

## EuroEd

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### **Description of the organisation**

EuroEd Foundation came into being as an organisation in 1992, with the support of the Soros Foundation and the British Council Romania. EuroEd Foundation is a non-profit organisation located in Iasi, Romania. EuroEd delivers educational services to all age categories and develops a series of programmes, including language courses and international training courses for language teachers and professional training in the field of tourism, IT, mentoring, communication, etc.

EuroEd's relevant experience lies in coordinating and participating in EU funded projects, as well as in strategies and methodologies of cooperation at local, regional, national and trans-national levels.

In 1998, also as a result of constantly growing services and addressability, we founded the Centre for European Integration, through which until now, EuroEd Foundation has co-ordinated and implemented over 100 national and international educational projects. The implemented projects are in the field of learning languages for specific purposes, online resources, educational materials, games and drama techniques, networks, employability, development of competences for job profiles, social inclusion, medicine, motivation, and support, promoting quality in developing European projects, sports, social responsibility and volunteering etc.

With passion, professionalism, and consistency, we have gained the position of being the most important non-governmental educational institution in north-eastern Romania. We are a founder member of QUEST (The Romanian Association for Quality Language Services), which is an associate member of EAQUALS (the European Association for Quality Language Services). Our projects have been awarded different European distinctions of the highest level: 9 international awards in the last 5 years for the quality of its projects: 8 European Label Awards and a Worldaware distinction. Two of the projects led by EuroEd were selected by the EU Commission as examples of best practices in its collection called LINGO.

Mission Statement: EuroEd Foundation aims at supporting the reform processes of civic society by promoting high-quality standards in accordance with European Community requirements in the field of education, civil society, public policies, youth, law, culture, mass media, and regional development. Through its initiatives, EuroEd Foundation intends to act as a regional catalyst for debating and developing regional and international projects which should facilitate the exchange of ideas and experience in the field of democracy and European Integration.

The Centre for European Integration promotes activities oriented towards educational, public, social, business, juridical and cultural policies, aiming at improving the provision of educational services and products, of economic policies, supporting the social categories at risk, defending human rights and strengthening regional cooperation. The projects coordinated and implemented by the Centre for European Integration serve the needs of the community and are circumscribed or complement the range of specialized services provided by the other departments of EuroEd Foundation.

### **Experience of the organization in previous European projects**

EuroEd's current and past projects are focused on:

#### **Online Language Learning:**

**ELSTI** – European Languages for Secretaries. The project focused on developing skills in business communication and cultural awareness in the following languages: English, French, Italian and Spanish. (Leonardo Da Vinci – Transfer of Innovation) <http://www.eurobusinesslanguageskills.net/>

**TOOL TIPLS** – Tool to improve transparency of professional foreign language skills. The aim of the project was to develop the tool to improve transparency of professional English language (as lingua franca) skills in the selected target sectors of the Hospitality industry. (Leonardo Da Vinci – Transfer of Innovation) [www.tool-tipls.eu](http://www.tool-tipls.eu)

#### **Online Learning Networks for Foreign Language Study:**

**LRE** - Language Rich Europe. The project carried out professional research that resulted in an innovative and interactive measurement tool called the "Index of Multilingual Policies and Practices in Europe". This Index helps visualise the role of and support for multilingualism in the participating European countries and highlight good practice. (KA2 Languages - Multilateral Networks) <http://languagerichblog.eu/>

**APLANET** - Autonomous 'Personal Learning Networks' for Language Teachers. APLANET is a European Union funded project to help language educators who are not yet using social networks to understand: What are social networks for language educators?, Why they should use them?, How they can get involved?. (KA2 LANGUAGES - Multilateral Projects) <http://aplanet-project.org>

**ISPY** – Online Networking Platform for Language Learning. The main output of this project is the development of an online networking platform for learning languages. The platform allows interaction between learners from different countries who will work together to learn a new language via problem-solving challenges and tasks in an authentic and real time setting. (KA2 LANGUAGES - Multilateral Projects) [www.ispy-project.eu](http://www.ispy-project.eu)

