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EDUCATIONAL ADVISING CENTER Activity Report 2021

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Educational Advising Center (EAC) is a private institution, registered by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Moldova on 27.01.1999, registration number 0853. EAC is a non-commercial, non-governmental, non-profit, apolitical organization constituted in the organizational-legal form of a private institution which operates in conformity with the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova and the law in force of the Republic of Moldova, holder of a Certificate of public convenience and necessity no. MD 000474.

EAC represents the main source of complete, up-to-date and impartial information in Moldova in regards to possibilities of carrying out studies abroad, as well as educational programs and projects in the country.

EAC's mission at the international level is to encourage educational mobility of students and graduates from the Republic of Moldova by:

- providing accurate, comprehensive, up-to-date and unbiased information concerning alternatives of undergraduate or graduate programs, degree and non-degree, at colleges and universities from abroad, accessible information to all individuals interested in educational programs, trainings or research abroad;
- promoting the values of an open society by offering to students, university professors, researchers, leaders and professionals from the Republic of Moldova the possibility to participate in a series of rigorous and competitive educational programs set in an alternative academic and cultural environment.

EAC's mission on the national level is to support a range of educational initiatives aimed to integrate and support different target groups by:

- offering a series of scholarship programs and educational projects to promote academic excellence, digital education and a modern approach to the study process;
- providing support to the vulnerable youth by offering them the opportunity to earn education that will ease their integration into society;
- facilitation of the placement of young people in commercial and non-commercial entities;
- preparation and training of beneficiaries for participation in educational programs;
- facilitation of the access of beneficiaries to modern technologies;
- support to schooling and educational institutions and organizations.

EAC tries to achieve these objectives through the following activities:

- free of charge consultations regarding the process and admission requirements for studies abroad;
- administration of standardized tests SAT and LSAT;
- organization of different events within EAC and in the regions with the purpose of promoting the Center: presentations (including video presentations), lessons, seminars, conversation groups, participation in educational exhibitions;
- access to current informational resources at the EAC library;
- access to internet and other facilities (electronic databases, audio equipment);
- maintenance and actualization of EAC's webpage, Facebook page and LinkedIn;
- participation in international specialized events meant to promote educational links between Moldova and other countries.

Programs and projects:

- Promotion and providing of objective information about scholarship programs and study abroad opportunities by providing the opportunity for students, university professors, researchers, leaders and professionals from the Republic of Moldova to participate in a series of rigorous and competitive educational programs, conducted in an alternative academic and cultural environment, www.opensocietyfoundations.org
- Promotion and support of higher education abroad by means of full and partial scholarships for BA, MA and PhD studies at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary offered to Moldovan students and professionals – *Central European University*, www.ceu.hu
- Supporting girls and women through digital and entrepreneurship education by creating and continuously maintaining, fine non-governmental organizations in the regions of Moldova, a space dedicated to digital and vocational training for project participants, with ages between 18 and 45 years so that, following the initiative, they become able to launch / manage and promote a small business, through the project "Women's Digital Center" – *Orange Foundation Moldova*, www.fundația.orange.md & *Orange Moldova*, www.orange.md
- Digital education program dedicated to disadvantaged young people, with the goal to contribute to their social and digital inclusion through technology and facilitate their access to the labor market, preparing them for future jobs. Solidarity FabLab is designed to train vulnerable young people aged 14-25 who are eager to learn various digital techniques and tools such as 3D printer, sewing machine, laser cutter, electronic equipment and components, and as a result, to develop practical skills and digital knowledge to face the current reality with a profession adapted to the requirements of the future – *Orange Foundation Moldova*, www.fundatia.orange.md, implemented in partnership with *Engineering Club MicroLab*, www.microlab.club.

Events at EAC:

- Online information session on *Postgraduate Scholarships at the Central European University*
Presenter: *Zsuzsa Papp*, recruitment officer at CEU
Location: Educational Advising Center, Chișinău
- Facebook live: *Shared Breakfast – Women Digital Center*
Presenters: *Angela Mușet*, CIU, *Cristina Mîndrescu*, Orange Moldova, *Ludmila Prociuc*, Director AO Consens, Sângerei
Location: Educational Advising Center, Chișinău
- Facebook live: *Civil Society Scholar Awards – success story with Sergiu Musteață*
Facilitator: *Olga Rusu*, program coordinator
Location: Educational Advising Center, Chișinău
- Facebook live: *Civil Society Scholar Awards – success story with Eleonora Andriuța*
Facilitator: *Olga Rusu*, program coordinator
Location: Educational Advising Center, Chișinău
- Facebook live: *Secrets of a Successful CV*
Facilitator: *Olga Rusu*, program coordinator
Location: Educational Advising Center, Chișinău
- Facebook live: *Cover Letter and the Interview*
Facilitator: *Olga Rusu*, program coordinator
Location: Educational Advising Center, Chișinău
- Facebook live: *Study Abroad Opportunities*
Facilitator: *Olga Rusu*, program coordinator
Location: Educational Advising Center, Chișinău

