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# ABOUT PATRIR

Founded on March 8, 2001, PATRIR - Romanian Institute for Peace - is the first organization established in Romania that operates internationally. With over 20 years of experience worldwide, at the invitation and request of governments, the United Nations, and national and international organizations, PATRIR is widely recognized as one of the top centers of excellence in the world in the fields of peacebuilding, conflict prevention, peace support operations, and post-war recovery and stabilization. In recognition of its efforts, PATRIR was awarded the World Vision International Peace Prize in 2011, the Luxembourg International Peace Prize in 2017 for outstanding organization, and the Luxembourg International Peace Prize in 2019 for technology and peace.

## **PATRIR's activities focus on maintaining and supporting peace and address key aspects such as:**

- Enhancing state and societal capacities for peace consolidation, conflict transformation, and effective peace support.
- Improving early warning and prevention capabilities at the local, national, regional, and global levels.
- Combating radicalization, violent extremism, and recruitment for hatred, including misinformation and disinformation.
- Promoting inclusivity and fostering tolerant and democratic societies.
- Supporting equality and dignity, including women's rights, participation, leadership, and working to overcome all forms of gender-based violence, discrimination, and abuse, as well as supporting youth participation in peace and security.

# DEPARTMENTS

## DPO

The Department of Peace Operations works upon request from conflict parties and local, national and international organisations and agencies to support violence prevention, peacebuilding, mediation, and post-war recovery. DPO experts include practitioners, analysts, diplomats, and others.

## IPDTC

The International Peace & Development Training Center is one of the world's leading providers of training, capacity building and professional development support for practitioners, governments, UN and local, national and international organisations working in peacebuilding, prevention, and post-war peace consolidation.

## EPD

The European Peace Department (EPD) is dedicated to advancing peacebuilding and addressing drivers and dynamics of conflict within the European Union and broader Europe, and to strengthening both domestic and international peacebuilding capabilities of the EU, member states and national and local authorities and civil society.

## GLOBAL INCLUSION

The Global Inclusion Department focuses on direct engagement with migrant and refugee communities, working to support their voices to be heard in governance and policies that affect them in Cluj and more widely across Europe.



# PROJECTS

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# EU ACT

Active European Citizens Against Hate Speech - EUact

## BUDGET:

TOTAL – 148,680 EURO

PATRIR – 27,105 EURO

**FUNDING:** Europe for Citizens

**PARTNERS:** Latvijas Cilvektiesību Centrs Biedriba (Latvian Centre for Human Rights) – Latvia – Coordinator, Lidzdalibas platforma (Participation for All) – Latvia, Viesoji Istaiga Zmogaus Teisiu Strebejmo Institutas (Human Rights Monitoring Institute) – Lithuania, Sihtasutus Eesti Inimoiguste Keskus (Human Rights Centre) – Estonia, Multi Kulti Collective – Bulgaria, Peace Action Training and Research Institute of Romania – PATRIR, Kuca Ljudskih Prava Zagreb Udruge (Human Rights House Zagreb) – Croatia

**PATRIR'S ROLE IN THE PROJECT:** PARTNER



## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project was directly aimed at raising awareness of the new generation of European citizens about the impact of hate speech on democratic participation and European values.

The project focused on the promotion of democratic values such as civic and political participation, peaceful coexistence, and diversity. Especially emphasized was the participation of new citizens (immigrants) and other minorities. The project activities raised citizens' awareness about the harmful impact of hate speech, promoted European values, and strengthened solidarity among young people through debates, networking, and human rights education.



# ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES



## ACTIVE EUROPEAN CITIZENS AGAINST HATE SPEECH

The key activities and outcomes of the project were:

- Research on the impact of hate speech on Euroscepticism and xenophobia in the EU, and in project partner countries in particular, and recommendations on how to decrease it.
- An international meeting of stakeholders and experts to discuss good practices and challenges in each partner country.
- Two local events focusing on the roots and consequences of hate speech, its impact on Euroscepticism and perception of European values, and the effective ways to empower the young generation to tackle hate speech and promote civic and political participation. These events were held locally in Cluj-Napoca and Bucharest, as well as one event online. The events were entitled "Together against Hate Speech | Impreuna impotriva discursului instigator la ura".
- An international conference with participation of young people, minority representatives, stakeholders, experts, NGOs, and policymakers to present the outcomes of the project and discuss further challenges that needed to be addressed on the EU level. The international conference was held in Cluj-Napoca, entitled "Tackling the Impact of Hate Speech on Our Lives and Society: A Comprehensive Approach Towards Prevention of Hate Involving Policymakers and Young People", on Saturday, 25 June 2022, from 11:00 to 17:30 - Cluj-Napoca | Kolozsvár| Klausenburg - Romania.
- Dissemination of the project objectives, activities, and results through different communication channels.