**Lingu@net Worldwide.** Lingu@net EU was developed over the last 12 years with support from the EU (in 1998-2001, and 2003-2006). In 2007 it was awarded the MERLOT prize for being 'exemplary on-line learning material for all disciplines' ([www.merlot.org](http://www.merlot.org)) and in 2008 Lingu@net EU was awarded the European Commission's Gold prize in the "European Lifelong Learning Awards for quality in mobility". (Life Long Learning Programme - Key Activity 2) [www.linguanet-worldwide.org](http://www.linguanet-worldwide.org)

**Med&Lang Palliative Care** funded by the Romanian National Agency. The project focuses on communication skills in a foreign language for supporting the teaching processes of the medical lecturers at higher education level, with a specific focus on palliative cares. Website: <http://www.medlang.eu/>

#### **Social Inclusion:**

**MyStory** – creating an ICT-based inter-generational learning environment. The project aims to empower seniors to learn basic technical skills via intergenerational learning, to gain access to new learning opportunities and make contact with different social categories facing the risk of social exclusion (i.e. internetsavvy younger generations who face a risk of exclusion due to overexposure to ICT). (KA3 - ICT) [www.mystories.eu](http://www.mystories.eu)

**Fiesta** - Facilitating Inclusive Education and Supporting the Transition Agenda.

FIESTA focuses on achieving effective transition through collaborative working for children with SEN. (Comenius) [www.fiestaproject.eu](http://www.fiestaproject.eu)

**I am not scared** - The objectives of this action are to achieve comparative analyses of educational systems in the EU, with a view to ensuring an adequate supply of comparable data, statistics and analysis to underpin lifelong learning policy development, as well as to monitor progress towards objectives and targets in lifelong learning and to identify areas for particular attention. (KA1 Policy Cooperation And Innovation Studies and comparative research) <http://iamnotscared.pixel-online.org>

**Stay@School** - The aim of the Stay@School project is to transfer the successful experience of the School Inclusion project providing European school teachers with the necessary skills to prevent early school leaving. (Transfer of innovation) <http://projects.pixel-online.org/stayatschool/info/index.php>

**INTEGRA** – Migrants' Integrating Kit. The aim of the project is to work together with social partners such as migrant communities and financial institutes to create a Europe wide network of relevant institutes in order to reach migrants in partner countries to improve their integration into local society by providing them with opportunities to gain language skills on basic financial matters. (Grundtvig Multilateral Projects) <http://www.integra-project.eu/>

**ENIL** – European Network for Intergenerational Learning. Examples of good case practice regarding the development of the inter-generational learning component in schools, the positive impact that active involvement (in the form of volunteering) of parents and grandparents has. (Grundtvig Multilateral Networks)

**LeTS Go.** The project Lets Go intends to promote the practical experimentation of the LeTS portal developed during the Lets project by two additional target groups: school teachers and professional trainers. (Leonardo Da Vinci – Transfer of Innovation) [www.leonardo-lets.net](http://www.leonardo-lets.net)

**Non4Lesl** project funded by the German National Agency. The main aim of the project is to prevent early school leaving through the recognition of non-formal learning and the production of a tool for the validation of the skills acquired through informal educational paths. Website: <https://www.non4lesl.eu/>

**School&Work** project funded by the Italian National Agency. The main aim of the project is to create synergies between the world of work and the school in order to prevent the early school leaving phenomenon. Website: <http://schoolandwork.pixel-online.org/>

**Not Only Fair Play** project funded by the European Commission. The main aim of the project is to promote the

physical activities at school as a mean to foster social inclusion and prevent early school leaving. Website: <http://notonlyfairplay.pixel-online.org/>

**WWW** – We Welcome Work funded by the Romanian National Agency. The main aim of the project is to offer non-formal learning opportunities for young people so as to support their employability and entrepreneurship, also providing innovative career orientation strategies. Website: <http://wewelcomework.eu/>

**E-Classes**- The project was funded by the Erasmus+ Programme, KA2 - Strategic Partnership for vocational education and training. It wants to help the VET teachers to revising and strengthening the professional profile and improving the attainment of young people, particularly those at risk of early school leaving and with low basic skills, developing a methodology especially focusing on the use of ICT. Website: <http://e-classes.eu/>

