



# Project Meeting Martinique, France

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## Europe - Let's stay together

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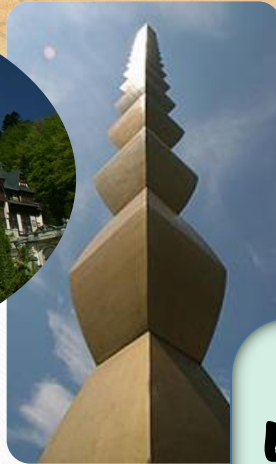


# Romania



- ❑ Situated in the East of Europe (238.391 sq. km)
- ❑ Population: over 19 million inhabitants
- ❑ Capital city: Bucharest
- ❑ President: Mr. Klaus Iohannis
- ❑ Religion: 87% Christian Orthodox
- ❑ Language: Romanian
- ❑ Currency: Romanian Leu





România



**Romania is located in Eastern Europe, on the lower Danube, within and outside the Carpathian arch, bordering the Black Sea.**





# Sibiu / Hermannstadt



- ❑ Situated: Centre of Romania, in Transylvania
- ❑ Population: 160,000
- ❑ First mentioned in writing in 1191 by Pope Celestin 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ❑ Important medieval town
- ❑ Included in the Austrian-Hungarian Empire; thus there have been strong German and Hungarian communities in the area to this day
- ❑ Designated the European Capital of Culture in 2007 (together with Luxembourg)

The Evangelical Church



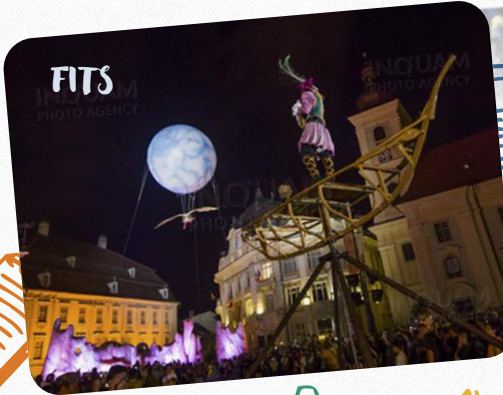
The Christmas Market



Guilts' Tower



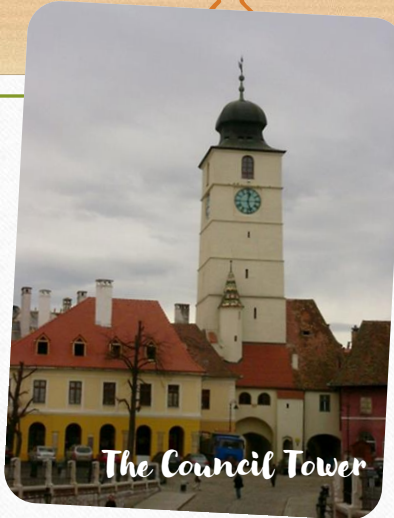
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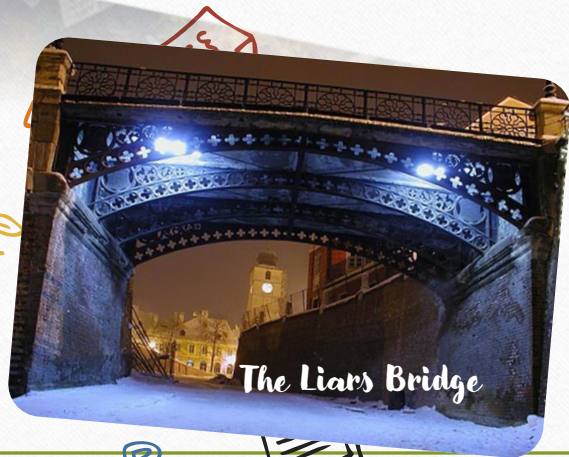
Astra Village Museum



The Council Tower



The Balea Lake



The Liars Bridge



The Large Square

# The "Onisifor Ghibu" High School

A relatively new school, celebrating 28 years of existence this year (2022)

A very respectable high school, designated 3 times the Award of European School



Bears the name of its patron, Onisifor Ghibu, an important Romanian scholar

Our students' great results in local, national and international competitions





# The Educational Offer

- ❑ PRIMARY SCHOOL
  - ❑ 5 German-speaking classes
- ❑ LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL
  - ❑ 4 German-speaking classes
- ❑ UPPER SECONDARY / HIGH SCHOOL
  - ❑ 25 classes (Romanian-speaking and German-speaking)
  - ❑ # Computer Science # Natural Science # Philology # Theatre # Sports
- ❑ STUDENTS: 1010
- ❑ STAFF: approx. 70



# FACILITIES

Laboratories: 3 ICT labs

Chemistry

Physics

Biology

Rooms for: Speech Therapy  
Foreign languages

Geography

Video projections

Fitness

Sports Halls (indoor and outdoor courts)

Festivity Hall

Modern Library

Courses for: ECDL (European Computer Driving License)

Cambridge, DELE, DELF, Deutsches Sprachdiplom Certificates



# PROJECTS



Comenius  
/  
Erasmus +

Italy, Spain,  
England, Germany,  
Norway, France,  
Sweden, Holland,  
Hungary, Belgium,  
Denmark, Turkey,  
Estonia, Poland etc.