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

- [HATE, EUROSCEPTICISM, CITIZENSHIP: THE YOUTH CONNECTION COMPARATIVE REPORT ON LATVIA, LITHUANIA, ESTONIA, CROATIA, BULGARIA, AND ROMANIA](#)
- [HATE SPEECH AND EUROSCEPTICISM IN ROMANIA NATIONAL REPORT](#)

# GEM DIAMOND

A multiannual international research effort on **G**lobalisation, **E**urope and **M**ultilateralism (**GEM**) set to assess the EU's capacity to act given the challenges facing **D**emocratic Institutions, the rise of **A**lternative **M**odels and mounting **N**ormative **D**issensus (**DIAMOND**)

## BUDGET:

TOTAL: 3,993,645 EURO

PATRIR: 21,000 EURO

**FUNDING:** European Union's Horizon Europe research and innovation programme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Doctoral Network program (MSCA-DN).

**PARTNERS:** Université Libre De Bruxelles, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Universiteit Van Amsterdam, Universitatea Babeş-Bolyai, Luiss University, University Of Copenhagen, Fundação Getúlio Vargas, Université De Genève, Université Laval, University Of Warwick, Waseda University, Center For European Policy Studies, Egmont - The Royal Institute For International Relations, International Federation For Human Rights , Istituto Affari Internazionali – Italy, PATRIR, German Marshall Fund Of The United States

**PATRIR'S ROLE IN THE PROJECT:** PARTNER



GEM DIAMOND

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

GEM-DIAMOND was an iteration of the GEM PhD School, which had been delivering double doctoral degrees on Globalisation, Europe, and Multilateralism (GEM) since 2010. This EU-funded project was launched in October 2022 and assessed the EU's capacity to act given the challenges facing Democratic Institutions, the rise of Alternative Models, and mounting Normative Dissensus (DIAMOND).

GEM-DIAMOND's overall research program tackled three shared knowledge gaps regarding contemporary strains on liberal democracy:

Objective 1: Conceptualising the seemingly mounting dissensus surrounding liberal democracy.

Objective 2: Unpacking the ambiguous role different actors could play as both champions and challengers of liberal democratic norms, values, and practices.

Objective 3: Assessing the impact of increased dissensus regarding liberal democracy on the policy instruments of the EU and its capacity to act in its internal and external policies.

# ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES



The project hired and trained 16 doctoral fellows to help address knowledge gaps associated with the growing dissensus undermining both multilateral and democratic practice. Its' key expected research outputs include:

**16**  
Original  
doctoral  
manuscripts

**1**  
Edited  
volume

**1**  
Handbook

**4**  
Special  
Issues



# GLOBE

Global Learning for Sense of Belonging - GloBe

## BUDGET:

TOTAL – 381,566 EURO

PATRIR – 58,560 EURO

**FUNDING:** Erasmus+ Programme – Strategic Partnerships (Key Action 2)

**PARTNERS:** Rauhankasvatusinstituutti ry - (RKI) – Peace Education Institute – Finland – Coordinator

University of Oulu – UOULU – Finland

University of Jyväskylä – JYU – Finland

Instituto Politécnico de Viana do Castelo (IPVC) – Portugal

Fundação Gonçalo da Silveira – FGS – Portugal

Peace Action Training and Research Institute of Romania – PATRIR

Universitatea Alexandru Ioan Cuza din Iași- UAIC - Romania

**PATRIR'S ROLE IN THE PROJECT:** PARTNER



## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project is aimed at educational leaders and teachers, who are in a key position in enhancing sustainable future skills through the notion of agency in their own institutions. The underlying idea behind GloBe is to advance human well-being and social inclusion within and beyond school environments by enriching one's sense of belonging. GloBe was targeted for teachers and principals working around the themes of Global Education and Learning (GEL), Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), pedagogical and shared leadership, co-teaching, whole-school approach and school eco-system thinking.

To reach the aim, the objectives of GloBe are to:

- deepen and broaden the scope of day-to-day work of school principals towards pedagogical and shared leadership
- enhance teachers' shared and co-teaching professional capabilities to cross disciplinary and grade-level boundaries in schools, and
- introduce new to "sustainable future" learning modules to actively engage students.

# ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES



GloBe brought together **56 participants** from the **three countries**. GloBe participants were built up from Cohorts 1 and 2. Altogether there were **20 schools** developing their activities in seven different cities: Oulu and Jyväskylä, in Finland; Lisbon, Braga and Viana do Castelo in Portugal; and Cluj-Napoca and Floresti, in Romania. The project activities reached and benefitted directly around 6200 students and **570 staff members** within the schools. GloBe developed an online learning platform entitled "**Handbook for Global Educationalists**". The Handbook highlights practitioners' point of view and is developed for the use of teachers and school leaders, and other educational professionals. Handbook for Global Educationalists – Practitioners' Point of View – also translated into Romanian.

