



# OPEN SPACE FOR BEST PRACTICES

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Around 30,000 children and adults with mental health problems are located in residential centres and psychiatric hospitals in Romania. Due to the **Death camps next to you** project, implemented by the Centre for Legal Resources, a legislative proposal for the establishment of the monitoring mechanism for these centres was adopted. Also, activities were organized in order to investigate and to notify cases when the rights of institutionalized people with mental disabilities were violated. A strong awareness campaign was also carried, including, among others, online petitions and a national awareness caravan on the subject.



The project **Media Literacy for High School Students against Discrimination** has started from the ascertainment that young people have a high level of intolerance. Thus, the Centre for Independent Journalism has approached this issue by training 264 students and 30 teachers on such issues as human rights, diversity, anti-discrimination, freedom of expression and media's role in society. Following these trainings, 3 advocacy campaigns were implemented, entailing a large number of people, surpassing the school framework and involving local authorities (the City Hall, General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection, the Prefecture) and the wider community.



Through the **Good Start** project, implemented by Rehabilitation Speranta Foundation, a Centre for early intervention for young children with disabilities, or at risk of developing a disability was founded. 162 children participated in specialised therapy sessions, adapted to the individual needs, while their parents received information and counseling. Also, the guide for parents - My child's abilities. The observation guide of a small child (0-4 years), a useful tool to detect deviations in development as early as possible, was issued.



During the project **A road in life: Bucsani between Bucharest and Europe!** implemented by Scheherazade Foundation, a Community Social Centre for activities for children and their families was created. The Centre is organised for educational and recreational activities. It also prepared a garden and a playground for children. 246 people received services according to their individual needs, and the community members met with the local public administration representatives, discussed the development of services, and identified resources in order to meet the local needs.

Providing social tickets to condition regular attendance of children to kindergarten has made more than 1,200 disadvantaged children attend pre-school education in Dolj, Braşov and Dambovită Counties. The results achieved in the project **Every Child in Preschool**, implemented by OvidiuRo Association, influenced the adoption of Law no. 248/2015, on stimulating the participation in preschool of children from disadvantaged families. The initiative is, thus, extended to national level, being publically funded and implemented by local authorities.





During the project **I, an Oltenia-Based Peasant, Need an Education**, implemented by Adina Stiftelsen Foundation, several educational activities were developed for 83 preschool students and a series of afterschool activities for 128 children from Goiesti and Fărcaș, Dolj County. At the “Open Kindergarten”, the children participate in activities along with their parents, while during the “New Start” programme, volunteers from the community work along with families so that they acquire notions related to personal and house hygiene and, at the same time, create a favorable environment for child development.

Within the **Youth without Labels** project, Sigma Development Centre engaged more than 300 students from 4 highschools with high risk of violence, from Constanta county, in a 7 module training programme, with the aim of promoting diversity, tolerance, and increasing students’ self-esteem. The 20 teachers, who organised the trainings, have initially participated in a training programme held by the project partner from Intercultural Iceland. A 5 days camp called „School with no labels” was organised for 50 students coming from the 4 highschools. As a result of this activity, the students have organised a photovoice exhibition comprising 36 photos about forms of violence. Towards the end of the project, a study measuring the impact the activities had on students was issued.



Comprising over 200 volunteers, **“The Volunteering Centre of Neamț”** project, implemented by Community Support Association “CSA”, supported young people’s involvement, by creating the first volunteering centre in Piatra Neamț. This context has opened up all sorts of opportunities in different areas for passionate volunteers: creative and recreational workshops, forum theatre, and event planning which resulted in Streetball and urban orientation contests, but also an event called “Something Else Festival”. The volunteering centre has focused on improving the skills of interested volunteers through youth exchanges, organizing sessions of health education, project management and communication.





Thanks to the **Humans of the South** project, the PACT Foundation has helped 4 community organisations from Argeş, Dolj, Gorj and Drobeta-Turnu-Severin to build their organisational capacity. 22 members of these organisations have attended workshops in the field of organisational communication, fundraising, storytelling and Most Significant Change (an innovative method for analysing community interventions). The participants benefited from consultancy in order to apply the things they learned and received support in implementing 6 activities. A total of 388 persons, among which community organisation members and volunteers, have been involved in the project.



Through the project **Climbing- therapy for disability!**, Climb Again Sportive Club Association tackled the issue of the limited opportunities for the children with special needs to develop independent life skills, using climbing as an innovative complementary service. 46 children with disabilities (visual or hearing impairments, autism spectrum disorders) took climbing courses: they developed independent life skills, overtook body and mind limits, setting climbing targets, improved general motricity, space orientation and mobility, increased self esteem, and got in contact with youth their age.

