



PRESS RELEASE

Direcția de Asistență Socială și Medicală and its partners are starting the implementation of the project entitled

Understanding the diversity behind unspoken words (UNSPOKEN)

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UNSPOKEN is an Erasmus+ KA-1 project, financed by the Erasmus + Programme of the European Union and developed by Direcția de Asistență Socială și Medicală, public service subordinated to the Municipality of Cluj-Napoca (Romania) in partnership with Asociația Babilon Travel (Romania), Liceul Tehnologic Special pentru Deficienți de Auz Cluj-Napoca (Romania), The Association of Parents of Hearing Impaired Children (Bulgaria), Culture Without Barriers Foundation (Poland), Projekte Vullnetare Nderkombetare (Albania) and Autonomia E Descoberta CRL (Portugal). The approved budget of the project is of 22.550 Euros and its implementation period is of 9 months (October 1st, 2018- June 30th, 2019). This project was created out of the concern to focus on the needs, resources and initiative of young persons (18-30) with and without hearing impairment.

The aim of the project is transcending barriers of intercultural communication that young people with and without hearing impairment face and that exist in different partner countries and cultures. The specific objectives of the project are: promoting intercultural dialogue and active participation of 30 young people with and without hearing impairment from the 5 Partner Countries participating in the youth exchange; promoting cultural diversity among 30 young people with and without hearing impairment from the 5 Partner Countries participating in the youth exchange; debating challenges that hearing impairment entails, as well as aspects relating to national policies and legislation of the 5 participating Partner Countries to the youth exchange and

raising awareness on the issue of discrimination among the 30 young people with and without hearing impairment participating to the youth exchange.

The main activities of the project are: an Advanced Planning Visit (APV) held in Cluj-Napoca in January 2019 and a Mobility of 30 young participants, held in Cluj-Napoca in April 2019. The young participants in the mobility, coming from the partner countries, both hearing impaired and without impairment, will have the chance to become part of the intercultural dialogue, will become more aware of the challenges faced by persons with hearing impairment and of the issues generated by discrimination, will get acquainted with sign language, will share habits, customs, concerns, motivations to promote knowledge and values of different cultures and intercultural dialogue, while gaining, in a non-formal learning context, social and cultural skills and working on developing an intercultural brochure.

The press conference will be held on Friday, October 26th, 2018, at 11:30 AM, at The Tailors' Tower, in Cluj-Napoca. More information about the project is available on our institution's website, www.dasmclujnapoca.ro. Should you have any other questions, please contact us at phone no. 0264-599316 and e-mail unspokenproject2018@gmail.com.

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