## THE MAIN ACTIVITIES:

- **the international seminar "Sharing and Reflecting Ideas" that took place in Lisbon on 5-7 April 2022**
- **the international seminar held in Cluj-Napoca on 13 - 17 June 2022**
- **the international seminar "Sharing and Reflecting Ideas" that took place in Lisbon on 14-16 February 2023**
- **Transnational Partner Meeting – Jyvaskyla – 6-8 June 2023**
- **two multiplier events held on August 31 and September 6 2023**

# INDEED

Global Learning for Sense of Belonging - GloBe

## BUDGET:

TOTAL – 4,983,330 EURO

PATRIR – 399,250 EURO

**FUNDING:** European Union's Horizon 2020  
Research and Innovation

**PARTNERS:** The INDEED project consortium consists of 19 organisations representing 15 European countries and is coordinated by the Polish Platform for Homeland Security (PPHS), a non-governmental institution which is active in the field of security

**PATRIR'S ROLE IN THE PROJECT:** PARTNER



# INDEED

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The INDEED project, co-funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme, is a three-year project working on a more efficient evidence-based model for evaluation of radicalisation prevention and mitigation to strengthen first-line practitioners' and policymakers' knowledge, capabilities and skills for designing, planning, implementing and evaluating PVE/CVE and de-radicalisation initiatives in an effective and proven manner.

The concept of INDEED is founded on a specific approach of participatory, user-based design philosophy, as well as interaction and exchange between academia, practitioners, policymakers, to find a common language and identify the practical usability of existing research and produce the evidence-based results needed in the field of PVE/CVE and de-radicalisation.

INDEED core methodology is based on a '5 I' approach – involving 5 project phases, namely Identify, Involve, Innovate, Implement and Impact – to facilitate co-creation of the individual project phases and implementation with the direct engagement of multi-sectoral stakeholders through SMART hubs (Stakeholder Multisector Anti-Radicalisation Teams).

# ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES



User-based identification of training-learning needs, tools, requirements and standards for evaluation and design of PVE- CVE- De-radicalisation initiatives:

- Create an integrated training suite, including a capacity-building tool, trainings and curricula – for both in-person training and online self-paced learning and training through train-the-trainer methods and cascade trainings
- Create a one-stop, online multilingual Toolkit with e-learning suite that integrates the evaluation framework

Creation of innovative knowledge products on evaluation and evidence-based practice designing:

- **15+ video interviews** with practitioners, policy makers, evaluators and experts in the field on key issues highlighted and considered as important by practitioners related to topic
- **12+ webinars** with leading practitioners, experts, evaluators and other EC-supported projects addressing practical issues in evaluation, learning from and designing PVE/CVE/De-radicalisation
- **12+ podcast interviews** with leading experts and practitioners in the field
- **2 Forums** "From Evidence to Practice: Towards Improved Policy & Practice" bringing together practitioners, practitioner agencies, leading experts, evaluators, policy makers and major EU agencies and EC supported projects.
- **10 multi-lingual learning notes** (briefs) consolidating key learnings, innovations and practices from the forum, video interviews, webinars and podcasts for broader dissemination to the field.

# NEW GEN

A New Generation wakes up to War: reducing militarization, tensions and prejudices.

## BUDGET:

TOTAL – 400,000 EURO

PATRIR – 92,000 EURO

**FUNDING:** European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation

**PARTNERS:** Rauhankasvatusinstituutti RKI ry - Finland, PATRIR - Romania, CSSP - Germany, Fundacja Instytut Bezpieczeństwa Społecznego - Poland

**PATRIR'S ROLE IN THE PROJECT:** PARTNER

## NEWGEN

A NEW GENERATION  
WAKES UP TO  
WAR: REDUCING  
MILITARIZATION, TENSIONS  
AND PREJUDICES

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

the project sets to help a new generation of youth to respond to the social tensions, bias and discrimination triggered everywhere by war.

### OBJECTIVES:

- Return the focus and trust on the importance and possibilities of non-violent social response to militant actions and agency of activism building positive peace in society.
- To provide participants with skills on conflict analysis, dialogue, participation and basic filmmaking. By providing tools and skills, we will facilitate the process of participation and peacebuilding. The learning process component contribute directly to that.

## ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- **Creation of 2 groups of young activists and youth workers from Romania, Poland and Finland .**
- **Planning and facilitate a transformative intergenerational and intersectional peer learning process of 10 months for each of the two groups.**
- **3 major international trainings in: Warsaw, Helsinki and Cluj-Napoca**

# PARTICIPATION

Advancing Innovative, Transformative and Evidence-based Approaches to P/CVE Education



## BUDGET:

TOTAL – 2,918,100 EURO

PATRIR – 2,918.100 EURO

**FUNDING:** European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme

**PARTNERS:** Università Degli Studi Roma Tre – Italy, Ce.S.I. – Centro Studi Internazionali – Italy, Peace Action, Training & Research Institute Of Romania – Romania, Universidade Do Minho – Portugal, European Foundation For Democracy – Belgium, Università Degli Studi Di Catania – Italy, Maastricht University - The Netherlands, Universidad Politecnica De Madrid – Spain, Kmop – Kentro Merimnas Oikogeneias Kai Paidiou – Greece, Cesie – Italy, Cea – Le Commissariat À L'ènergie Atomique Et Aux Énergies Alternatives – France, Middlesex University Higher Education Corporation - United Kingdom, University College Cork – National University Of Ireland, Cork – Ireland, Polish Platform For Homeland Security – Poland, Human Security Collective - The Netherlands

**PATRIR'S ROLE IN THE PROJECT:** PARTNER

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project primary purpose is to prevent extremism, radicalization, and polarisation that can lead to violence through more effective social and education policies and interventions that target at-risk groups to be performed through the establishment of a holistic framework and the engagement\involvement of social actors, local communities, civil society, and policymakers.