The Yuppi Camping Motion Association developed, within the **Yuppi Professional Volunteering** project, a sustainable model for management of volunteers, for helping children with chronic diseases, model which was taken from the Hungarian partner - Bátor Tábor Foundation. For twelve months, procedures, instruments and patterns of working with volunteers have been adapted. Therefore the organisation succeeded in working, in 2015, with 100 volunteers who organised 3 camps, for a total of 120 children with chronic diseases. The volunteers were then involved in other organisational activities, whilst 6 of them have been trained to become volunteers coordinators for the future camps.





The project **Reed is concrete!**, implemented by Letea in UNESCO Association envisaged the mobilising of the local community in the sustainable development of the means of living, by protecting the rural authentic landscapes and the promotion of traditional products from Letea village. More than 500 locals signed the petition for the introduction of the local handcraft in the UNESCO intangible heritage. The development strategy for the C.A.Rossetti area has been created and submitted to the Local Action Group, with the final aim of obtaining funding for the locally identified initiatives. 21 local public authorities and NGOs signed the Delta Landscape in UNESCO Heritage Paper, that promotes the introduction of the handcraft of reed roof making in the UNESCO intangible heritage.

Within the **TransylvaNet – Consolidating Civil Society for Development through Heritage Promotion** project, the Heritas Foundation, together with 19 organisations from Sibiu, Mureş and Braşov have established the TransylvaNet Federation for Transylvanian Heritage. It is working towards solving two major problems: the continuous loss of cultural built patrimony and the scarce cooperation between the stakeholders. Also, the federation has organized a training program in the field of project management and advocacy for its members. Moreover, an awareness campaign regarding the importance of patrimony preservation has been carried among the inhabitants of the three above mentioned counties.



Through the project **Support education in culture**, implemented by Metrucub association - cultural activities are now closer to Romanian children and young people through direct encounters with artists and other culture professionals, through contact with the arts and heritage. A national public fund is now dedicated in Romania to such cultural programs that have an educational dimension and also a network of professionals and organizations is developed to make joint efforts and gather resources on practices and policies in the field.





During the project **Conservation of biodiversity in two Natura 2000 sites by involving local communities**, implemented by Biounivers Association, a series of activities were conducted in order to improve the conservation status of flora and fauna species from Natura 2000 protected areas, such as the Downy oak forest from Mirăslău and the Downy oak forest from Petiș. During the project, a pond which provides suitable breeding for 3 species of amphibians was created, 77 artificial nests, speakers or required platforms for 4 species of birds were placed and protective fences were mounted for 5 species of plants that will benefit from conservation measures.



The context in which the project **Biodiversity Conservation, Ecotourism and Environmental Education in Land of the Bison** was implemented by the Foundation ECOSILVEX 2000 Piatra Neamt was that the presence of bison into the wild, as an individualization zone in Natural Park Vanatori Neamt, as an opportunity valorized by helping NGOs through public participation, contributing to area's sustainable development. The project proved that using standard bison as a standard species, can be addressed simultaneously and unified the three components of sustainable development and the answers found can be used, partial or totally in models that can be replicated. Two bison were set free with GPS patching and management measures for special area of conservation were established.

In response to the economic marginalisation of rural communities from mountain area, **Developing the Mara - Cosău – Rooster ridge ecotourism destination** capitalised the natural patrimony and cultural region of Maramureș through ecotourism - a mechanism which ensures nature conservation and sustainable development of local communities through tourism. Ecologic Association has developed and implemented environmental policies for this destination, managing to contribute to building an attractive holiday destinations, which enriches the historical Maramureș image with new experiences aiming to improve tourism infrastructure in three protected areas.





The project **Sibiu - Green Light for Bicycles!** pursued awareness regarding climate change and improving the quality of community life by promoting the usage of bicycles. They addressed a number of issues bikers have, from poor education of students regarding traffic rules, the lack of consideration from drivers, to insufficient urban infrastructure and the lack of bicycle tracks in the outskirts. Association Tura in Natura Sibiu managed to inaugurate 20 new bicycle racks throughout the city Sibiu and mark 5 new tracks for cyclo-tourism in the county, summing up to 188 km.

