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Cultural Festivals are Part of the Multicultural Cluj and a Real Source of Power

The cultural markets are bringing together migrants and host communities to experience each other's cultures, aiming to improve the public's attitude toward migrants. Festivals that focus on promoting culture also enhance knowledge of different traditions and customs among participants, reinforcing our shared community and our common cultural ties. Festivals also contribute to the development of multiculturalism, and they provide the chance to celebrate together what makes us, our society, and our culture who and what we are.

In celebration of the annual Cluj Days and given that Cluj County reunites diverse international and ethnic communities, the Romanian Peace Institute - PATRIR, under the project **MigrantVoicesHeard**, co-organized with Cluj City Hall, Cluj International Women's Club, Blana! Association (Ethnicity Concept), and Babes-Bolyai University the multicultural market during the annual Cluj Days. The event brought together all the international cultures and communities living in Cluj and attracted visitors from all over Romania. Cluj Days showcased a wide range of cultural performances, culinary delights, fashion, and much more from numerous intercultural communities living in Cluj, including African communities, Middle East communities, Latin American communities, Basserabian communities, European communities etc.

About the Migrant Voices Heard project

The Migrant Voices Heard project aims to support the setting up and strengthening of migrant councils at local and regional level in six EU countries in close collaboration with public administrations, to promote

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the exchange of experiences between local and regional public authorities about the involvement of migrants in the design and implementation of integration policies, and to enhance the capacity of local and regional authorities to effectively consult migrants on policies that directly affect them. It is funded with the support of the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) of the European Union and is implemented in Austria, Bulgaria, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy and Romania, by the following organizations: WCIF (BG), Südwind (AU), Mission Wings (BG), Groupe SOS Solidarites (FR), KMOP - Social action and Innovation Centre (GR), ActionAid (IT), Szjubektiv (HU) and PATRIR (RO). Local and regional governments - the Municipality of Stara Zagora in Bulgaria, the Municipality of Neapolis-Sykeon in Greece and the Regional Government of Campania in Italy - are also involved in the initiative.

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