It aims to capture and explore contemporary experiences of extremism and radicalization and proposes concrete actions, policies, and digital tools that will empower policy actors and practitioners to respond to a changing reality. There are 15 organizations and institutions taking part in the project from Italy, Romania, Portugal, Belgium, The Netherlands, Spain, Greece, France, The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Poland.

# ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- Defined new research methods based on a participatory fieldwork and a mixed method approach;
- Identified future perspectives and trends of hate speech, extremism, and radicalization;
- Developed innovative communicative tools, educational approaches, and community-based strategies;
- Improved the awareness of young people and communities;
- Collected data and developed a set of indicators;
- Developed policy recommendations with the participation of researchers, stakeholders, practitioners, and social actors.



# RED SPINEL

'Respond to Emerging Dissensus: SuPranational Instruments and Norms of European Liberal democracy'



## BUDGET:

TOTAL – 2,969,558 EURO

PATRIR – 193,85 EURO

**FUNDING:** European Union's Horizon Europe research and innovation programme under the Call HORIZON-CL2-2021-DEMOCRACY-01

**PARTNERS:** Université libre de Bruxelles- Belgium, Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli – Italy, Universiteit van Amsterdam – Netherlands, Universitatea Babeş-Bolyai – Romania, HEC Paris – France, Uniwersytet Mikołaja Kopernika w Toruniu – Poland, University of Warwick – United Kingdom, PATRIR – Romania, Milieu Consulting – Belgium, Magyar Helsinki Bizottság / Hungarian Helsinki Committee – Hungary, Stichting Nederlands Instituut voor Internationale Betrekkingen Clingendael – Netherlands

**PATRIR'S ROLE IN THE PROJECT:** PARTNER

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

This interdisciplinary and intersectoral research project brought together 11 partner organizations from 8 European countries (see the Consortium). Launched in October 2022, it sought, in the following years, to analyze the changing nature of dissensus surrounding liberal democracy and its implications for EU supranational policy instruments.

- 1.To foster conceptual innovations on dissensus
- 2.To produce original empirical findings relating to EU instruments
- 3.To contribute to strengthening democratic institutions in the EU



# ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- It provided a typology of said dissensus, mapped the principal actors of the dissensus in Europe, and unpacked its two underlying drivers – i.e., heightened internal contestation over liberal democracy and external competition from alternative illiberal models.
- Empirically, it focused on the key policy instruments and legal mechanisms shaping the EU's efforts in support of democracy and the rule of law: the EU rule of law toolbox, the neighbourhood and accession instruments, the European semester, fundamental rights and judicial instruments, and citizen participation platforms.
- Through stakeholder events, RED-SPINEL raised the impact of its findings on public policy stakeholders (i.e., legal professionals, the scientific community, policymakers, civil society, European youth). The project developed a range of scientifically informed policy recommendations and capacity-building efforts able to foster innovative democratic practices to respond to the present-day dissensus.



# SOLREM

Solidarity and Resistance against Authoritarianism on Europe



## BUDGET:

TOTAL – 232,570 EURO

PATRIR – 30,000 EURO

**FUNDING:** European Union's Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Program (CERV)

**PARTNERS:** Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR) – Romania, IM Cultural Institute – Portugal, Centro Internazionale per la Promozione dell'Educazione e lo Sviluppo (CEIPES) – Italy, International Institute for Nonviolent Action (NOVACT) – Spain, Porto University – CITCEM – Portugal, MUZEON – Romania, Young Educators – European Association – Portugal, Peace Education Institute (RKI) – Finland,

**PATRIR'S ROLE IN THE PROJECT:** PARTNER

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project raises awareness of the history of resistance and solidarity against right-wing authoritarianism in five target countries: Finland, Italy, Portugal, Romania and Spain. It starts a communitarian reflection on past resistance and agency in places where they have been silenced pocketed as something else, or ignored. SolRem sheds light on the permeation of concepts, narratives and images associated with right-wing "travel" across decades. It shows the impact of the politics-collective memory dependency. The project is a necessary step in combating anti-semitism and protecting democratic values.



# ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- Research:
  - The research aims to map and understand the status of memory related to the far-right, analyzing both narratives and practices.
- Workshops:
  - Encourage conversation within communities about relevant histories such as resistance movements, feminism, colonial legacies, etc., through storytelling and ethnography.
- Memory Forums:
  - Meetings to analyze and engage with the memory of right-wing authoritarianism in terms of policy and practice.
- Training Sessions:
  - For teachers in schools to address the relevance of collective memory narratives.
- Exhibition:
  - Designed as a public campaign to raise awareness about the importance of historical awareness.
- Memory Talks Podcast:
  - A podcast discussing memory and history to address political, cultural, and historical narratives relevant to today's issues, encouraging dialogue and reflection on the past.



# YOUTH GROW EQUAL



## BUDGET:

TOTAL – 12,460 EURO;

RF FUNDING – 10,950 EURO

PATRIR CO-FUNDING – 1,510 EURO

**FUNDING:** Human Rights Fund – Embassy of the Netherlands in Bucharest

**PATRIR'S ROLE IN THE PROJECT:** PROJECT IMPLEMENTER

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

YOUth grow EQUAL is a project aimed at respecting, protecting and promoting equal rights for women and girls by making use of both formal and nonformal education while empowering teachers and youth to fight against gender inequality, gender discrimination, stereotyping and raising awareness about domestic violence as a prevalent form of gender inequality.

