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TRANSILVANIA UNIVERSITY OF BRAȘOV - MEMBER OF 3IN ALLIANCE

Transilvania University of Brașov, together with six European universities, signed the articles of incorporation of the "European Union Alliance of Inclusion, Integration and Involvement" – *3IN Alliance*.

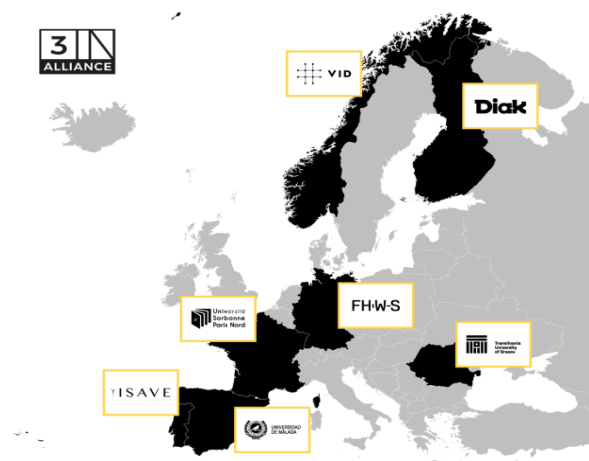


The seven member universities of the alliance (Diaconia University of Applied Sciences - Finland, VID Specialized University - Norway, University of Applied Sciences Würzburg - Germany, University of Malaga - Spain, Transilvania University of Brașov - Romania, Instituto Superior de Saúde - Portugal, Université Sorbonne Paris Nord - France) aim to create an inclusive European university, in which over 95 000 students and 8 000 academics work together to promote social welfare and equal opportunities.

The goal of *3IN Alliance* is to create innovative lifelong learning opportunities, to improve the accessibility of education, to diversify the modes of mobility and to enrich regional development. As such, the alliance adds value to students, academics, researchers and partners through the common educational strategy, with strong links to both research and innovation, as well as close collaboration with the business environment and society.



The rectors of the seven universities signed the articles of incorporation of *3IN Alliance* on 13 February 2020, on the premises of the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation. *3IN Alliance* will take part in the Erasmus + project competition, held under the "European Universities" initiative, the European Commission's flagship program.



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TRAINING WEEK AT TRANSILVANIA UNIVERSITY OF BRAȘOV

Representatives of seven higher education institutions in the Republic of Moldova (UTM – Technical University of Moldova, USM – State University of Moldova, ASEM – Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova, USMF – “Nicolae Testemițanu” State University of Medicine and Pharmacy, USARB – “Alecu Russo” State University of Bălți, US Cahul – “Bogdan Petriceicu Hașdeu” State University of Cahul, UASM – the State Agrarian University of Moldova), the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research of the Republic of Moldova, as well as the European Union partners of this project (UOG - University of Gloucestershire and ISOB - Institut Fur Sozialwissenschaftliche Beratung GMBH) conducted a study visit between 16-22 February 2020, to Transilvania University of Brașov, also a partner in the Erasmus + project of Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) - “Moldova Higher Education Leadership and Management” (MHELM). The project launch meeting took place on 25 November 2019 at TUM, which has the role of project coordinator.



The major objective of the project is to strengthen governance, strategic planning and management in the universities of the Republic of Moldova in order to support the reform of the sector by increasing leadership and management capacity. The specific objectives of the project are:

- To identify the best practices of EU partner project universities in the design and delivery of professional development programs in order to increase the leadership and management capabilities of the universities in the Republic of Moldova;
- To prepare a training program destined to the development of higher education management, focused on governance, strategic planning and

management, appropriate for the universities in the Republic of Moldova;

- To train the staff of the universities of the Republic of Moldova with a view to implementing the program destined to the development of management and leadership;
- To create an infrastructure to support and sustain the leadership and management development program;
- To pilot and subsequently implement the new program for the development of leadership and management in the universities of the Republic of Moldova;
- To disseminate the information about the new program and its effects on higher education in the Republic of Moldova.