Programs and projects administered in 2021:

1. OSF Regional Programs

Sponsor: Open Society Foundations

Budget: 20.000,00 USD

Aim: promotion and providing of information about regional scholarship programs (international) and opportunities for study abroad, by offering to students, university professors, researchers, leaders and professionals from the Republic of Moldova the possibility to participate in a series of rigorous and competitive educational programs set in an alternative academic and cultural environment.

Target group: students, university professors, researchers, leaders and professionals from Moldova.

2. Bachelor, Master's and Doctoral Degree Scholarships

Sponsor: Central European University

Budget: 2.000,00 EUR

Aim: supporting international academic mobility to enable high school, university graduates and professionals from different fields to obtain a BA, MA or PhD degree by means of full or partial scholarships with the explicit aim of helping the process of transition from dictatorship to democracy in countries of Central and Eastern Europe, and Central Asia.

Target group: high school, university graduates and professionals from the RM.

3. Women's Digital Center, edition 2021

Aim: digital and entrepreneurial education for girls and women from the Republic of Moldova.

I) Sponsor: Orange Foundation Moldova

Budget: 1.133.091,00 MDL

The project supports the development and optimization, within 3 NGOs placed in the regions of Moldova, of the spaces created, dedicated to digital education for women, called WDC, as well as strengthening the partnership initiated with these first 3 regional partners - CONTACT-Cahul, FĂCLIA-Ungheni, CONSENS-Sîngerei - in order to recruit and train the target group to develop digital socialization and communication skills, as well as support in the transition and adaptation to professional life.

Results: Digital centers received grants in the form of financial resources, as well as additional sets of digital equipment relevant to educational activity. At the same time, the training course was completed with 2 new modules (digital).

II) Sponsor: Orange Moldova

Budget: 571.315,00 MDL

The project supports the development and optimization, within 2 NGOs located in the regions of Moldova, of the space created, dedicated to digital education for women, called WDC, as well as strengthening the partnership initiated with these 2 regional partners - AFA-Bălți and Găgăuzia Youth-Comrat - for further recruitment and training of the target group to receive free digital and entrepreneurial training, so that they can later launch, manage and promote a small business or develop necessary and relevant skills in the labor market.

Results: Digital centers have received grants in the form of financial resources, as well as sets of digital equipment relevant to their educational activity.

About 644 women and girls benefited from offline and online trainings, on 4 thematic modules: digital literacy, entrepreneurship, online business promotion, useful applications and website creation - trainings offered within the project by the 5 active digital centers.

4. Solidarity FabLab, edition 2021

Sponsor: Orange Foundation Moldova

Budget: 730.301,00 MDL

Aim: the social and digital inclusion of technology-disadvantaged young people and facilitating their access to the labor market, preparing them for jobs of the future. Young people learn how to properly manage equipment and work tools, to design their own projects from the design stage to the actual production, such as: smart lighting fixtures, logos on plywood, leather or glass, souvenirs produced at 3D printers, embroidered sewing machine accessories, etc.

The first edition of the project "Solidarity FabLab - Knowledge for the future" ended with the awarding of the most innovative projects. These were carried out by young people who, for a year, attended the courses in three regional FabLabs, located in the Theoretical Lyceum "Olimp" in Sângerei, the Business Incubator in Soroca and the District Library in Orhei. The event took place inside FabLab Chişinău. During 2021, free of charge, for a month, young people learned how to properly manage equipment and work tools, to develop their own projects from the design stage to the actual production, such as: smart lighting fixtures, logos on plywood, leather or glass, souvenirs produced on 3D printers, embroidery accessories on the sewing machine, etc. During the project, all the raw materials were provided by the Orange Moldova Foundation.

Partner: Engineering Club MicroLab

Results: Around 140 young people were trained within the project, resulting in 19 innovative projects created by them at the end of the instruction cycle and presented at the event dedicated to the celebration of the project results.

Statistics for 2021:

Consultations (in-person and phone)	6100
Correspondence by e-mail	8400
Website Visitors	21600
Facebook (subscribers)	7000
LinkedIn (connections)	800