#### **Institutional formation – SMEs**

**In-CLASS** - International Communication and Language Assessment. The project aims to enhance the competitiveness of international SMEs within the partner countries by assisting them to identify language and culture barriers which arise from cross-border trade, and/or the development of a multilingual workforce, and to find specific costed solutions to address communication difficulties by the provision of an effective communication audit scheme for SMEs. (LEONARDO DA VINCI, Multilateral projects for Development of innovation) [www.inclass-project.eu](http://www.inclass-project.eu)

**UEmploy** – Consultancy for Employment Inclusion. The focus is modern rehabilitation, a range of services and processes designed to enable all disabled people to live their lives as fully as possible. For organizations, SMEs and professionals the project provides an opportunity to introduce/train innovative employment inclusion and rehabilitation approaches for people with disabilities. (LEONARDO DA VINCI, Multilateral projects for Development of innovation) [www.uemploy.eu](http://www.uemploy.eu)

#### **Non-Formal Education**

**GlottoDrama** - is the 3rd step of a long term strategy aimed at developing a new methodology for teaching foreign languages through Drama & Theatre. The general methodological objective is to reinforce the motivation of the students, involve their whole personality with a holistic approach (mind and body, verbal and non-verbal codes) going beyond a formal concept of language competence and improving their real communication skills when performing context-based and pragmatic tasks. (Transfer of Innovation) <http://www.glottodrama.eu/>

**ESEDI** – Escenario Europeo de Idiomas. Esemi aims to improve teaching and learning foreign languages in Europe through the development of a new material: a multilingual theater play with focus on difficulties in language learning motivation. (KA2 LANGUAGES - Multilateral Projects) [www.esedi.eu](http://www.esedi.eu)

**BILFAM** – Let's become a bilingual family!. The project focuses on developing an international program in which parents can study foreign languages alongside their children. (KA2 LANGUAGES - Multilateral Projects) <http://www.bilfam.eu/>

**Going Places** - The Going places project aims to address both European and National priorities, which mainly support the development of the quality and attractiveness of VET systems, by addressing learners through enhancement of teacher/trainers' skills and competencies in both VET and IVET. (Leonardo Da Vinci Transfer of Innovation) <http://www.going-places.eu>

**LIS** – Languages & Integration through Singing. In order to encourage innovation in education and to facilitate the integration with a view to enhancing and improving communication and intercultural interaction and understanding, LIS project aims at producing, testing, optimising and evaluating teaching material for Italian, Russian and Romanian as foreign languages explicitly using songs, supported by audio-visual materials, multimedia and electronic communication. (Leonardo Da Vinci – Grundvig) [www.languagesbysongs.eu](http://www.languagesbysongs.eu)

#### **Promoting quality in the development of European projects**

**NELLIP** - Network of European Language Labelled Initiatives and Projects. The NELLIP project has the aim to promote quality in language learning through the application of the quality criteria used to award the European Language Label. (Key Activities 2 Languages – Multilateral Networks) <http://nellip.pixelonline.org/info>

#### **Interculturality**

**ART** – Art as the identity of a country and as a universal pattern which all European countries can share. The emphasis of this project is on art as an expression of man’s creative ability, not only regarding the main types of art such as painting, sculpture and architecture, but also as craftsmanship; the transformation of materials into final products which originally grew out of a necessity to create everyday items and then developed into the production of high quality articles thanks to man’s individual skills. (Life Long Learning Programme – Grundtvig Partnership)

#### **European Projects in the field of Science**

**GOERUDIO**- European Life Long Learning Programme KA4 Subprogramme: project “Goerudio” funded by the European Commission (DG Education and Culture). The main aim of the project is provide science teachers and students with innovative teaching and learning methodologies for scientific subjects <http://goerudio.pixel-online.org/>.

**E-learning** from Nature project funded by the Italian National Agency. The main aim of the project is to promote a proactive students’ approach to scientific subjects learning. Website: <http://enature.pixel-online.org/>

**GoScience**- The project was funded by the European Commission in the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme, KA2 - Strategic Partnership in the field of School Education. The aim of the GoScience European project is to promote students’ creativity with the aim of making scientific knowledge better understandable and increase their functional literacy in STEM subjects. Website: <http://www.goscience.eu/>

#### **European Projects in the field of Veterinary**

**ZOE** - Zoonoses Online Education funded by the Lithuanian National Agency. The project aims to create teaching resources in the field of veterinary medicine focusing in particular on the identification, monitoring and control of malaria. Website: <http://zoeproject.eu/>

