# Terre des hommes in Romania: Annual Report for 2022





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### About us

Terre des hommes Foundation aims to improve the child protection system and has set the support of children affected by migration as a priority, as well as the prevention of insecure migration of young people and ensuring access to the fundamental rights of migrant children.

Terre des hommes (Tdh) is an independent, neutral and impartial Swiss non-governmental organization for the protection of children's rights, with an active delegation in Romania since 1992 (last year we celebrated our 30th anniversary here).

Currently, Tdh is among the few organizations in Romania that carry out special projects for children affected by migration or children who come into contact with justice and in the area of juvenile justice (protecting children in contact with the law, child victims or offenders). Every year, thousands of children and parents are beneficiaries of Tdh's activities in these areas. The organization uses innovative principles such as mentoring, children's participation in society, Movement, Play and Sport methodology. Tdh also contributes to the improvement of the child protection system and to the reform of social assistance, and regularly publishes free resources for professionals, but also for children and parents, promoting respect for the rights of all children. For more details, go to www.tdh.ro.

We are committed to making significant and lasting changes in the lives of children and young people, especially those most at risk. In Romania our work focuses on communities in Dolj, Olt, Gorj, Valcea, Brasov, Constanta, and Bacau counties and in Bucharest, where most of our development team is based. We develop child-friendly practices and specific

methodologies for professionals working with them, with an emphasis on the mental balance and resilience, and we help children overcome the cycle of poverty through education.

Terre des hommes is recognized in Romania for:

- child participation (involving children in the projects and asking their opinions, in order to make sure our projects respond to their exact needs)
- training of professionals in child protection our rich educational resources that we offer to children and child professionals (with free access) through our website, Youtube channel (Terre des hommes Romania) and the Childhub.org platform (brochures, courses, webinars, videos). In the following pages you can read about our achievements in 2022.

We are proudly presenting them, but we must underline they were possible thanks to our team, our partners and our donors in 2022. Thank you to everyone! There is still so much to do for all the children in need.

## Context in 2022

With the beginning of the war in 2022 in Ukraine, a neighbouring country, Terre des hommes Romania has adapted its (usually development oriented) activities and strived to respond to the immediate needs of children, youth and mothers arriving in Romania. We have also responded to psychosocial and mental health needs of refugee families, and offered tailored individual assistance. Our intervention has supported approx 11,000 refugees, 10% of the Ukrainians who found refuge in Romania. At the same time, we continued our work to strengthen the child protection and justice systems in Romania.

# Our activity in numbers in 2022



- 2.954.059 CHF the total budget
- 9,110 children and youth benefited from our activities and services
- approx **11,000 Ukrainian refugees** supported (10% of those who found refuge in Romania)
- **3.209 professionals** were trained to provide improved child protection services
  - 18 projects implemented of which six new ones



## **Our Child Protection Projects in 2022**

### A. PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AND ABUSE THEME

As violence is threatening the physical and mental health of children in various environments, Terre des hommes has initiated several long term projects that protect children against abuse, neglect, and exploitation. We mobilise communities to prevent risk situations and we train multidisciplinary professionals such as social workers and teachers to better protect children. Building the resilience of children and youth and ensuring their participation in decision-making are key elements of our work. To improve the lives of disadvantaged children in Romania, we invest in their education, health, social services and infrastructure.

# REVIS- RESPONDING TO PEER VIOLENCE AMONG CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS AND ADJACENT SETTINGS

The REVIS project – "Responding to peer violence among children in schools and adjacent settings" was implemented in Romania by Terre des hommes Foundation and is co-funded from "Rights, Equality and Citizenship" (2014-2020) Programme of the European Union.

The Guide "Child led projects on school violence prevention" was created within the REVIS project: Responding to peer violence among children (in schools and adjacent settings).

Pupils from 10 high schools – included in the REVIS programme - have initiated, under their teachers' guidance, projects that aim to raise awareness and reduce violence in schools: posters, drawings, wall painting, theatre plays, etc. During the activities, some teenagers took up the leader's role, each pupil trying to integrate in the project group and make himself useful, the webinar participants showed.

### **ACTIV - ACT Against Violence!**

A study was published regarding the types of violence encountered in schools in Romania. According to pupils we consulted for the study, physical violence, innapropriate sexual behavior and medium-level bullying are the forms of violence which children face most often. The study undertaken at the end of 2021 included opinions from pupils and teachers in 15 schools in Romania. It is one of the first in Eastern Europe which takes into consideration gender-based violence in schools as well, and it covered three countries (Romania, Moldova, Ukraine). It is also one of the few including the opinion of children and detailing their everyday experiences, as well as how their perspectives differ from the teachers' perspectives. Our aim was to understand the micro-environment of schools and how violence manifests within them, how its is perceived by both adults and children and we used it to adapat our intervetion and recommendations for all stakeholders.

