

AGENDA

National event Cluj-Napoca, Romania

September 11th - **Arrivals** (accommodation and self-managed dinner)

September 12th - **Full day of activities**

9.00 - 10.00 - **Partners meeting** - focus on state of research and progress of the project - facilitated by Francesco Piemonte, project coordinator

10.00 - 13.00 - **Study visits** to 2 local organizations sharing concrete examples of engaging volunteers in activities related to project topics (we will travel by bus and spend not more than one hour in each location)

Visit 1. **Foundation for People Development Cluj Branch (FDP Cluj)** - we will visit a kindergarten program implemented by FDP in partnership with The Day Care Center “WonderLand”, which is part of the Directorate of Social and Medical Services Cluj-Napoca. The services offered there for the marginalized Roma children are: hygiene activities, nutritional support, educational activities, supporting medical consultation and treatment, as well as counseling for their parents. The Foundation helps disadvantaged communities for more than 10 years and in the past 5 years, they focused on community intervention in Pata Rât, where they are working with 60 Roma children and their families from the dump community.

Visit 2. **SMURD** - this is an organization renowned for starting a successful mobile emergency service in Romania based solely on volunteers’ work. Nowadays the organisation received legal recognition under the Military Firemen Corps and became a complementary service of the Interior Ministry. They still rely on volunteers’ work and we think it is a good study case for involvement and solidarity. We will meet with their Volunteer coordinator to discover how they work volunteers in extremely sensitive emergency situations and to discover their structure and work.

13.00- 14.30 - *Lunch Break*

14.30 - 15.00 - **Registration - Multiple Facets of Solidarity** - International Conference (project partners and local participants)

15.00 - 16.00 - Opening session – moderated by Cristina Rigman, President of the Board of [CEV – European Volunteer Center](#) – the plenary session will offer us the opportunity to hear our special guest speakers

- **Francesco Piemonte**, SolidAIciti Project Coordinator – introducing the project and what the alliance is aiming for
- **Andrei Popescu**, Communications Manager ANPCDEFP (Romanian National Agency) – introducing [European Solidarity Corps](#), the newest European funding program for Youth
- **Claudia Costea**, active volunteer and an incredible resource person in Baia Mare, Romania – will speak about social inclusion and her sustained work for combatting stigmatization of the Roma with the poorest marginalized community in the country, through volunteering, education and the belief in her own mission
- **Constantin Dedu**, President of Imago Mundi Association – will take us beyond European borders, with more details on the [EuAid Volunteers](#) program and what can solidarity mean in a global context, in humanitarian aid projects.

16.00-16.30 – *Coffee Break*

16.30 - 18.00 - Interactive Workshops Session (3 groups working in parallel on the 3 main project topics, having guests with specific expertise in each group)

Workshop 1. ESC through the looking glass – concrete opportunities for youth to get socially engaged and also to put solidarity into practice – moderated by **Andrei Popescu**, Coordinator of European Solidarity Corps Program in Romania

Workshop 2. Solidarity at home – how is the issue of housing connected to social inclusion and active participation – moderated by **Diana Bere**, Programs Manager Pro Vobis – National Resource Center for Volunteering

Workshop 3 - Solitarity in times of crisis – what do they do - the ones who decide not to ignore people in need do, even if those are on the other side of the world – moderated by **Mona Prisacariu**, VSO and UNV volunteer, with the special participation of Tatiana Mocanu and Andrei Abrudan, 2 young Romanians who have fully tasted international volunteering and they come prepared to amaze you with what they lived in Africa and Asia.

18.00 -18.15 - Closing - discussions summary and conclusions

18.15 - 20.00 - **Networking Dinner** (and potentially travel reimbursements)

September 13th - *Departures*