Through the project **I make my own decisions! Equal rights through self-representation for beneficiaries of mental health care services**, implemented by Active Watch Association, a group of 15 people with psychosocial disabilities managed to get involved in the community and communicate with the local and central authorities through 20 civic, educational activities they implemented. For example, they learned to send official requests based on the right to free access to public information. Through this project, the association developed social justice and equal access to resources, goods and services by helping those in need self-represent themselves. Together, they managed not only to involve beneficiaries but also relevant actors in the mental health domain.



The project **Young involved! - Ambassador for Human Rights**, implemented by the Association for Development and Social Inclusion, has focused on the development of an integrated system of activities and instruments for the participation of 3 ethnic communities in rural areas (Traian, Barbulesti and Andrasesti, Ialomita County), pursuing active participation of students, teachers and parents. The awareness campaign regarding the non-discrimination principle in relation with active citizenship within inside schools or attending trainings on combating / avoiding / identifying the situations of discrimination in the community have resulted in the achievement of 3 projects that promoted solutions to local problems identified.





ICAR Foundation has assisted 377 vulnerable migrants (psychological counselling, medical consultations and treatments, mediation in relation to authorities) within the project ICAR - **Service and Resource Centre for Migrants**. For the first time, health care services were provided without discrimination to all vulnerable migrants, regardless of their legal status. Three public advocacy and awareness raising events were organized to increase general public and journalists' level of information concerning the issue of migrants' integration in Romania, the culture and tradition in their countries of origin.



In Romanian rural environments, citizens are more exposed to poverty and social exclusion and opportunities for volunteering are reduced. The Bethany Social Services Foundation' project entitled "**Volunteers of all ages!**" aimed at changing this factor by creating a volunteers centre in Raducaneni, Iași County. Here, volunteers (64 youngsters and 13 elders) visited 54 elders from the local Unit for Medical and Social Assistance for people with chronic diseases. They organised poetry, painting, manual tasks, gardening workshops, assisting patients for over 2.000 hours.





**Give colour to your school!** was a collaborative project between the Komunitas Association, the Sintagma Center for Education and Mentoring, the Colectiv A Association and the KulturTrip Association. Through artistic means within the school, it set out to involve, in a participatory manner, students, teachers and fine artists in order to raise awareness on human rights. Together, they managed to create an innovative pilot program of participative art and non-formal education by involving 140 students, 7 teachers (from different schools), 5 facilitators and 7 artists. They have turned the school environment in an urban art canvas portraying mural paintings.



The **GraffitiA** project of the Quantic Association managed to activate women to claim gender equality. They managed to do so, and raise awareness about hate speech, through artistic means and facilitating the empowerment process among women. These involved graffiti painting, street art, graphics and illustrations. Project participants organised an online platform for street artists, a participatory thematic library, 5 active citizenship and art workshops that involved over 75 young artists. They also created a publication that shed light on issues like hate speech, domestic violence and sexual harassment.





## Library Area

Title	Organization	Tag
<b>Combating hate crimes. Guide for practitioners and decision-makers</b>	Centre for Legal Resources	hate crimes
<b>Romania's invisible generation. Young people in NEET's situations</b>	Resource Centre for adults and young people	young NEET
<b>School budget. Student's opinion matters!</b>	Save the Children Organization Romania	finance; school budget
<b>Analysis of the children's budget. Exploratory study</b>	Save the Children Organization Romania	school budget; children's rights
<b>Oppdag Pădurea Craiului</b>	Asociația Centrul pentru Arii protejate și Dezvoltare Durabilă Bihor	Padurea Craiului; ecotourism
<b>Young people from Romania and Norway: Promoters of Civic Community volunteering. Successful practices of the partnership</b>	Ruhama Foundation	community; young people; engagement
<b>The story of Meziad Cave</b>	Asociația Centrul pentru Arii protejate și Dezvoltare Durabilă Bihor	Padurea Craiului; ecotourism; Meziad Cave
<b>Com'on Cluj-Napoca</b>	Asociația Grupul PONT	community; democratic participation; participatory budget
<b>Freeex Report. Media freedom in Romania 2014-2015</b>	Asociația ActiveWatch	democracy; media freedom
<b>Comparative study on legislation sanctioning hate speech and discrimination in the member states of the European Union</b>	Asociația E-Civis	hate speech; discrimination
<b>The future of education. 11 perspectives for Romania</b>	C4C - Communication for Community Association	education; perspectives for Romania
<b>5th Year report to partners, stakeholders &amp; Investors. How Romania is changing the educational landscape</b>	OvidiuRo Association	education