The project reached primary and secondary school teachers and their pupils, as well as youth aged 16 - 26.

## ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

1. Raising awareness about the importance of educating pupils and promoting gender equality from early education through 1 on-site workshop for primary and secondary school teachers; entitled Elevii mei si egalitatea de gen
2. Creating a youth task-force for gender equality through 1 on-site and 1 online workshops; entitled YOUth for equal YOUth
3. Breaking gender discrimination and stereotyping while building pupils' understanding and instilling gender equality and human rights values through workshops with pupils at school;
4. Empowering and strengthening youth active participation for gender equality causes, acting against domestic violence and human rights issues through 1 youth peer-to-peer workshop; entitled Prejudecăți și percepții. Care este "scuza" ta?

## Outcomes

- **Online & face-to-face workshops for teachers: 7**
- **Face-to-face workshops for youth: 18**
- **Workshops for pupils: 267**
- **Workshop by youth for peer youth: 23**
- **Overall, the project has reached a number of 315 participants.**



# ENFEM

Female TCNs Integration in local Communities through Employability and Entrepreneurship Local Oriented Strategies

## BUDGET:

PATRIR – 89,940 EURO



**FUNDING:** The Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) of the European Union

**PARTNERS:** Instituto Politecnico Do Porto (P.Porto), Institutul Român pentru Acțiune, Instruire și Cercetare în Domeniul (PATRIR), Stimuli for Social Change (STIMMULI), D'Antilles et D'ailleurs (DA&DA), Centro Internazionale per la Promozione Dell'Educazione e lo Sviluppo Associazione (CEIPES), Ayuntamiento de Quart de Poblet (AQP), Socialiniu Inovaciju Fondas (SIF), CSI Center for Social Innovation LTD (CSI), Eyropaiko Institoyto Topikhs Anaptykshs (EILD), Symvoyleytiko Kentro Stirithis Tis Oikogeneias - SYKESO (SIKESO), Etaireia Anaptyxis Kai Touristikis Provolis Athinon - Anaptyxiaki Anonymos Etaireia Organismou Topikis Aftodioikisis (ADDMA SA), Stichting Vital Aid Foundation (VAF).

**PATRIR'S ROLE IN THE PROJECT:** PARTNER

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project ENFEM aimed at providing opportunities for the creation and/or development of local multi-stakeholder networks in the 10 partner countries, composed of local authorities, market actors, NGOs, third-country nationals based, and women-led organizations, where its overall vision derived and was guided by the EU Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021-2027. The project provided training opportunities to migrant women in the fields of language learning, working rights, and entrepreneurship skills, while at the same time engaging in awareness raising among local actors and citizens about the substantial benefits and positive impact of removing existing barriers to the inclusion of migrant women in the labor market.

### ENFEM GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

- Support the integration of third-country nationals in local communities
- Promote socio-economic inclusion and a sense of belonging for migrants in local communities
- Empower local workforce.

# ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- PATRIR conducted a total of **9 training sessions** for TCNs reaching a significant number of **81 international women** (out of which **66 international women** attended only one training session)
- Participation and Engagement of TCN women in Work-Based Learning Activities: PATRIR engaged a significant number of participants (**122 international women, out of which 77 international women** attended only one WBL activity).
- **Making Cluj Thrive Together - Fostering Success and Making Businesses Thrive** with International Women in Businesses, Employment and Entrepreneurship in Cluj was a pioneering initiative of its kind in Romania and featured how national and international businesses are thriving with employment and entrepreneurship of international women in Cluj.
- **Connect With-In Cluj**, organized in partnership with Cluj Hub, on the 12th of October 2023, was not just a networking event, but a journey toward success. Embracing employability, innovation, adaptability, and leadership by facilitating international women's access to Cluj's dynamic labor market represents the key principles of our commitment to a better, more inclusive, and thriving Cluj.



# MIGRANT VOICES HEARD

Enhancing the participation of migrants through the creation of migrant councils



## BUDGET:

PATRIR – 58,646 EURO

**FUNDING:** The Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) of the European Union

**PARTNERS:** Workshop for Civic Initiatives Foundation (WCIF), Institutul Român pentru Acțiune, Instruire și Cercetare în Domeniul (PATRIR), Szubjektív Ertekek Alapítvány (SVF), Fondatsiya Misya Krile (MWF), Actionaid International Italia Onlus (AAIT), Regione Campania (REG. CAMPANIA), Kentro Merimnas Oikogeneias Kai Paidiou (KMOP), Dimos Neapoles - Sukeon (DNS), Sudwind Verein für Entwicklungspolitik und Globale Gerechtigkeit (SUDWIND), MIGRANTINNENBEIRAT GRAZ (MiB Graz), Groupe SOS Solidarites (ASSFAM), Les Amis de L'Afrique Francophone (AMAF), Obshtina Stara Zagora (SZM)

**PATRIR'S ROLE IN THE PROJECT:** PARTNER

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The aim of the project is to promote refugee and migrant participation in the design and implementation of integration and related policies at the local, regional, and national levels in seven EU countries: Austria, Bulgaria, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, and Romania.

