudes of citizens of Bucharest, Buzau and Ramnicu Sarat through advocacy activities that promote human and children's rights, designed to combat stereotypes, prejudices and exclusion practices that affect children and young people with hearing and vision impairments and their families.

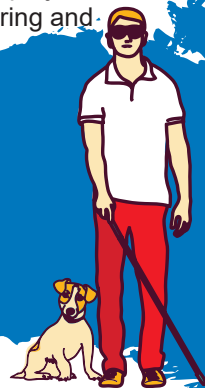
**DURATION:** August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**BENEFICIARIES:** 940 children and young people with visual and hearing disabilities, from 7 schools.

**INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES:** students from 10 mainstream schools, teachers, parents, citizens, NGOs, collaborators, experts, decision makers. Approximately 5,000 final beneficiaries estimated.

## OBJECTIVES

- Increasing the skills of vulnerable groups to dialogue with decision makers, to be able to get involved in decision-making processes, to claim their rights and to participate in community life.
- Innovative and integral approach of inclusion, in which the beneficiaries themselves are involved, and will become creators of 50 original digital stories.
- Promoting volunteer activity, by involving 25 volunteers from seven public mass education schools and four public libraries.
- Increasing the financial capacity and multiplying the income sources of the association, as well as disseminating the results of the project, by organizing a fundraising event.



## TRAINING ACTIVITIES

**Volunteers' and target groups' trainings** to approach issues like: human, child and people with disabilities rights; strategic documents that underlie these rights; advocacy activities; the experience of Norwegian volunteers in actions to protect human rights, with priority given to the vulnerable; climate change and the importance of involving young people in environmental protection.

## RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- ★ **Report** on citizens' perception on people with disabilities, their rights, with a focus on the target groups of the project and proposals for preventing rights violations. The questionnaire will be applied to a number of 1,200 citizens from the 3 locations: Bucharest, Buzau and Ramnicu Sarat.
- ★ **2 opinion poll questionnaires**, initial and final, to identify the degree of knowledge of human rights, applied in the 14 schools involved in the project.

## AWARENESS & ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN

- ★ **14 workshops** with children and young people from the 7 special schools to identify barriers to social, professional and educational inclusion.
- ★ **1 workshop** in Bucharest for the elaboration of the Position Paper based on the documents elaborated in schools. The document will be forwarded to the Geneva Human Rights Committee, members of the Senate and responsible central and local authorities.
- ★ **10 awareness sessions** in mainstream schools - volunteers together with a successful person with disabilities, will go to 10 schools in Bucharest and Buzau County to provide information about people with visual and hearing impairments and the importance of their integration into society.

## DIGITAL STORIES

The activity proposes the use of **digital storytelling techniques** by people with hearing and vision impairments. Beneficiaries will be encouraged to create their own stories, using videos, texts, photos and other tools. A total of **50 digital stories** will be produced and included in a **Guide**. A synthesis with the most **successful stories** will be **transcribed in braille**.

## STREET EVENT – public campaign with focus on vulnerable groups

- ★ **3 public campaigns** lasting 1 day, in the 3 locations - the design will be made by 14 representatives of the target group and volunteers, who will design together the specific elements of the public campaign
- ★ **2 workshops** with 30 citizens participating in the event will be organized for the presentation of digital stories.
- ★ **Digital stories projected** on the billboard

## INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES

- ★ **Launch and final conference**
- ★ **10 radio shows** dedicated to the project
- ★ **Information** on the partner's websites and on social media
- ★ **Promotional materials:** posters, flyers, banners, t-shirts

## ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Increasing the **financial capacity** and multiplying the sources of income of the association, as well as **disseminating the results** of the project, by organizing a fundraising event and translating the annual report into English, so as to expand at European level the level of information on how *Active Citizens Fund* supports capacity building of non-governmental organizations.