The first project activities are oriented towards transmitting the experience on the methods and tools for the development of the university management, with a view to improving the management capabilities. The first study visit was paid to the University of Gloucestershire in Great Britain, followed by the visit to Transilvania University of Brașov.



During these visits, the partners from the EU universities presented different methods of training university managers, from continuing education courses, completed with a certificate, up to master studies, attested by an ISCED level 7 qualification.

Professor Dr. Hab. Larisa BUGAIAN, Vice-Rector on financial problems and international relations
Daniela POJAR, Head of Resource Management Department, Technical University of Moldova

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE FACULTY OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND MOUNTAIN SPORTS - GUESTS FROM FOUR CONTINENTS

"No one in Romania has organized such a conference before!", "You have raised the bar very high!" – these are the praises addressed to our faculty by the deans of the faculties of physical education and sports in Romania. Equally beautiful words came from the foreign guests who were not few this year. Never in the history of the Faculty of Physical Education and Mountain Sports in Braşov has such an international presence been registered.



The conference "Youth in the Perspective of the Olympic Movement" was attended by academic teaching staff and researchers from countries across four continents: Germany, France, Scotland, Slovenia, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Moldova, Croatia, Poland, South Africa, Argentina, Nepal. They appreciated both the participation of the over 450 persons (students, sportsmen or academics) in the festive opening of the conference in an excellent setting (Aula Magna of Transilvania University of Braşov) and the special presentations and simultaneous translation provided by our colleague Carmen Antonaru.



From Slovakia, two deans and two vice-deans from the faculties with whom collaboration protocols were previously established, including the Erasmus program, participated. From Croatia, Luka Milanovic, none other than the physical trainer who led the national football team to the final of the 2018 World Cup, represented the Faculty of Kinesiology. He coordinated the workshop themed "Training Methods and Injury Prevention in Team Sports". Valuable works were also presented by Prof. Dr. Habil. Jürgen Beckmann from Germany, Christine Nash from Scotland, Guillaume Charles Martinent from France and many others.



In parallel with the presentations of the scientific papers and the above-mentioned workshop, the meeting of the Romanian Deans' Forum took place, during which we "snatched" from the special guests from RFF, Răzvan Burleanu (president), Mihai Stoichiţă (technical director) and Lucian Burchel (director of the coaching school), the promise that the graduates with the specialism of football coaches will be issued coaching cards again.

Special thanks to Prof. Dr. Med. Liliana Rogozea, Vice-Rector of Transilvania University of Braşov, who delighted the audience in Aula Magna of the University with the opening speech of our conference!

Associate Professor Dr. Ioan TURCU, Dean
Faculty of Physical Education and Mountain Sports

WINNERS OF 2019 AWARDS IN CULTURE AT BRAȘOV

On 25 February 2020, Corona Cultural Consortium awarded the Prizes of the Year 2019 in Culture at Brașov within the framework of a gala organized at the Multicultural Centre of Transilvania University. The winners were nominated on the basis of the votes cast online by the audience of Brașov, respectively the grades given by three personalities of contemporary art and cultural management outside Brașov, whose options had a share of 50% this year.

The jury of this edition was formed of Silvia Antigona Rogozea, curator and program director at the National Museum of Contemporary Art, Ciprian Anghel Ștefan, General Director of ASTRA National Museum Complex and President of the National Network of Museums of Romania, and Luminița Arvunescu, producer at Radio Romania Musical and President of the Union of Music Critics, Editors and Producers in Romania. Two new sections were added to the already established categories, during this sixth edition: the Cultural Education Project of the Year, respectively the Visual Arts Project of the Year. Out of the nominated projects, events and cultural organizations, the following winners were nominated:



1. **Book of the year:** *Stories from the '89ies in Comics* – County Museum of History Brașov
2. **Exhibition of the year:** *Romanian Stories*, Illustrators' Club, Casa Mureșenilor Museum
3. **Festival of the year:** Cartfest – Art and Culture Festival Cristian

