



# INTERCULTURAL INSTITUTE OF TIMISOARA

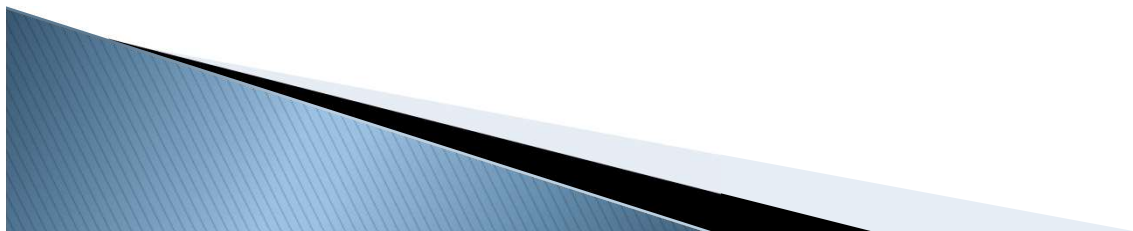
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# Intercultural Institute



- ▶ NGO set-up in 1992 with the support of the Council of Europe and of the local authorities
  - as a follow-up to a series of international seminars organised in Timisoara by the Council of Europe in partnership with the Ministry of Education on the topic of „*The intercultural perspective in teaching civic education*”
  
- ▶ It is an independent, non-governmental, non-profit organization



# Major topics



## Intercultural education

- Introducing intercultural education in schools with majority and minority children
- Introducing intercultural education in the educational activities of museums
- Training sessions, pilot activities implemented and resource materials published
- Use of ICT in intercultural education and development of intercultural competencies for European project managers and teams

## Education for democratic citizenship

- Promotion of civic education in schools
- Development of sustainable school-community relations
- Facilitation of the relations between civil society and public authorities in a multicultural environment

## Support for Roma communities

- The education of Roma children
- The image of Roma in the media
- The development of the civil society inside Roma communities
- The improvement of the relations of public authorities with the Roma communities.

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## Cross-border cooperation

- An integrated regional cooperation framework developed under the name of *Banat NGO Network – BANNET*
- Continuous cooperation with NGOs and minority organizations from Serbia, focusing on cross-border youth exchanges, training and promotion of European values.
- Other regional cooperation activities organized with the support of the CoE, of the Stability Pact for South-East Europe and of the EU, in cooperation with partners from Hungary, Bulgaria, Bosnia & Herzegovina and other countries of the region

## Research

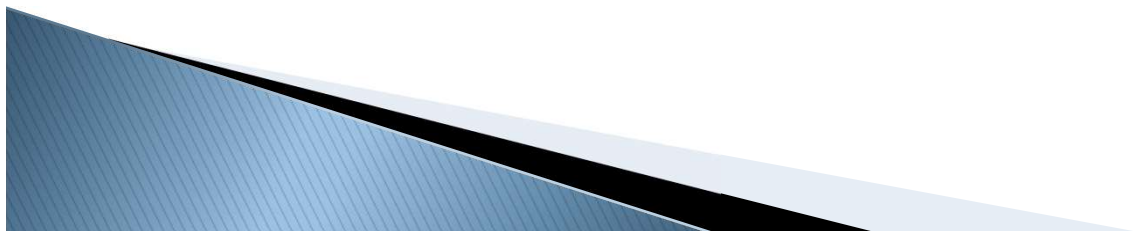
- Priority education policies in Romania and Europe
- Intercultural dialogue in Romania
- Social research on the cultural needs and offer in Timis and Arad
- Social psychology researches in the educational field

## Culture

- Development of the cultural strategy of Timis county
- Development of the cultural strategy of Arad city
- Consultancy for the youth strategy of Timisoara city
- Strategic proposals for the development of cultural tourism in Banat region

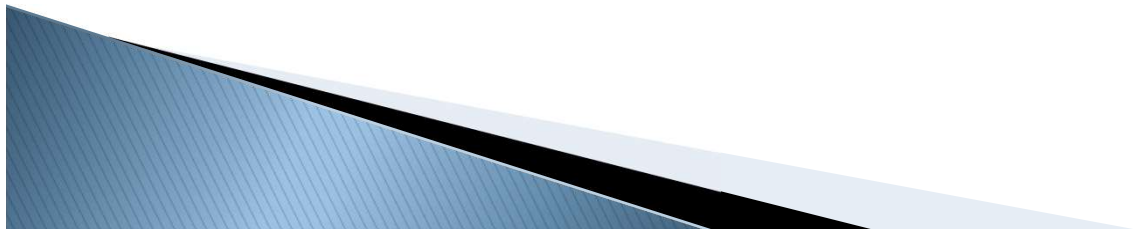
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- ▶ The first Eastern European organisation coordinating a Comenius project (1998)
- ▶ Since 1998 regularly involved in various Socrates projects on EDC and intercultural education
- ▶ Since 1999 involved in regional cooperation in SEE in these fields
- ▶ Romanian member of the CIVITAS international network since 2003



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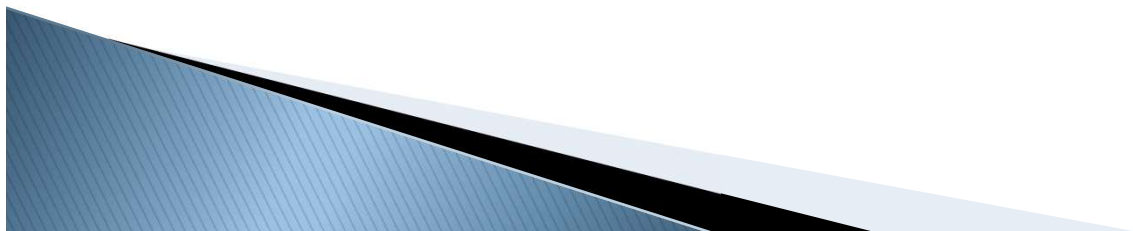
- ▶ Has implemented various local, regional and national projects involving schools and school–community relations, promoting EDC and intercultural education
- ▶ Has a partnership with the Ministry of Education for the inclusion of Project Citizen as a method for Civic Education for 7<sup>th</sup> grade (over 300 schools involved)
- ▶ Has initiated a National Network for EDC, including the most active NGOs and public institutions
- ▶ Has organised and is supporting the Timisoara Local Youth Council, as part of a national network
- ▶ Has very good contacts with educational authorities at county and national level and with national minorities schools



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- ▶ Has published
  - several books and reports resulted from projects
  - the Romanian version of several CoE publications, including COMPASS
- ▶ [www.intercultural.ro](http://www.intercultural.ro)
  - Information about activities and resources
  - Over 1000 visits/week



# Thank you for your attention!

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