## NGO Café Area

Website	Organization	Project
<a href="http://pasaportnatura.ro/">http://pasaportnatura.ro/</a>	Propark - Foundation for Protected Areas	Nature in Schools and Schools in Protected Areas
<a href="http://www.hartaeco.ro/">www.hartaeco.ro/</a>	For the Better Association	Water Without Plastic
<a href="http://conexiuni.autismromania.ro/">http://conexiuni.autismromania.ro/</a>	AUTISM ROMANIA- Asociation of Parents of Children with Autism	Start in Life for Young People with Autism
<a href="http://www.ruralnet.ro/">www.ruralnet.ro/</a>	PACT Foundation - Partnership for Community Action and Transformation	RuralNet - the network for community development
<a href="http://www.antidiscriminare.ro/">www.antidiscriminare.ro/</a>	ACCEPT Association	The Anti-discrimination Coalition
<a href="http://www.de-clic.ro/">www.de-clic.ro/</a>	Efectul Future Association	DeClic - The first Romanian platform for online campaigning
<a href="http://www.drepturicivile.ro/resurse-utile/">www.drepturicivile.ro/resurse-utile/</a>	The Association for the Defence of Human Rights – The Helsinki Committee	Know and claim your rights!
<a href="http://www.investigatiimedia.ro/">www.investigatiimedia.ro/</a>	Center for Investigative Media	The truth about the ones that don't exist
<a href="http://nohatespeech.ro/">http://nohatespeech.ro/</a>	Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania	Switch OFF/ONline Hate Speech
<a href="http://www.justitiecurata.ro">www.justitiecurata.ro</a>	Freedom House Inc., Bucharest Branch	Developing the Initiative for a Clean Justice Coalition
<a href="http://www.management-ong.ro">www.management-ong.ro</a>	Young Initiative Association	Sustainable management for the Romanian non-profit sector
<a href="https://ongonline.techsoup.ro">https://ongonline.techsoup.ro</a>	TechSoup Romania	Online NGO: online abilities for more efficient nongovernmental organizations
<a href="https://hartavoluntariatului.ro/">https://hartavoluntariatului.ro/</a>	VOLUM Federation	Volunteering Map in Romania





## Stories Area – invitation to dialogue

**Andreea Mustareata Pivniceru** has 20 years and lives in Bucharest. She started doing sports from a young age, just after doctors and physical therapists advised movement. She graduated from the Special School No. 10 in 2014. Since school she participated in sports competitions together with Special Olympics Romania. She was engaged in athletics competitions, gymnastics, tennis and badminton and participated in regional and national competitions since 2010. She enjoys practicing athletics, gymnastics and swimming. She plays tennis with her father since she was a child and currently is in training once a week. Andreea is cheerful and communicative. In November 2015, she attended the Youth Summit "Unified Generation" where she learned from her friend in Cluj-Napoca, Mihai Arsenie, what it means to be a leader. Since then she began to communicate better with others, and began to desire an independent life. She recently began to learn English. Andreea will leave this year for the first time on a trip without her parents. Alongside Andreea will be Serban Nicolescu, 38 years of age, the first employee with Down syndrome in Romania.

**Gilbert Ferent Matei** is Roma and represents the UNIT Association. He has a degree in law and public administration, holds a Masters in European project management and a PhD in sociology. He has been involved in the "Roma movement" for over 15 years, began his career as a volunteer in several organizations and institutions that advocate for the rights of Roma and subsequently has worked within the National Agency for Roma - specialized Institution subordinated to the Romanian Government. Following the involvement in the project Roma Inclusion Network - Empowerment and Advocacy, as a result of a local advocacy campaign organized in the town of Pantelimon, next to Bucharest, Gilbert was able to partner with the City Council in order to implement the measures of the local development strategy. The aim of the protocol is the active involvement of the parties in the design, development and implementation of measures on social inclusion within the development strategy of the city.

**Tudor Dîrvăreanu** is a volunteer inside Motivation Foundation Romania and instructor for active recovery that provides support, motivation and determination for independent wheelchair users. Tudor was involved in a car accident at the end of 2010, three days before he turned 20. After the accident, Tudor spent time in rehabilitation hospitals and followed an intensive program of physiotherapy. However, he did not learn to handle the wheelchair independently. Once he attended activities at Motivation Foundation he understands the usefulness of another type of recovery, active recovery. The Foundation offered him a new, active, wheelchair, according to the size and physical skills and thus he began to pass easily over a threshold, bump terrain, a steep or less friendly ramp. He learned with pleasure, quickly and thoroughly, so that at the end of two active recovery programs attended, group support and two weeks internship, he became a volunteer of the Foundation. This is Tudor, a young nice, warm and optimistic man that life experience has taught him that if you really want something there is no „I can't" or „It is not possible". His message to others is short and to the point: People do wonders when they have a strong will!