4. **Cultural poster of the year:** Comics Festival History Brașov 2019
5. **Concert of the year:** Christmas Concert *Carol Flakes* – ANATOLY vocal quintet
6. **Cultural project of the year:** TAMTAM Festival
7. **Theatre performance of the year:** *The Taming of the Shrew*, Reduta Cultural Centre
8. **Literary project of the year:** AntareSFest 2019
9. **Musical project of the year:** Alina Bercu, The complete piano sonatas by Ludwig van Beethoven, Musical Centre of Transilvania University
10. **Dance / performance show of the year:** *Abua Bua Bua*, Youth Organization of the German Democratic Forum in Brașov
11. **Debut:** Chamber Orchestra of Transilvania University of Brașov
12. **Cultural education project of the year:** Spectocular, Amural Association
13. **Visual arts project of the year:** Amural Visual Festival
14. **Cultural organization of the year:** Multicultural Centre of Transilvania University

The Awards of the Year in Culture Gala in Brașov was organized this year with the support of Coresi Shopping Resort, the graphics were made by Alina Andrei, and the musical program was offered by the Chamber Ensemble of "Tudor Ciortea" Vocational Music High School.



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PSI WEEK: FROM COUPLE TO PARENTING

On the occasion of the Day of Transilvania University of Braşov, the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences organized the event "PSI Week: from Couple to Parenting", in partnership with TREI Publishing House and Cărtureşti Bookstore of Braşov.



The persons looking for answers to the questions listed below were welcomed at Cărtureşti Bookstore, in the period 24 February -1 March 2020:

Have you ever imagined yourself lying on the couch in Freud's office and telling him about your wishes? How do you think he would react? What would he tell you? Or what would Freud do, if he were you? What do heeled shoes represent in the equation of the meaning of life? How can the way we talk either build or destroy family relationships? When emotions remain unexpressed and anger is brewing inside, is forgiveness possible? Or is a personal labour necessary for us to succeed in recognizing and releasing our own emotions, so that we can look with empathy at the child we once were, so that we can finally return to our parents, capable of true reconciliation? Is there a way that leads to the reconciliation with one's own parents, by learning that it is possible to heal the past and rewrite the future, to (re)build the relationship with one's parents, so that it becomes authentic, deep and alive? Do you want to know how to stay calm, to think clearly in the midst of noise and anger, to understand the psychological complexity of

emotional outbursts, how to offer support without being crushed by the problems of others, to set limits without seeming careless or aggressive, ideas to defuse attacks of fear, sadness and anger, whether they are personal or belong to others? Do you want to feel listened to?



Every evening, from Monday to Friday, readers of all ages, students, practicing psychologists, pre-university teachers participated in the presentation and debate of current issues, supported by teachers and experts in psychology: *Heeled shoes, Freud and the meaning of life* – Ecaterina Maria Unianu; *When and in what situations can verbal dialogue distort communication in a couple, family?* – Dana Liliana Militaru; *Love and resentment in the relationship between parents and children* – Laura Elena Năstasă and Laura Teodora David; *Shame in children* – Cristian Petrescu; *Explosive situations? How to cope, how you can be heard, not just heard* – Simona Arens.

In a relaxed atmosphere, the audience present in the hall got involved in the discussions on the topic of the day, evincing curiosity and interest in the proposed topics.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Laura-Elena NĂSTASĂ

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ana-Maria CAZAN

Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences

FESTIVE EVENT AT THE FACULTY OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION – AWARD OF THE DIPLOMA OF EXCELLENCE TO PROFESSOR CONSTANTIN LEFTER

On 28 February 2020, the Faculty of Economic Sciences and Business Administration hosted a special event – the celebration of Prof. Dr. Constantin Lefter on his 80th birthday.



In a festive setting and an atmosphere full of emotion, Prof. Dr. Gabriel Brătucu, Dean of the Faculty, awarded him the *Diploma of Excellence* and spoke about the Professor's important contribution to the establishment and development of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration and about his professional activity, activity characterized by seriousness, competence and dedication to the teaching profession and to the development of the faculty.