More specifically, the project aimed to:

- Support the setting up and/or strengthening of 7 migrant councils, at local and regional level.
- Promote the exchange of experiences between local and regional public authorities about the involvement of migrants in the design and implementation of integration policies.
- Enhance the capacity of local and regional authorities to effectively consult migrants on policies that directly affect them.

# ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- Transnational Research Report of Best Practices
- Research for the Moodle resources platform
- Training Program for Migrants and Migrant-Led Organizations
- Development of capacity-building syllabus and training modules that address the needs of the migrant groups
- Public Events: Community Talk, Cultural Fair
- Establishment of the Cluj International Citizens Council

## OUTCOMES:

- 119 participants engaged in local focus groups/consultations/individual interviews, bringing together diverse perspectives and expertise to emphasize the importance of enhanced public participation and representation of international residents in Cluj.
- 70 participants in training sessions focused on strengthening the capacity of migrant advocates
- Over 80 participants took part in the community talks
- Organising a Cultural Fair dedicated to migrants interaction with the host community
- The official launch of the Cluj International Citizens Council, was a significant event with diverse participation, including consulate representatives, academia, and media coverage. Approximately 66 guests attended, showing substantial support from stakeholders and diverse international communities in Cluj.



# EPI

European Pact for Integration - Developing local integration strategies for TCNs

## BUDGET:

TOTAL - 1,587,305 EURO

PATRIR - 63,479 EURO

**FUNDING:** The Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) of the European Union

**PARTNERS:** PATRIR - Romania, Consorzio Comunità Brianza - Italy, Asociación Ciudades Interculturales - Spain, Creative Ideas - Latvia, Pro Arbeit - Germany, TREE - Estonia and 7 EU Cities: Cartagena, Cluj, Dietzenbach, Linköping, Lublin, Ravenna, Riga

**PATRIR'S ROLE IN THE PROJECT:** CORDINATOR



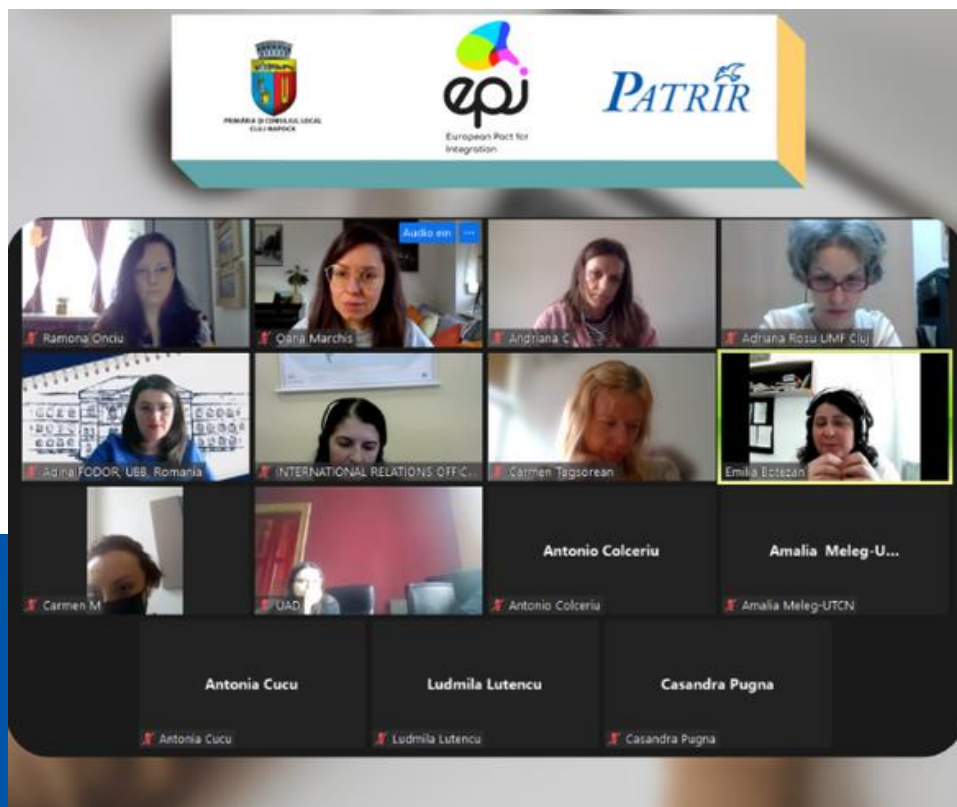
## ABOUT THE PROJECT

Created from the need and desire to have a multicultural European space, where all people, regardless of their background, origin country, cultural mindset, and lifestyle find joy in togetherness and cohabitation, the European Pact for Integration is a 30-month project, funded by the European Commission, aiming to support the integration of newcomers from outside of the European space, in 7 cities across Europe.

The municipalities worked together in identifying their areas of priority, building a strong local integration strategy and implementing actions and activities together with other local stakeholders, to enhance the newcomers to learn the language, find a job, understand the culture and make a pleasant and peaceful living for themselves in the European country they have chosen as their home.

# ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- Up to 20 stakeholders were involved in each city supporting the review process, and 1 report was delivered in each city.
- One Open Day and three Round Tables were organized in each city, open to the participation of local stakeholders (NGOs, CSOs, public and private authorities, and companies working in the field of integration and inclusion).
- One City Integration Strategy was defined in each city, and the EPI Training Week was organized to prepare cities to implement the strategies in a timely and effective way.
- Launch Events and five City Integration Pact Meetings were organized per city, with assessment reports delivered.
- An EU conference was held in Milan, along with one national conference per city and four replication workshops open to cities and other local authorities external to the partnership.
- A project website was created, along with four social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter), and promotional materials including quarterly newsletters, one brochure, one leaflet, and four infographics. Additionally, three videos were produced.



# UKRAINE HOUSE

Ukraine House – Protection & Support Hub in Cluj-Napoca and Sighisoara

**BUDGET:** 787,401 EURO

**FUNDING:** UNHCR

**PARTNERS:** Cluj-Napoca City Hall,

**PATRIR'S ROLE IN THE PROJECT:** CORDINATOR



## ABOUT THE PROJECT

Implemented in collaboration by PATRIR and UNHCR Romania, Ukraine House is centered around the needs of the Ukrainian communities displaced in Cluj and Sighisoara.

At its core, Ukraine House is a Protection and Support Hub, offering a comprehensive range of essential services tailored to enhance the well-being and resilience of those it serves.

Our commitment to the Ukrainian community encompasses a broad spectrum of support, starting with psychosocial assistance to address the emotional and psychological needs of individuals and families. In addition to this vital aspect of our mission, we provide invaluable protection services, ensuring that members of the community can access essential resources and legal advice. Information is power, and we recognize its significance. Ukraine House serves as a reliable source of relevant information, guiding individuals through intricate processes such as medical translations and housing program applications.

Moreover, we nurture holistic development through a diverse range of activities. Art therapy serves as a creative tool for self-expression and healing, while our language classes in English and Romanian open doors to enhanced communication and integration within the local context. Cultural inclusion events celebrate the rich Ukrainian heritage and foster a sense of belonging within the broader community.

# ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- Ukraine House is a nurturing environment where Ukrainian-led initiatives can flourish. We provide the physical space and resources necessary for community members to bring their workshops and events to life, enabling them to share their passions and expertise with others.
- From January 2023 to September 2023, for our Protection services at Ukraine House, we had a total of **1.416 consultations**, and for our psychosocial support sessions, we recorded approximately 500 individuals. It's important to note that a significant part of these beneficiaries was in transit through Cluj-Napoca, with many of them relocating to other cities, countries, or even returning to Ukraine.
- Currently, we have a number of **579 active beneficiaries** who regularly participate in our activities. We anticipate a notable increase in these numbers during the cold seasons.



# UKRAINE CHILD EDUCATION HUB

BUDGET: 226,906 EURO

FUNDING: UNICEF

PARTNERS: Cluj School Inspectorate, Radio Svoboda

PATRIR'S ROLE IN THE PROJECT: CORDINATOR



## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The UA Child Education Hub in Cluj represents an educational endeavor initiated by PATRIR and UNICEF for the Ukrainian children in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. With a team committed to supporting the academic journey of Ukrainian youth, the hub provides assistance in navigating the Ukrainian school curriculum while fostering an environment conducive to socialization and holistic development.

Catering to the educational needs of over 300 refugee children from Ukraine, the project addresses the challenges encountered by students amidst displacement. Classes are conducted three times a week, supplemented by extracurricular activities. Additionally, the hub provides English and Romanian language skills to facilitate integration and future opportunities. Beyond educational assistance, the team offers psychological support as needed, ensuring the well-being of students and their families.



# ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- Interactive lessons, workshops, excursion, fun and skills development activities
- 3 school concerts devoted to One Year of the War in Ukraine, the International Women's Day and the Easter
- Sport Activities
- Meetings with Romanian schools
- Trips: to Braşov, Oradea aqua park „Neptun”, Alba Iulia, Apuseni Natural Park
- Psychological support session



# PEACE SUPPORT UKRAINE

Strengthening Peacebuilding, Trauma Healing & Recovery, Peace Education and Nonviolent Resistance to the Invasion and Occupation of Ukraine

BUDGET - 142,200 EURO

PATRIR - 61,150 EURO

**FUNDING:** Istituto Buddista Italiano Soka Gakkai

**PARTNERS:** PATRIR, Nonviolence International Ukraine, Institute for Peace and Common Ground Ukraine (IPCG), Ukrainian Leadership Academy (ULA), All Ukraine Youth Centers (AUYC), Un Ponte Per (UPP)

**PATRIR'S ROLE IN THE PROJECT:** CORDINATOR



## ABOUT THE PROJECT

Peace Support Ukraine (PSU) is a program that has been designed to address critical peacebuilding and nonviolence needs in Ukraine in the midst of war. The project builds upon more than 20 years peacebuilding and nonviolence experience of core partners in Ukraine and of PATRIR globally and has been developed through a collaborative design process including on-going needs assessments and consultations in Ukraine as well as meetings with partners and stakeholders in Ukraine and internationally.

