

Supporting Săcueni's community with the tools of media
9 months, October 2019 – June 2020
SACUENI (RO)

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1. Description about the city of Săcueni

Geographic position (The names of the countries and cities are in Hungarian language on the pic.)



As you can see on the picture the town is just next to the Hungarian frontier, and also close to more cities in Romania and Hungary.

Until 2004 Săcueni was a village, but in 2004 it got the town title. There are 5 villages that are under its administration: Cadea, Ciocăia, Cubulcut, Olosig and Sănnicolau de Munte. Its population is composed by 5% of Romanians, 80% Hungarians, and 15% of Romas (Gypsies). As it becomes clear, we are talking about a settlement inhabited by Hungarian people, their mother tongue is Hungarian, they use this language in everyday conversations, this is how they think and dream, but they also speak Romanian on different levels if needed.

Short history:



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Săcueni was mentioned officially for first around 1213-1217 as Zekulhyda. Its first inhabitants were the Seclers. This is why the mot-a-mot English translation of the Hungarian city name (Székelyhíd) is Seclers' Bridge (they were taking toll from the merchants on the bridges). The town was the Hungarian Crown's property in 1445. In 1460, with the permission of the Hungarian king, Mátyás from the Zólyomi family there was built a fortress which was destroyed later by the Turkish, according to the Peace Treaty of Vasvár in 1665, so there is not even a ruin to be seen today.

Along the history the town was the property of the following noble families: Gutkeled, Zólyomi, Rákóczi, Dietrichstein și Stubenberg. The last family had a castle which operated as a school for 52 years and now hosts the Child Jesus Children's Home.



Natural environment:

The town is situated in a valley surrounded by hills. There are several lakes around, most of them are under natural reservation.

Economy:

Most of the inhabitants are making a living out of agricultural activity. Viticulture has a tradition of centuries, this is why there appr. 400 wine-vaults in and around Săcueni. Besides agriculture there are clothing and shoe factories and other enterprises that try to ensure employment for the local people.

Places to visit:

The gothic reformed church built in the 15th century, the baroque Roman-Catholic church from the 18th century, the Stubenberg castle, the wine-vaults, lakes, thermal bath of Sănnicolau de Munte, etc.



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2. Project description

The project will run from October 2019 to June 2020 with the participation of 3 volunteers from 3 countries: Hungary, Spain and Turkey.

The present project consists of 3 major types of activities:

1. Making movies about the activity of some entities and institutions - the chosen volunteer will make at least 9 such films about 9 different organizations in which they will present their work, the difficulties they face, the programs which citizens can join to support.

2. Making newspaper articles about at least 9 entities (but 18 such articles)

Through these materials, members of the local community will hear from the representatives of these entities what their goals and activities are, what difficulties they are facing, what kind of help they need, what future plans they have. This information will help local people realize that they as members of the Săcueni community have a moral obligation to get involved in the actions of these institutions, or to contribute in some way to solving the problems they are facing (for example by donating, organizing and participating to collective volunteer actions for the benefit of an entity) and thus to develop solidarity, empathy, civic sense. Also, these materials will stimulate community members to appreciate everything that defines their culture and locality, and not to let these values to disappear (for example, to enroll their child in folk dance group, join a choir, etc.).

3. Organization of activities in the institutions of the city - a volunteer will visit these institutions one at a time and will keep at least 2 programs in / for them during her/his stage - these activities will be aimed for the volunteer to realize how multilateral he can get involve in the life of a community and how multilateral it can act for its benefit. Also, entities will benefit from this, as the volunteer will provide guidance on how these institutions can become more visible to locals, how they can attract volunteers.

Additional activity:



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4. Organization of cultural programs related to the culture of the participating countries - each volunteer will carry out 9 activities of national language or culture meant to transfer also a luggage of cultural knowledge from the volunteers to the members of the local community, thus making the intercultural exchange to be multilateral.

3. Profile of participants

In the project we will recruit 3 young people from Turkey (1), Spain (1) and Hungary (1) who will be interested in one of the branches of media (monthly newspaper or TV) or organizing programs. They must be open to visit various types of institutions (dealing with disadvantaged children (orphans), disabled, and Roma people - naturally with our prior training) or even carrying out 1-2 activities in these. Young people do not need to be familiar with foreign languages or have a qualification in one of the areas of the project because all competences will be assimilated during the ESC stage. They must be open to live for 9 months in a multiethnic environment. The age of volunteers must fall within the stipulated ESC guidelines, so between 18 and 30 years old. Young people also have to be able to live with other people because all three volunteers will live in the same apartment, 2 of them sharing a room.

We also want to select at least one volunteer who faces social, economic, cultural or geographic difficulties.