Married and father of two girls, **Anicet Burang**, was born on January 11, 1979 in the town of Ruhango, Rwanda. Author and writer, his first book entitled 'A LA LUMIERE DES LE RWANDA ECRITURES' was published in 2008 in France. He lives in exile after the genocide in Rwanda in 1994 and came to Romania in July 2012. A graduate of the MSc in Human Resource Management with degree in Christian Theology, Anicet has worked as a company manager and president of an organization in Congo, customer adviser and community mediator in Romania and recently founded a small company who assists foreign students in the enrolment in universities in Romania. Being a survivor, for Anicet every moment is precious and the respect of human life and other lives is sacred. "I write because I am outraged, revolted against the indifference and human stupidity. I write out of a sense of responsibility for the life that I have no right to resign from, responsibility to act for human brotherhood, responsibility to contribute to building a peaceful world. I write because love has the last word and it should be shared unequivocally. "

Her name is **Andreea Livia Iordan**, was born in 1992 and has nearly 25 years. Between 1999 and 2003 he attended primary school in the town of Onesti. Since 2003 she is completely blind and had to follow a school dedicated to people with visual impairment. So, since the fall of 2003, he moved to Buzau, where she stayed until 2011. During these years, in addition to preparing for school, she engaged in literature, reading everything she could find in an accessible format. From 2011 to 2014 she attended the Faculty of Letters in Bucharest, specialization Romanian language and literature - German language and literature. Since 2014, Mr. Mircea Bucur, president of the Foundation Traveling Book, helped her a lot in terms of accessibility of books for the bibliography of her thesis. Mr. Bucur continues to help her by scanning books and sending them in braille printing. Accessibility for audiobooks is a long process, given that after scanning, the books need to be put in the page, corrected and brought to a form which is accessible for voice synthesis.

His name is **Dragos Dimofte**. Idealist and dreamer. He joined the ACCEPT team as a volunteer a few years ago, with a more or less naïve hope that he could improve something in Romania. The socio-political and cultural climate here is not welcoming for people like him, fact that made him often say he wants to leave the country. Even some people wanted him to go, but Dragos always thought that if a place is not tolerant enough or does not feel enough like "home", you mustn't run away but instead try to reshape it. Dragos wants to be defined by courage and perseverance, he constantly wants to contribute to the country's progress, be it only advancing mentalities. Being linked with an association such as ACCEPT, an representative institution for human rights and anti-discrimination, he feels that he can accomplish his ideals with the support from this association.





## NGO Talks

Following the concept that ideas deserve to be shared, we invite you to find out how we can empower things that change mentalities, attitudes and that mobilize action at its pure state - activism. We thus propose a short NGO Talks session, which will include the following selection of motivational speeches given by inspirational practitioners from Romania:

### Elena Calistru

#### *Citizenship fitness or what's the status of our civic attitude*

„Me and some of my generation do not want to go back to some years when we were at the bottom of Europe. We are entitled to a predictable justice. In a world where there is much talk about the growing distance between truth and information used by politicians in order to manipulate, where information sources are so many that it's easy to give credit to rumors, within a democracy without tradition, with few checks and balances, where the temptation for politicians is huge, where the citizen is not really the reason for the public policies and not consulted when drafting laws, where the citizen is not even trained to participate in the democratic processes, in this world, a strong civil society is needed. This is what Elena and her colleagues at Funky Citizens are try to build. After five years, also arisen by the indignation waves cause by the latest protests, they became relevant, if not important - so important that they are invited to consultations by the president of Romania, they are feared by the Governmental Institutions and when the former prime Minister shares their website, their server crush down. What does this say about their relation - and ours implicitly - with the power and how do they see the civism reinvigorated in Romania? Elena will answer this question during her speech.