### Objectives

- Analyze and give international visibility to social cohesion and nonviolence actions in Ukraine that are taking place during the war, as well as major peacebuilding needs.
- Strengthen the capacities of Ukrainian youth, civil society and educational institutions to organize peacebuilding and first aid activities in trauma management.
- Support Ukrainian youth and civil society organizations in the implementation of campaigns that expose the Ukrainian population and government to narratives of peace, nonviolence and resilience to trauma.

# ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- **3 missions** carried out in Ukraine with more than 60 meetings and interviews with various local and international actors and 2 mission reports.
- **1 mission** for advocacy in Brussels and meetings with the European Commission, European and international organizations related to peacebuilding by young Ukrainian peacebuilders and experts, with the support of the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO) of which UPP and PATRIR are members.
- **1 webinar** on "Building Ukraine Beyond and After the War: Lessons from Global Experiences, Ukraine, and the Central Role of Youth", with 55 young students from the Ukrainian Leadership Academy, and approximately 30 external participants.
- **3 trainings** conducted in Lviv and Chernivtsi, reaching approximately 70 young people. Sessions organized in partnership with the Ukrainian Leadership Academy and Chernivtsi National University.
- **4 trainings** on "Foundations of Peacebuilding and Dialogue" conducted in Romania, targeting PATRIR staff, Ukrainian teachers involved in the UNICEF project supporting young Ukrainian refugees, civil society organizations, and Ukrainian youth communities in Cluj-Napoca and Sighișoara.
- **1 Youth Peacebuilding Manual** in Ukrainian, English, and Russian languages.



# HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT

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# UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

ALL FOR  
UKRAINE



## ABOUT

The All for Ukraine Global Humanitarian Response and Refugee Support was PATRIR's dedicated program line that responded to the war and humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, as well as providing support for Ukrainian refugees abroad. The program was implemented in partnership with a range of civic organizations (NGOs) and partners, including local government authorities, companies, and cultural organizations, both domestically and internationally.

Through the program, several initiatives were undertaken:

- Support to IDPs in Ukraine:
  - Support was provided to shelters across southern, central, and western Ukraine, including materials and funding for shelter development, direct provision of humanitarian supplies and non-perishable foods, and distribution of hygiene products to address concerns about public health crises.
  - A psychological program was developed to support civilians affected by the war, including trauma victims, children and youth, survivors of sexual violence, and grieving families. This program was integrated with the shelters to promote psychological support.
- Anti-Trafficking Initiative:
  - A comprehensive program was launched across western, central, and southern Ukraine to prevent the risk of trafficking of women and girls. This initiative was linked to the shelters to provide information and support on anti-trafficking efforts.
- Humanitarian Aid to Key Cities & Cities Under Siege:
  - Efforts were focused on border areas where immediate humanitarian needs were urgent, including providing food support and coordinating with local actors on shelter.
  - Recipient cities, such as Chernivtsi, Hayvoron, Ivano Frankivs'k, and Odessa, were identified as facing critical shortages of food, medicine, and humanitarian aid due to internal displacement or attacks by Russian forces. Plans were made to provide up to 100 tons of supplies per week, establishing supply chains with Ukrainian partners to reach cities in need and those under siege.

# ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- The Institute's Humanitarian Response Program, together with partners across Romania and around the world, has carried out humanitarian missions from Cluj-Napoca delivering more than **1000 tons of humanitarian aid** to towns and cities across Ukraine.

## DONORS AND PARTNERS:

- **Endava**
- **Evozon**
- **NTT Data**
- **C&A**
- **Peace Boat Disaster Relief in Japan**
- **Oxfam**
- **Mercy Corps**
- **The Cluj City Hall**
- **Asociatia Ruscovan**
- **Food Bank Turda**



# FINANCIAL REPORT

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Source of community  
- financial stability  
- good quality of food, clean water  
- good life, balance  
- better part of a community  
- opportunities for community



# FINANCIAL REPORT

The trend of PATRIR's funding and activity, compared to previous years, was marked by adaptability to the external circumstances.

PATRIR focused its fundraising resources to support the humanitarian efforts, launched in response to the Russian invasion in Ukraine. These new streams of revenue, brought by the generous donations and sponsorships of individuals and companies, as well as funding from different donors, allowed PATRIR to expand its operations.

For all of the support showed in these initiatives, PATRIR is thankful to all those who contributed!

## INCOME (EURO)

Type of Income	2022	2023
Income from donations and sponsorships	668,237	22,851
Income from non-reimbursable financing	1,080,909	1,588,413
Other revenues	18,165	15,972
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,767,311</b>	<b>1,627,236</b>

## EXPENSES (EURO)

Type of Expenses	2022	2023
Expenses related to non-profit activities	830,369	734,274
Administrative and office expenses	29,423	92,373
Staff and collaborators expenses	434,573	953,490
Other expenses	34,855	62,925
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>1,329,221</b>	<b>1,843,062*</b>

\*The additional expenses incurred in 2023 were funded by surplus funds carried over from the fiscal year 2022



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