In his speech, Prof. Dr. Constantin Lefter spoke about the 50 years of activity within Transilvania University of Braşov, from 1960, when he was employed as an Assistant Professor, until his retirement in 2010, during which time he covered all stages of academic career up to Professor and Doctoral Supervisor, recounting the early years of the Faculty and emphasizing its evolution in the 30 years from its establishment.

Prof. Dr. Constantin Lefter was Dean of this Faculty during 1992-1996, Head of the Department of Marketing, Tourism Services and International Affairs during 1996-2008, and contributed, together with Prof. Dr. Gabriel Brătucu and Prof. Dr. Liliana Duguleană, to the establishment, in 2005, of the Doctoral School in the field of Marketing at Transilvania University of Braşov, supervising 12 doctoral students.



The festivity was attended by both teaching and non-teaching staff, by former students and doctoral students, but also by a special guest of Prof. Lefter, namely Prof. Dr. Eng. Simion Popescu, former Vice-Rector of Transilvania University of Braşov. They all reminisced, talking about the Professor and the way he influenced their careers.

Happy Birthday, Professor!

Associate Professor Dr. Ioana CHIȚU
Faculty of Economic Sciences
and Business Administration

MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTING WORKSHOP, 6th EDITION

On the occasion of the Day of Transilvania University of Braşov, the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science organized the 6th edition of the scientific event *Workshop of Mathematics and Computing*, on 28 February 2020.

The organization of this workshop is an important event for our faculty, because it can stimulate the scientific research activity within the department.

Nine special communications were presented, related to the areas of interest and scientific achievements of the teaching staff of the Department of Mathematics and Informatics, in the fields of Mathematical Analysis, Geometry and Informatics.

As *Chairman* of the conference proceedings, Prof. Dr. Dorina Răducanu initiated constructive

discussions, related to new directions and possibilities to address the research topics presented.

This event highlighted the department staff's valuable research potential.

The presentations were a novelty, reflecting recent original scientific results. In so far as the authors wish to do so, some of the presented results will be published in *Bulletin of the Transilvania University of Braşov (Series III: Mathematics. Informatics. Physics)*.

Associate Professor Dr. Nicuşor MINCULETE
Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science

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TEACHING ACTIVITIES AIMED AT INCREASED INTERNATIONALIZATION OF FEFSM

In early March, the visit of two academics from abroad, invited by the Faculty of Physical Education and Mountain Sports to conduct activities with our Faculty's students and teaching staff, came to an end.

Thus, for 10 days (until 5 March 2020), through the programme *Invited Guest at Transilvania University*, within FEFSM, Prof. Dr. Rodolfo Pablo Buenaventura from Lujan National University of Buenos Aires, Argentina and Secretary General FIEP World, conducted practical and theoretical activities with the students of our Faculty. The general set of themes was Physical Education in Primary Schools.

In his teaching activities, he emphasized two important components: to increase the attractiveness of the physical education lesson by selecting a system of means appropriate to the pupils' individual possibilities and to the proposed goals, respectively to raise the awareness of the aspects that define and distinguish the physical education lesson from that specific to performance sports. We appreciated the interactive way of teaching; the presentation of the informational material being harmoniously completed with moments of debate and personal initiatives, which determined an increased interest of the participating students.



On the first day of March, the Erasmus Programme-facilitated visit of Prof. Dr. Miran Kondric from the Faculty of Sports, Ljubljana University of Slovenia, came to an end. As a specialist in the sporting discipline of table tennis, Miran Kondric conducted practical activities with both teaching staff and students of our Faculty. This approach proved to be very useful since it supplemented the set of racket sports within the curricula for the bachelor's study programmes Sports and Motor Performance, respectively School Physical Education and Sport.



These practical lessons focused mainly on the methodology of teaching table tennis at the beginner level and on educating the motor qualities specific to the practice of this sport.

We hope that as many such valuable Professors as possible will visit us!

Lecturer Dr. Dragoş Ioan TOHĂNEAN, Vice-Dean
Faculty of Physical Education and Mountain Sports

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EVENTS HELD AT THE FACULTY OF CIVIL ENGINEERING ON THE OCCASION OF THE UNIVERSITY'S DAY

The Day of Transilvania University of Braşov was marked within the Faculty of Civil Engineering by two important events on field-specific themes, of real interest to the participants, held on 28 February 2020.