## Carmen Gheorghe

### *How to live in two worlds*



During the communist era, Carmen's father worked in a factory and her mother was a housewife in Mizil. At school, Roma children were sitting in 'special' desks, mainly back of the class. Carmen shared the same desk with a girl whose mother had an abortion. Abortions were illegal under the Ceausescu regime and the whole family was responsible for this act. Teachers then and now, had no expectations regarding the education of Roma children. Carmen's mother told her "that's why you mustn't tell anyone that you are Roma." Although her mother died when Carmen was 13, she taught her to think for herself and not to depend on men "as if she knew she would not have time to tell me that later." Carmen thinks of herself as an activist but she says she's not trying to speak for other women but rather wants to "give them a chance to be heard." Her bachelor degree in political science - Roma women image throughout history - focuses on women whose lives have remained invisible because "they are seen only through the eyes of others" (takeover from *RomaRising*). Since 2011, Carmen has returned to his birthplace in the village Mizil in order to involve Roma women do community development activities here. During her speech she will share the local Roma women experiences regarding the importance of understanding them and their long-term support, contesting Community rules and inequalities in society and community.





## Mihai Orleanu

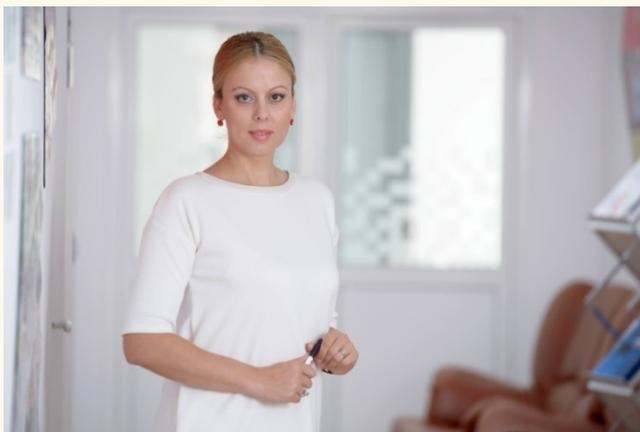
### *Bases of local ecologic activism*

Mountain Ecology Center is a non-profit foundation specializing in environmental protection and alpine mountain ecology. It was founded in 1998 by Mihai, who loves the mountain and is passionate about mountain and alpine nature. In Bran Land, specifically in the mountain village Upper Moieciu, there is an area of great interest, for study and development of the Mountain Ecology Center. Within the Center, Mihai often work as "opposition" - A reactive post of the NGO (targeting ski slopes, Transcarpatica, destroying natural patrimony, etc.). He is also an "events' organizer" - Eco Marathon, Fundata Ecotourism Festival - and a "visionary" as well - the ecotourism strategy of the Carpathian Gate area, a research plan for the area, working with universities. Mihai is convinced that the "charm" of this area consists in both natural beauty that needs to be conserved and the anthropogenic-traditional framework (the agricultural and pastoral system that need to be conserved). Mihai will share the ingredients of his and his Centre success.



## Angela Achiței

### *YOUR attitude defines YOUR ATTITUDE!*



Angela Achiței, leads ADV Romania Foundation for more than 15 years, one of the most influent organization in Iasi. She is also the manager of the „Util Deco” social enterprise, for 8 years. The social enterprise was founded in order to create jobs for people with disabilities. She succeeded to attract in her community funds of more than 17 mil euros through social projects and got to an annual turnover for the Util Deco social enterprise of approximately 5 mil euros, thus transforming disability into ability and socially assisted persons into independent persons that participate actively in the community life. In 2017 she was awarded the "Social Entrepreneur Of The Year" prize within EY Entrepreneur Of The Year program, the only global entrepreneurial competition that takes place in more than 145 cities from 60 countries. Angela will introduce us to different types of people we meet during the lifetime - winners and victims - and show how we can recognize them. Then she will share her accomplishments in Iasi regarding the NGO sector coalition and attitudes towards it. She

will take all these experiences in terms of a matrix, to help us improve our proactivity.





**Roxana Bodea and**

**Cătălin Tolontan**

*Journalists and NGO people*

Mass-media needs NGOs and NGOs need mass-media. However, the media presents in a sporadic and inconsistent way the actions and results of the NGOs, thus excluding NGOs expertise in the topics presented. What are the consequences? The place of the specialized voices from NGOs is taken by the televisions, newspapers or online media, by "omniscient" analysts that seem able to discuss any type of topic. Neglecting NGO expertise in political and democratic processes by the media, contributes to the poor quality of information provided to citizens, leading to lower expectations and confidence in the media. Therefore, Median Research Center proposes a model of collaboration between journalists and experts from NGOs by making journalistic works in collaboration with NGOs experts on actual topics. At the same time they aimed to create a database of NGOs in Romania to highlight the valuable expertise of the civil society. Roxana and Catalin will share with us about the collaboration between journalists and experts / NGOs, the reasons that this collaboration became important in recent years and its benefits and challenges.