We trained 230 teachers in Romania and 78 teachers in the Republic of Moldova in order to better understand violence and gender-based violence. We created Children Advisory Boards in 20 schools (15 in Romania and 5 in the Republic of Moldova), each of them meeting at least 14 times during the school year to engage in exercises and discuss what improvements can be brought to their school environment in terms of reducing violence. We developed and published the methodology for teachers and the methodology for the CABs.

The project aims to bring positive changes with regards to gender-based violence in the school environment, at the level of attitude and behavior on the part of children, at the level of strategies for addressing violence by teachers, starting from a better understanding of social norms, stereotypes, prejudices that underlie negative attitudes and through the involvement of children, who become active actors of change.

The ACTIV-ACT Against Violence! project is carried out by Terre des hommes Elvetia (Romania), in partnership with the Representation in the Republic of Moldova of Terre des Hommes Lausanne Foundation – Switzerland and the Separate Division of Terre des Hommes Foundation in Ukraine, with the financial support of the Active Citizens Fund Romania, a program funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through the EEA Grants 2014-2021.

### SAFEGUARDING RESOURCE AND SUPPORT HUB EASTERN EUROPE (RSH EE)

RSH EE is a regional initiative hosted in Romania by the Terre des hommes Foundation. Through the Hub, we aim to reach out to local CSOs providing aid to refugees from Ukraine to build and consolidate their safeguarding system and practices.

We are most proud of the following achievements:

- An <u>online platform</u> available in 5 languages: Romanian, English, Ukrainian, Polish, and Russian
- A <u>resource library</u> encompassing 104 resources with 44 developed by the Hub; the safe recruitment tip sheet for Romania stands out among these;
- The Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Glossary in Romanian
- A <u>country needs assessment</u> looking at the safeguarding landscape in Romania and a <u>disability needs assessment</u> mapping the safeguarding needs of refugees from Ukraine
- A national roundtable with 17 organisations of and for people with disabilities to validate the results of the disability needs assessment and consult on the Hub strategy.
- A podcast on the safeguarding basics recorded in Romanian (#112)
- The <u>e-learning Safeguarding Matters: Eastern Europe</u>, that follows the safeguarding journey of a fictional CSO in Eastern Europe responding to an emergency situation.
- A <u>Helpdesk service</u> providing free safeguarding advice in Romanian
- A <u>Directory of consultants</u> from the region (including Romania) who can support local CSOs

The RSH Eastern Europe programme is delivered by a consortium, with Social Development Direct (SDDirect) as technical and delivery lead, together with partners Terre des hommes, Clear Global, and the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA). It is funded by the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC).

### **KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN SPORTS**

Terre des hommes Foundation has ended a project in which we worked together with the National Authority for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Children and Adoptions, with the Romanian Football Federation and the Romanian Gymnastics Federation and has trained professionals from several sports so that they perfect the measures of protecting children. The Foundation has also made available to them and the public an impressive array of new and complex resources on the subject - from online courses to manuals, brochures, infographics, podcasts and webinars. All can now be found for free on the website www.tdh.ro and the platform www.childhub.org.

We initiated solid partnerships with these institutions and sports clubs. Together we developed a complex document describing the safeguarding procedures, respectively protecting the safety and protection of the child in sports.

"Keeping Children Safe in Sports" was funded through the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme of the European Union – REC-RDAP-GBV-AG-2018.

### SAFE SPORT ALLIES

In continuation of our efforts in the sports field, we joined the SAFE SPORT ALLIES -Safeguarding children from violence and abuse in local sport clubs. Our goal is to combat psychological, physical and sexual violence, and proactively safeguard children in sport, through development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of a bystander intervention that will allow athletes, parents, coaches and managers to adequately react to child abuse in sport. Safe Sport Allies is a collaborative partnership between three sport organisations, two universities and one research center, one international child protection agency, one safe sport practice developer and one survivor led organisation from different European countries (Belgium, the Netherlands, Finland, Spain, Cyprus and Romania) and complementary background, tradition, experience and expertise in safeguarding policies in and outside sport.

### **B. PROJECTS SUPPORTING EDUCATION**



"For me it was an experience that showed me how much I have to learn in the field I choose for my future. I have certainly gained clarity on the steps I have to take," says Amalia.

### NOROC Norwegian-Romanian Initiative for Quality in Education

The overall objective of the 2 years project is to ensure that children have access to fair and quality education by supporting and implementing measures to prevent early school dropout. Other measures considered are those who facilitate the transition rate from primary to secondary education, and from secondary to high school.

In 2022, school principals were informed about the project activities and the team has visited 12 schools in the field, in an effort to asses the needs of teachers, parents and pupils. Methodologies and individual plans for intervention were ellaborated for the 20 schools involved in the project.