4. Activities – OCTOBER 2019 – JUNE 2020 (INCLUSIVELY) – 9 MONTHS

The volunteers can apply for one of the following activities:

The project consists of 3 major activities the volunteers can choose from (1 activity will be assigned to each youth):

1. **Making monthly papers about the activity of some institutions / entities / organizations in the area** - the selected volunteer will write at least 18 articles, 2 per month, which will be included in the monthly newspaper of the Association that is published at the beginning of each month. The volunteer will go to schools, disabled people's center, orphanage, associations dealing with various folk groups, churches, etc. The goal is to present the unknowing side of these entities, to familiarize members of the community with their work (for example, churches also have charity work, have a musical choir), but also with the problems they face or thrive to solve. The volunteer will interview the representatives of the institutions, document their history and their way of functioning. Through these writings the young person will motivate members of the local community to get involved in these institutions' activities to promote local values or to solve the problems in question. The article will also be uploaded on the association's website, press section, both in English and Hungarian.



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2. Making video about the same institutions - the volunteer will learn how to keep the camera, how to record, how to cut, edit, how to add subtitles, etc. The young person will have the task of producing a video presentation of these institutions. He/she will create 9 such movies about 9 separate entities. The purpose of these materials is the same as that of newspaper articles, so to raise the awareness of the population on the importance of involvement in the activity of some organizations to promote certain values or to solve several problems. The videos will be uploaded to our Youtube page, and will be distributed on our web and social network. They will also be included in our weekly TV show.

3. Organizing programs at institutions - the volunteer will run in total 18 events at / with institutions in the area. He/she can choose to run multiple events at the same institution or organization. The volunteer can choose from orphanage, school, folklore group, disability center, etc. The volunteer will be prepared by the mentor and the project coordinator to meet with these target groups. The volunteer will prepare the activities (tools, materials, etc.) from A to Z, run them and disseminate them on the association's website and on the social networks with articles and pictures. Some of the activities will be accompanied by the TV team of the association, and the materials will be included in the TV show of the association.

The Activity Coordinators will gradually introduce volunteers in their activity, will participate with them on weekly assessments of how the activities are going on and set up future steps. Young people will gain autonomy after a while, but they will receive counseling when needed. Also, the coordinators will help volunteers solve their so-called professional-related problems.

Each volunteer will organize an event each month to present their own culture and language. These programs can be also jointly organized by volunteers (for example Spanish, Hungarian and Turkish gastronomy event).

Volunteers will have a program of 35 hours per week, two days off and +2 days free per month.

Each volunteering activity will take place for 270 days.

5. How to apply?

Please send us a detailed Curriculum Vitae and a covering on the erhangja1@gmail.com email address. Concomitantly, please complete the small questionnaire which can be reached here: <https://forms.gle/JunXPrusUA4TAeJFA>



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APPLICATION DEADLINE: 28TH OF JULY 2019.

After receiving all applications, we will analyze their seriousness and we will ask applicants to take part at a Skype interview.

6. Travelling

Before booking any ticket, please send your travel schedule to erhangja1@gmail.com for approval!

Travel limits according to the participating countries:

- **Hungary – 20 euro**
- **Turkey – 275 euro**
- **Spain – 360 euro**

The volunteer from Turkey has an amount of 200 Euro for obtaining the visa.

Close airports to Săcueni: Debrecen (around 50 km), Oradea (around 50 km), Timișoara (around 200 km), Cluj-Napoca (around 200 km).

For checking low-cost plane tickets, please check www.skyscanner.com!

We will offer help in organizing your travel from the airport to Săcueni.

If you want to check buses on the territory of Romania, you can use this link:

<http://www.autogari.ro/?lang=en>

If you want to check or reserve trains on the territory of Romania, please check this link:

<http://www.cfrcalatori.ro/en>

The reimbursement of the travel costs will be made when we receive all the TICKETS and PROOF OF PAYMENTS from the volunteer/sending organization in original!

7. Accommodation and meals

Each volunteer will get 120 € as food allowance and 90 € as pocket money each month.

The accommodation will be ensured by the hosting association and all costs related to it (electricity, water, utilities). The materials needed for the activities will be also provided by the HA.

Volunteers will be active about 7 hours/day for 5 days each week. They will have 2 days off every week and additional 2 days every month. Legal holidays are also free for the volunteers.

The volunteers will be accommodated in a rented 2 room apartment in the Youth Center of the local Reformed Church, close to the town's center. The kitchen is equipped with fridge, cooker stove and microwave. The house has washing machine and all necessary furniture.

The office of the association is located in the center of Săcueni. It is equipped with all necessary tools for the activity of the volunteers: cameras, laptops, microphones, etc.



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8. Contact information

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