Within the first event, "Students in front of the Users' Demands", held before the Faculty's students and academics, but also before the representatives of the economic environment, two thematic presentations were given by potential employers of the graduates.

The first presentation, "Technologies for Making Foundations and Deep Enclosures in Urban Areas", brought to the public the fascination and pride of the profession of a civil engineer faced with the engineering technical challenges.

The presentation "Smart Urban Lighting", which was a modern, cutting-edge approach to the current and envisaged solutions in the administration / organization of public spaces in urban areas fell within the same context of the action.

The presentations aroused the participants' curiosity and interest and moreover they provided students with the opportunity to identify the labour market demands and challenges.

"A Brief History of Metal Bridges - from Cast Iron Bridges to Suspended Structures" was the second event organized by the faculty on a broad theme, with tradition and topicality, which completed the academic landscape of the meeting and captured for an hour the participants' attention and interest



The events organized on the occasion of the University's Day took place in the presence of over 80 participants, who felt once more for three hours their belonging to the noble and always current profession of a civil engineer, whether specialized in building services or in their related installations.

Prof. Dr. Eng. Ioan TUNS, Dean,
Faculty of Civil Engineering

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TRANSILVANIA UNIVERSITY CUP IN CHESS, 6th EDITION

On the occasion of the University's Day, the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science organized *Transilvania University Cup in Chess*, the 6th edition. The competition, held on 29 February 2020 in Sergiu Chiriacescu Aula, enjoyed valuable attendance.



Four academics were amongst the competitors: Prof. Dr. Claudiu Coman, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nicușor Minculete, Lect. Dr. Adrian Dașescu and Lect. Dr. Gabriel Stan. Four students, a university employee, a young man with a good development potential, aged 13, but also the veteran chess player Ion Dașescu competed, too. I would like to emphasize that the participants included a professional chess player Daniel Prisecaru (ELO coefficient: 1915), who actually won the tournament. The event benefited from the support of the great international master GM Costică Ciprian Nanu, the coach of the national women's chess team.



The contest took place in the fast chess system (15 minutes + 12 seconds), after the Swiss system, in 6 rounds.

The fight was very close, with intensely disputed and balanced matches, of a high level.

The competitors with equal scores were ranked according to the international tiebreaking criteria for chess competitions.

The final ranking of the competition, after the close of the 6 rounds, is as follows:

1.	Prisecaru Daniel	6 points
2.	Coman Claudiu	5 points
3.	Stan Ion Gabriel	4 points
4.	Dașescu Adrian	3 points
5.	Minculete Nicușor	3 points
6.	Stan Vlad Ștefan	2 points
7.	Margineanu Cătălin	2 points
8.	Dașescu Ion	2 points
9.	Nedeanu Viorel	2 points
10.	Prahoveanu Vasile	1 point
11.	Serea Filip	1 point

The organizers convey congratulations and thanks to all participants.

Lecturer Dr. Ion Gabriel STAN, Vice-Dean
Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science

DIALOGUE WITH THE MENTORS OF PRACTICE IN PRIMARY EDUCATION

One of the events dedicated to the University's Day, "Dialogue with the Mentors of Practice (Primary Education)", took place on 27 February 2020, at the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences.



The event was attended by school inspectors (Mrs. Eugenia Crețoi and Mihaela Zugravu, from Brașov County School Inspectorate), principals and practice mentors - primary school teachers from pre-university education institutions, partners in organizing and conducting the pedagogical practice of the students enrolled in the full-time and distance forms of the study programme *Pedagogy of primary and preschool education*, as well as those responsible for pedagogical practice at the faculty level.

The dialogue, moderated by Lecturer Dr. Oana Alina Bota, Vice-Dean for the Students' Activity, Liaison with the Economic and Sociocultural Community,

Internationalization and Cultural Assurance, aimed at optimizing the internships of pedagogical practice; and Prof. Dr. Mariela Pavalache-Ilie, Dean of the Faculty, presented the role of pedagogical practice in training future teachers for preschool and primary education.