Our partners in the project are Asociația de Sprijin a Copiilor Handicapați Fizic (Romania) and FAFO Norway. The project 'The Initiative 'NOROC in Education' - A NOrwegian - ROmanian Initiative for Quality in Education' benefits from a 998.000 € grant from Norway through the Local Development Program. The aim of the project is to improve the quality of educational services, especially in rural areas in 5 counties of Romania.

### TAKEOVER DAY -an original Terre des hommes initiative (XI editions)

On the XIth edition of the Takeover Day project, 53 Romanian and Ukrainian children (12-18 years) tested the profession they dreamed of, celebrating the International Day of Children's Rights. Under the guidance of a coordinator, children and adolescents had the opportunity to choose their desired professions. Then, the coordinator of the group identified the right mentors (the appropriate professionals) and facilitated the meetings on. The professions taken over by children and adolescents ranged from psychologist, teacher, air traffic controller, programmer to doctor, forensic policeman, prosecutor, etc.

"Takeover Day" celebrates the right of all children and young people to participate in society and takes place every year around the International Children's Rights Day, on November 20. In 2022, we also organized a celebration event of Takeover Day that brought together a group of about 60 people, Ukrainian children temporarily settled in Brasov, Bucharest and Constanta, as well as Romanian children from Bucharest, their parents, mentors, coordinators and part of the Terre des hommes Romania team.

For the children, the main benefit was access to mentors in their community. They have initiated a mentoring relationship that will continue and, as they told us, some children consolidated their choice and gained strong motivation to study the field in question, while others became aware of the challenges of the job. These are the jobs that children have shown interest in: teacher, air traffic controller, programmer, doctor and psychologist. The fact that they have been encouraged to actively participate in the role has given them confidence in themselves and in others, helps them to understand that they are important and that they must become active citizens in society.

# Our migration Projects in 2022



Photo from activities with Ukrainian children in Bucharest

*"For now we are 9-10 people, but this is an opportunity. If we can help change what happens in the next 8-10 years in Romania for foreign nationals, it is worth the effort", said Ali, a young member of the Consultative Forum we created.* 

In Romania, children are affected by migration in various ways: some migrate with their parents, some are left behind by them; others children return home or come to Romania from war-torn countries; and some are without parental care and in need of protection in EU countries. We intervene with long term solutions, for example in order to facilitate the integration of migrant/refugee children in Romania, we engage them in educational, social, mentoring and sports activities, and connect them to local youth. The situation of refugee children is increasingly worrying in the current context. One in three children living outside their home country is a refugee, international statistics show. According to ROMANIA'S RESPONSE TO THE UKRAINIAN REFUGEE CRISIS report, published in January 2023, at 5 January 2023, the figures were:

- 3.242.209 Ukrainian arrivals at the border
- 107.241 Ukrainian refugees in-country
- 47.851 Ukrainian children in-country
- 103.773 Ukrainian refugees with Temporary Protection
- 4.397 Ukrainian Asylum Seekers

### **ICAMNET - Inclusion of Children Affected by Migration**

A specific methodology was developed within ICAM project (Inclusion of Children Affected by Migration) which aims at changing European schools into more friendly and more inclusive environments for migrant children. This methodology is considered the best school practice by the European Union.

We facilitated meetings and events that brought together hundreds of teachers and decision makers in this domain.

ICAM project was funded by EU Erasmus+ programme. Terre des hommes România foundation is part of this project along with The Northampton Centre for Learning Behaviour (NCfLB), ACCESophia from Spain, ICARO from Italy, Prahova County School Inspectorate - România (ISJPh), Eurochild from Belgium, their associated partners from every country and some of the best school inclusion professionals.

# CASTLE - Children Left Behind by Labour Migration: Supporting Moldovan and Ukrainian Transnational Families in the EU

Our goals is to support the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine in improving their protection frameworks and knowledge of transnational families in relation to the social and legal impacts of labour migration to the European Union.

A unique research on transnational families was conducted by the Center for the Study of Transnational Families within Babeş-Bolyai University in Cluj, our partners in the CASTLE action-project "Children left at home as a result of labor migration". A summary of the research in English can be found here. The qualitative social research is the result of the almost one-year effort of the 3 research partners, supported by Terre des hommes delegations from Romania, Ukraine, and Moldova, which address the situation of children left at home in the context of migration. Compared to adults, children, and young people see leaving and staying in a more nuanced, open, and fluid manner and are often secretly critical of them, considering migration to be apparently unnecessary or as one that should be limited by a certain objective and to a certain period of time.

The research is accompanied by a series of legislative, political, and action recommendations, such as: creating international legislative frameworks to facilitate the departure of parents abroad accompanied by their minor children; specialised training courses in the field of transnational migration and families, including legislation, data, practices and policies for professionals and the inclusion of professionals trained in the relevant institution.