Student  
exchanges

Greece, Austria,  
France,  
Germany,  
England,  
Belgium,  
Denmark  
Turkey

Various local and  
national projects

Other

Turkey, Poland,  
Estonia, Latvia,  
Germany, Spain  
etc.

eTwinning





# The Ethnic Distribution in Romania

- ❑ Romania's population is made of:  
89.5% Romanians  
10.5% different minority groups



- ❑ The main ethnic minorities in Romania:
  - Hungarians (Szeklers, Csongars, and Magyars)  
-> especially in Harghita, Covasna, and Mures counties
  - Roma or Romani -> in several counties of Romania
  - Germans (also called Saxons)  
-> in Timis, Sibiu, Brasov, and Suceava counties

(according to data from 2011)

# The Ethnic Map of Romania - by counties

The ethnic groups are distributed in different counties of Romania, as illustrated in the map. Out of the total number of minorities, here are specific percentages for each group.



(acc. to data from 2011)



# The Roma Minority

- # Name, Origins, Current State
- # Looks and Clothing
- # Culture and Traditions
- # Their Way of Life
- # Important Roma Personalities
- # Discrimination and other Problems



# Name, Origins, Current State

- ❑ The Roma are an Indo-Aryan ethnic group, traditionally nomadic, living mostly in Europe
- ❑ They speak the Romani language
- ❑ They were called "Gypsies" because Europeans mistakenly believed they came from Egypt
- ❑ This minority is made up of distinct groups called "tribes" or "nations"
- ❑ Their proper ethnonym is Roma, technically spelled Rroma (also called Romany)
- ❑ Total Roma population in the world: 2-20 million (inexact due to undocumented members or undeclared ethnicity)
- ❑ Top 3 countries where they live: Turkey: 500.000-2.750.000  
Romania: 619.007-1.850.000  
USA: 1.000.000





# Traditional Looks and Clothing

- ❑ Originally, as seen in paintings and photos, Roma men wear shoulder-length hair and a moustache, as well as an earring
- ❑ Traditionally, Roma women have long hair, sometimes dyed with henna
- ❑ Roma's traditional clothing for men includes black trousers, waistcoats, large hats and black shoes
- ❑ Roma's traditional clothing for women includes very colourful (red) long wide pleated skirts, puffy blouses and head scarves



# Culture and Traditions

- ❑ The culture and traditions of Dasikane (Christian) and Horahane (Muslim) Roma are quite different
- ❑ Culture and traditions differ from one community to another (according to country, subgroup and religion)
- ❑ Roma may expel members from their community, in certain situations (an expelled Roma = "contaminated" and shunned by other Romanis)
- ❑ Music and dancing are very important for Roma culture
- ❑ Their music strongly influenced other music / dance styles:  
#bolero #jazz #flamenco





# Their Way of Life

- ❑ The Roma live
  - #in communities within villages, together with Romanians, Hungarians or Saxons
  - #integrated in urban or suburban areas, outside of specific Roma communities
- ❑ Some Roma prefer their traditional way of life, others adopt a more modern way of life
- ❑ Their leader is King Florin Cioaba
  - # He followed in his father's footsteps, the first self-proclaimed King of the Roma (in the 1990s).



# An Important Roma Personality in Sibiu: Luminița Cioaba

- # her real name: Maria Mihai
- # born on October 1st 1957, in Târgu Carbunesti, Gorj
- # daughter of the self-proclaimed King of the Roma
- # a writer and a poet of the Romani language
- # published books about recent Roma history
- # published poems
- # translated the Bible into the Romani language



LUMINIȚA MIHAI CIOABĂ

Ghid de conversație  
**ROMÂN-ȚIGĂNESC**

RUMINISKO-  
ROMANO



Teora

*"When destiny is playing with you  
Throwing you into life's mud, only  
The Gypsy angels extend their wings  
Wiping your tears against the violin chord"*



# Problems

- ❑ Discrimination based on ethnicity, poverty, education
- ❑ Sometimes perceived unfairly because of their ethnicity
- ❑ High poverty rate in many Roma communities
- ❑ Polarized economical standards (very poor and very rich Roma)
- ❑ Improper housing and little or no access to utilities etc.
- ❑ Low level of schooling and education for the Roma children, either because of lack of access or parents' unwillingness to allow their children to attend
- ❑ High criminality rate in certain communities – especially stealing and begging
- ❑ Illegal economical activities by some members of this minority group (illegal loans, illegal traffic of various goods etc)



# Solutions

- ❑ Fight against discrimination of Roma through laws, regulations, NGOs
  - ❑ Governmental programs for Roma integration
  - ❑ Encouraging the integration of Roma children within state school classes (2 places available in each class)
  - ❑ Specific schools for the Roma children in counties where the minority is stronger, where they learn both the Romani and Romanian languages
  - ❑ Increasing access of Roma people to jobs and housing programs
- # In our high-school there are 7 Roma students in different grades 9 to 11





# QUESTION TIME!

1. How many people from Romania are Orthodox?

- a. 87%
- b. 90%
- c. 78%

2. Population in Romania:

- a. over 23 million inhabitants
- b. over 19 million inhabitants
- c. over 31 million inhabitants

3. Sibiu is located in :

- a. Center of Romania
- b. Southern part of Romania
- c. None of the answers are correct





# THANK YOU FOR WATCHING!

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