#### **Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project’s subject area**

For the efficient implementation of the project EuroEd will bring he following competences:

- experience in European projects (over 100 projects implemented)
- experience in developing non-formal learning methodologies, instruments and activities
- experience in researching processes
- experience in creating videos based on real life situations, testimonials, interviews
- experience in developing trainings through innovative and interactive methods
- experiences in language teaching and language experts
- establishment of strong partnerships with schools, teachers, students
- experience in promoting the use of the ICT in educational process
- experience in developing multimedia resources and open online courses (E-Classes - Flip your classes through multimedia enriched apprenticeship simulations and develop e-skills for VET teachers and students to enhance youth employability, 2017-1-RO01-KA202-037344)
- experience in adapting teaching/learning materials for different educational contexts/disciplines
- experience in developing educational materials and courses in the field of ICT and digital resources (VR@School, Future schools using the power of Virtual and Augmented Reality for education and training in the classroom- 2018-1-RO01-KA201-049411;
- experience in developing educational materials and teaching methodologies in the field of sciences (GoScience - creativity and enhanced comprehension in science teaching and learning, 2017-1-BG01-KA201-036209)
- experience in developing educational resources with the focus to support students to understand the nature around them (E-learning from Nature, 2015-1-IT02-KA201-015133)
- experience in developing projects in the field of stimulating students social responsibility (ACT - Active and responsible citizen = flourishing future society, GRU-11-P-LP-299-IS-LT)
- establishment of strong partnerships with schools, teachers, students, youth clubs, universities and adult education centres, companies and enterprises
- experience in managing projects and activities for pre-school children and teachers
- experiences in facilitating the promotion of the project and methodology at national and international level
- experience in activities to promote anti-racism, equality, anti-sectarianism and human rights and to develop leadership and entrepreneurial skills to young people.

### **Contributions that can be provided to the project**

One of EuroEd's goals, when engaging in a project, is to develop project deliverables from which the clients and beneficiaries of the organization will benefit. Thus, the deliverables of projects developed are piloted, streamlined and adapted as necessary to the use of the beneficiaries of the departments of the institution. By doing this, EuroEd aims to have a strategy of development that always relies on innovation and consolidation of EuroEd Foundation as a carrier of innovative good practices for the services it delivers. Thus we will also promote and disseminate the practices acquired within this project through our network of partners represented by schools, as well as educational associations with a key role in decision making at an educational level.

### **Reasons of involvement in the project**

One of the top priorities of parents, teachers and school administration should be guaranteeing that our children are safe in school. The school environment is a workplace and consequently, school management should successfully manage health and safety risks. Teachers and students who have good knowledge of how to face first aid and health-related emergencies will be more alert and active. First aid promotes a sense of safety. Therefore teachers and students must get proper first aid training, which not only provides them with a valuable life skill but also with learning to be responsible for the welfare of others, adding to the sense of community within the school. If a school has a first aid strategy in place, this will help children become more risk-aware and it will equip them with skills to keep them safe. Having a well-designed and well-implemented first aid strategy will not only make schools safer but will also enable wider communities to benefit from it.

EuroEd is constantly involved in supporting the paths of the schools' evolution and we believe that future students and teachers need to focus more on making health and safety, and in particular first aid, a priority in the school management.

### **Contact Person's Experience and Expertise**

Andreea Ionel is project manager at EuroEd Foundation. She holds a bachelor and an MA degree in social work. She is presently an international project coordinator, having managed several projects implemented by EuroEd Foundation (Grundtvig, Lingua, Leonardo da Vinci, Phare, Erasmus+ and other tenders). She has an extensive experience in writing, managing and implementing EU projects in various fields, including expertise in financial reporting and dissemination and exploitation of project results; and a wide experience in organizing events/conferences and preparing and delivering public presentations and trainings at national and international level.

Mihaela Vatavu is an English teacher, with over 25 years of experience in teaching, holding a BA in English Language and Literature. She also holds a Master Degree in Project Management and has experience in implementing and coordinating international projects like Erasmus +, where she participated in writing part of the application form, coordinated the Romanian team, organised project meetings in Romania and presented the project results in different conferences at a national and international level.