The professional meeting, which has already become a tradition, offered an opportunity to exchange good practices, to identify effective ways of conducting activities of pedagogical practice, highlighting their formative role and the opportunity to know various aspects of the future profession.

Prof. Dr. Mariana NOREL,
Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences

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THE STUDENTS OF THE FACULTY OF MUSIC CELEBRATED THE DAYS OF ROMANIAN CULTURE AT THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN SOFIA, BULGARIA

The appreciation they enjoy nationally and internationally recommended the students of the Faculty of Music for a concert dedicated to the celebration of the Romanian Culture Day at the Romanian Embassy in Sofia, Bulgaria. The concert took place on the evening of 24 January and it was attended by diplomatic corps members from the embassies of the countries accredited in Bulgaria and by the staff of the Romanian Embassy.

The event and the performers were presented by His Excellency, Ambassador of Romania in Bulgaria, Ion Gâlea. A special tribute was brought to the national poet Mihai Eminescu, from whose birth, on 15 January 2020, we celebrate 170 years. In order to inform the audience better, the concert program was written in Romanian and English. The students presented during the concert musical pieces from the Romanian music heritage, integrated in a vocal and instrumental performance, with individual and group evolutions.

Recognizing well-known pieces from the Romanian music heritage, the Romanian spectators experienced moments of vibration, delight and

nostalgia, and the members of embassies accredited in Bulgaria were pleasantly surprised by the charm and vibration of Romanian music.

The students' concert was performed at professional standards and impressed by the quality of the music performance, but also by the academic tenure which they evinced throughout the project.

We find worth mentioning that the festivity hall of the Romanian Embassy in Sofia also hosted an exhibition of paintings made by the Bulgarian plastic artist of Romanian nationality, Ivan Juvetov, Director of the Romanian Centre of Vidin.

The students' project of international practice was a professional success, by the multicultural openness and the promotion of Transilvania University of Braşov, as well as by each student's socio-professional development.

Prof. Dr. Ioan OARCEA
Project Coordinator

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ÀIVA. WATER SIGNS ON VALLI DI LANZO. PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF ALPINE FILM FESTIVAL

Over more than a year, fourteen photographers travelled more than 1,500 kilometres, from Grande Valley to Ala, Viu and Tesso Valleys, along the steepest paths. Thirty-five of the obtained shots, all in black and white, are now previewed at the Alpine Film Festival, the first mountain culture and film festival in Romania, in its fifth edition.



According to the organizers, "the enhancement of the running waters specific to the landscapes of Lanzo Valleys - a mountainous area in the Graian Alps, northwest of Turin, Piedmont, and their better knowledge and protection are the theme of the project *Societa Storica delle Valli di Lanzo* supported by *Autorita d'Ambito n. 3 Torinese*, the governmental authority that manages the smooth running of the integrated hydrographic system.



The aim of the project is to document the territory through a photographic report, in search of the "signs" of Àiva - the name of water in the local Franco-Provençal language - materialized through a unique journey along these valleys".

The exhibited photos will be gathered in a volume including observations on the importance of water resources, testimonies related to the use of water in the history of these valleys, but also texts related to the photographic project, inviting to rediscover the traditions of this region in the Piedmont Alps.

The exhibition curated by Aldo Audisio and Laura Gallo, was opened at the Multicultural Centre on Monday, 24 February 2020.

Maria GHIURȚU
Multicultural Centre of Transilvania University

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BREAKING (IM)POSSIBILITIES

Beginning on Thursday, 23 January 2020, the Multicultural Centre of Transilvania University presented the group exhibition *Breaking Im(possibilities)*. Ada Muntean selected for this project, works of painting, photography, sculpture, video, installation and mixed techniques brought together under a curatorial concept that explores the issues of self, memory, body and their relationship with contemporary society, through interdisciplinary experiments proposed by the artists Zoița Delia Călinescu, Andreea Medar, Ada Muntean, Dragoș Neagoe, Răzvan Neagoe, Cristi Gașpar, Mălina Ionescu, Magdalena Pelmuș and Bogdan Pelmuș, members of Stup artistic group, from Bucharest.



