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Maramureş County School Inspectorate- Good Practices in the Educational Integration of Refugees and Migrants

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Introduction

About Maramureș County School Inspectorate

Maramureş County School Inspectorate is a public local body of the Ministry of Education, organized in Maramures County, acting with the purpose of achieving the educational objectives stated in the Law of pre-universitary education.

Its entire activity is based on the Law of preuniversitary education, on Government issued decrees and decisions, on all normative documents and methodologies issued by the Ministry of Education.





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applies the policies and strategies of the Ministry of Education.

supervises law enforcement and monitors the quality of teaching-learning activities and the conformity of national and international standards of performance, by means of school inspection. controls, monitors and assesses the quality of school management, ensuring - together with public administrative local bodies - the schooling of pupils, their attendance throughout mandatory education.

coordinates the process of admission in high-school education, the national exams and the competitions in the schools within Maramureş county. Laws regarding the educational integration of migrants and refugees

In the framework of the armed conflict in Ukraine, The Maramureş County School Inspectorate has been continuously seeking to find solutions for the educational integration of children from conflict areas.

According to the Romanian legislation, minor foreign citizens can be enrolled in the following educational activities:

- as an audient student within a certain group/class of pupils;
- -in after-school activities, without registering as audient student;
- for counselling and psychopaedagogical assistance;
- -recognition of studies and enrolling as fullterm student in the Romanian educational system.

In addition, they can also ask for:

- school boarding;
- school meals;
- school transport;
- hospital schooling (if their situation requires it).



Regarding approval of the Committee for coordination of assigning preschool/school pupils to the school institutions where they can attend educational activities, as well as to institutions where they can benefit from counselling and psychopaedagogical assistance, regarding the procedure for organising and functioning of the committee and for approval of the Procedure for enrolling minors from war conflicts in Ukraine as audients in the Romanian school system.

ORDER no. 15 from 27th February 2022, regarding providing support and humanitarian assistance by the Romanian state to foreigners or stateless people situations, from the zone of armed conflict in Ukraine.

ORDER no. 6127 from 22nd October 2022, regarding the simplified assessment procedure for schooling and enrollment in a certain year of study.



Cooperation of The Maramureş County School Inspectorate with other public bodies and NGOs in order to integrate foreign minor citizens in the educational system in Maramures County

• partner institutions:

The Immigration Bureau of Maramures County;
The General Department of Social Service and Child Protection Maramures;
The Inspectorate for Emergency Situations of Maramures County;
The County Council of Maramures.

partner NGOs:
ASSOC Baia Mare;
Diecezana Caritas Greek-Catholic Association Maramureş;
Save the Children Organisation;
YMCA Federation Romania (Comunity Center ROUA).





Educational integration of minor citizens from the conflict area in Ukraine in schools of Maramures county

The Maramures County School Inspectorate support included:

1. Ensuring acces to educational service by creating classes taught in Ukrainian at preschool, primary and secondary level.

During the school year of 2022 - 2023, there were 199 Ukrainian students enrolled in the schools of Maramures county:

- 168 pupils were enrolled at Secondary School of Crăciunești, in classes taught in Ukrainian;
- 31 pupils were assigned to other schools in the county of Maramures, in classes taught in Romanian.

The pupils enrolled at Secondary School of Crăciunești were assigned at:

- Dr. Victor Babes School Baia Mare: 2 primary classes and 2 secondary classes
- Taras Sevcenko Pedagogical High-School Sighetu-Marmatiei: 1primary and 1 secondary class.

In addition, two kindergarden classes were established with teaching in Ukrainian.



2022/2023 school year was about

Safety

Covering the basic needs

Making first steps in Romania

2023/2024 school year is about

Educational inclusion and integration

Gaining sustainability

Making bonds between Romanian and Ukrainian communities



2023/2024

This school year, up to now, there are 143 pupils enrolled, of which 48 have gone through the process of study recognition, the others going through different stages of the process currently.



2. Offering support through various funding and programmes, as well as providing qualified teachers speakers of Ukrainian, in order to ensure an accessible, inclusive, quality education for children coming from conflict areas.

The classes were taught by 24 teachers, as follows: 3 primary school teachers and 19 secondary school teachers, all speakers of Ukrainian, to which were added 2 teachers from Ukraine, hired with the support of Save the Children NGO. The teaching was done entirely in Ukrainian.



- 3. Providing specific training sessions and programmes on diversity, intercultural paedagogy and language development for teachers working in schools with refugee children.
- 4. Enhancing children's acces to Romanian language classes so as to acquire specific knowledge, through the introduction of 4 hours per week of Romanian language.
- 5. Inclusion in projects where they benefited from educational activities with NGO volunteers, school supplies, furniture, textbooks in Romanian and Ukrainian, teaching/educational games, laptops and free transport.
- 6. Training courses for teachers who teach Romanian as foreign language.
- 7. Providing detailed information to Ukrainian parents about the educational options for their children, allowing them to take the best decisions. This aspect was constantly ensured by the presence in the Maramureş County School Inspectorate of a Ukrainian native speaker Inspector whose role included communication with the parents of pupils from conflict areas in Ukraine.
- 8. Involving Ukrainian pupils' participation in extracurricular activities meant to facilitate their integration in the Romanian school system.

Examples of extracurricular activities







1. Visit to the Village Museum in Baia Mare











2. International Day of Tolerance









3.Santa Claus is coming







4.Mother's Day - 8th of March









5. Green Week



























7.International Birds' Day: April 1st









8. Certificate award at the end of school year











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Thank you!

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