

Fundatia EuroEd

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Type of organisation:

SME School University Public Authority
 Training No Profit NGO

Other (Specify)

Fields of action :

SMEs Youth Universities Public Authorities
 Equal opportunities Schools Unemployed

Other (Specify)

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 it delivers educational services to all age categories and developed a series of programmes, including language courses and international training courses for language teachers and professional trainings in field of tourism, IT, mentoring, communication, etc.

EuroEd's relevant experience lies with co-ordinating and participating in over 100 EU funded projects, as well as in strategies and methodologies of co-operation at local, regional, national and trans-national level. Projects implemented 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 statute 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 European distinctions of the highest level: 10 international awards in the last years for the quality of its projects: 9 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 intend to act as a regional catalyst for debating and developing regional and international projects which should facilitate exchange of ideas and experience in the field of democracy and European Integration.

Experience of the organization in previous European projects

In 1998, also as a result of constantly growing services and addressability, we founded Centre for European Integration, through which until now, EuroEd Foundation co-ordinated and implemented over 100 national and international educational projects. Projects implemented 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.

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 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
- 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 creating interactive lessons and educational materials, including in video format
- experience in developing trainings through innovative and interactive methods
- experience developing new methodology and educational materials for teaching foreign languages through Drama & Theatre
- experiences in language teaching and language experts
- establishment of strong partnerships with schools, teachers, students, youth clubs, universities and adult education centers, companies and enterprises

- experience in promoting the use of the ICT in educational process and development of ICT skills of teachers
- experience in delivering courses and qualification in tourism and business, medical competences and linguistic skills
- experiences in facilitating the promotion of the project and methodology at national and international level
- experience in activities and programmes to support the cooperation between education level and business/world of work
- 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 which benefit the clients and beneficiaries of the organization. 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 which always relies on innovation and consolidation of EuroEd Foundation as a carrier of innovative good practices for the services it delivers.

Reasons of involvement in the project

The main reason is related to the importance of the project topic for the Romanian education. There are various studies aimed to identify the existing innovations and changes in education in Romania having impact (direct and/or indirect) on the increase of the quality of academic curricula. Still, a more detailed research is needed, focused on various educational institutions, modern forms of teaching and learning, modern learning means used, evaluation methods, new forms of relationships between participants in the educational process and the use of electronic means in education.

The current project should give a good opportunity of internationalization and the access to materials in the digitalized library the present project proposes would be a very important achievement.

The project should have a consistent impact on students from technical universities and for the academic staff.

The interchange of learning experiences between our academic staff and other similar groups of colleagues from abroad will increase the degree of mobility and cooperation of teachers of different institutions and backgrounds.

Contact Person's Experience and Expertise

Anca Colibaba, executive president, has over 30 years of experience in language education, especially English. She is the President of EuroEd, having a wide experience in managing and co-ordinating transnational projects in the field of linguistic education and training, adult education and LLL. She was / is project coordinator of over 50 (EU) projects implemented locally, nationally or trans-nationally by EuroEd Foundation.

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 and a wide experience in preparing and delivering public presentations and trainings at national and international level.

Elza Gheorghiu, trainer and teacher of English and Romanian as a foreign language at EuroEd Foundation, British Council and Vasile Alecsandri High School Iasi, Romania. She coordinates international educational projects. Her field of interest covers work with innovative educational web 2.0 methodologies in training/teaching and non-formal education. Target group for her teaching/training: young learners and adults. A special area of intervention is training special needs children and their teachers for foreign language communication.