According to the curator, “in the radiography of contemporary existence, the human body becomes a common denominator in these artists’ plastic and conceptual experiments. The plastic keyboard which the body proposes for experimentation becomes infinite in terms of resources and seductive in terms of possibilities. Exploring one’s body becomes exploring one’s self, and exploring one’s self becomes exploring the world. The artistic approach turns into a gesture with a strong existential load, and fathoming its identity and vested forms acquires the valences of a contemporary social and ontological analysis”.

The exhibition could be visited until 20 February.

Maria GHIURȚU
Multicultural Centre of Transilvania University

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GAME ON – FACILITATION OF LEARNING THROUGH VIDEO GAMES

Video game industry is growing undeniably from year to year, attracting more and more practitioners from increasingly early ages. The grand-scale events and competitions with often higher audience ratings than the sporting events, today opens the possibility of building a “professional gamer” career, remunerated in some cases by millions of dollars.



This industry arouses much enthusiasm among the youth, but there is controversy regarding the possible negative effects of video games.

InterCollage, an international company, and *FORA København*, a Danish non-governmental organization, organized a 10-day seminar, as an Erasmus + project in Slettestrand, Denmark, with a view to exploring the impact of video games and to developing practical strategies that would allow educators to use video games as a tool to support education.

The seminar called “Game ON - Facilitating Learning Through Gaming” took place between 3 and 12 November 2019 and brought together representatives of all ages in the fields of Psychology, Pedagogy and Training and video game practitioners, both amateurs and professionals.

The project coordinated by Bertalan Egry, a representative of *InterCollage*, with daily activities guided by Aliaksej Burnosenka, coaching and training specialist, and Daniel Shillcock, a representative of *InterCollage*, focused on five main topics related to video games: health; participation and leadership;

social competence; creativity; strategic thinking and entrepreneurship. Benefitting from the very diverse expertise of the participants and coordinators, questions such as: *Can video games develop leader skills? Do video games develop creativity? How can video games be used to develop health behaviours? Are player communities beneficial for social competence?* were approached within every activity.

In addition to these activities, the participants visited a library with a section dedicated to video games and an “e-sports” café in Aalborg, a city close to the location of the seminar. In both locations, equipped with high-performance computers, video game-related activities and events are periodically organized, bringing together children of all ages; there are even competitions or training for professional players. Moreover, many of the evenings after the seminar activities were dedicated to practicing video games together, offering the opportunity to explore the discussed ideas and to introduce new participants to the world of video games.

The 10 days of seminar ended with the draft of a material written as a guide for those who work with young people in non-formal education. This material contains all conclusions and answers arising from activities focused on five main themes, video games suggested for the development of various skills and even proposals of educational activities based on the chosen video games. This guide is now available at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EdVFHUYs2xR8C-xGhAVmb8IS54cDHeu9/view?usp=sharing>.

Bogdan ȚICĂ, 3rd year student
Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences
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SUCCESSFUL ALUMNI - LIVIU MIRCEA MATEȘ



Liviu Mateș (born on 10 February 1963, at Brașov) graduated from the Faculty of Music of Transilvania University of Brașov, Instrumental Music Performance in 1995, being part of the first promotion after the Faculty's establishment in 1990.

Until 2010, he was an instrumentalist artist of G. Dima Philharmonic in Brașov, evolving and becoming

principal, while participating in several tours in Germany, Austria or Japan.

In parallel, he continued his postgraduate studies in Management of Public Institutions, Management and European Studies and Public Administration.

In August 2010 he was appointed director of G. Dima Philharmonic in Brașov, exercising this function until 2017.

After a brief period during which he acted as an artistic consultant, he became a counsellor within the National Identity Department at the Ministry of Culture and National Identity.

Professor Dr. Bianca TESCAȘIU,
Faculty of Economic Sciences and Business
Administration,
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