An important component of the CASTLE Action is the development of an awareness-raising campaign to better inform transnational families and stakeholders about the reality and practical problems of labour migration in Moldova and Ukraine. This campaign is based on the YouCreate methodology, which was developed by Terre des hommes and promotes self-

driven creative and digital art projects to support the well-being and protection of children and young people in migration.

The CASTLE Action Project is co-financed by the European Union, contracted by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) through the Migration Partnership Facility (MPF) - ICMPD/2021/MPF-357-004. The project is implemented by Babeş-Bolyai University in Cluj, in partnership with Terre des hommes Elvetia Foundation (Tdh Romania delegation), Terre des hommes Moldova, Terre des hommes Ukraine, Ukrainian Institute of Social Research after Oleksandr Yaremenko and the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova. The main objective of this project is to support the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine in improving child protection frameworks and migration and mobility policies, with a focus on the social and legal impact of labour migration on transnational families.

### **PROMISE - Protection of Unaccompanied Foreign Minors**

Together with our partner, JRS Association (Jesuit Service for Refugees in Romania) we created a Consultative Migrant Forum in Romania, composed of 11 young migrants who are dedicated to advocating for migrants' rights in Romania. We held a 3-day advocacy training for them and are now organizing thematic sessions with them in order to propose possible solutions and avenues of action in terms of advocating for their needs in the country.

We worked with an expert lawyer in developing a legal compendium and a training curricula for lawyers who are interested in the thematic of helping minor migrants through their legal proceedings in the country, and we held 4 training sessions with 11 lawyers. We disseminated the materials to 51 other lawyers interested in the topic from Romania.

We worked with a team of research experts to develop a research methodology and interview guides, and began researching the situation of migrant minors in Romania and their contact with the formal system in Timisoara, Bucharest, Galati and Somcuta Mare. We have interviewed minors, representatives of state institutions (Border Police, Authority for Child Protection), and will soon be interviewing representatives of NGOs which work in the field, to produce a Standard for Respecting the Superior Rights of the Minor in Romania.

Our goal within the PROMISE project - the Protection of Unaccompanied Foreign Minors - is to improve the access of minors and young migrants to fundamental rights and public services through advocacy activities, providing free legal assistance services, information, training and increasing the capacity of vulnerable groups to participate in the decision-consultative process. It also aims to support inter-institutional collaboration between public

and foreign institutions to ensure respect for the interests of minors, as well as to improve policies, practices, attitudes and legislation.

The project is carried out by Terre des hommes Foundation and JRS Association (Jesuit Service for Refugees in Romania), between May 2022 and November 2023, with the financial support of the Active Citizens Fund Romania, a program funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through the EEA Grants 2014-2021.

# HOW WE SUPPORTED UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN ROMANIA (CHILDREN AND FAMILIES)



Since the beginning of the war in 2022, Terre des hommes Romania has strived to respond to the immediate needs of children, youth and mothers arriving in Romania in terms of protection, mental health and psycho-social support, as well as individual assistance tailored for different situations. Our goal was to make sure children were safely enjoying their childhood in spite of the difficult circumstances.

We concentrated our work in Bucharest (two mobile teams), then later in Brasov (one mobile team) and Constanta (one mobile team through a local partner), the three cities with the highest density of Ukrainian refugees in Romania according to UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) data. By the end of December, our Terre des hommes multi-disciplinary teams in Romania had delivered services in two transit centres (Filaret bus station and Gara de Nord train station) and 11 permanent and semi-permanent centres hosting refugees, reaching **15'788 beneficiaries** (non-unique) between April and December 2022.

First, we fostered a safe and playful environment for children, which offered a short break from the worries of fleeing their countries and a moment of rest for the parents. Child-friendly spaces were set up in several transit areas and semi-residential centers in Bucharest, where mobile teams were working for the well-being of children and mothers. We facilitated play, we used specific methodologies and paid extra attention to their emotions, to inclusion and participation. On the other hand, we informed and assisted parents, we offered them different types of individual kits (such as hygiene and educational), but also psychological first aid when needed. Tdh also supported the guidance of volunteers by providing specific online training material, as free online resources available to everyone.

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On the one hand, in transit locations, individuals have been supported through the following direct services: Psychological First Aid (PFA), adapted information, accompaniment to health providers, Mental Health Psychological and Social Support (MHPSS), translation, information on local rights, help with getting legal status (Temporary Protection), family reunification, transport to services, housing conditions support, local school/kindergarten registration and referrals.

In permanent and semi-permanent centres, Tdh mobile teams provided individual and group MHPSS activities, adapted information, referrals, individual protection assistance (IPA), translations and support for local school/kindergarten registration. Moreover, based on identified needs, we have offered material support to centres (hygienic products, food, medicine, furniture, pillows, renovation etc.). Hygiene, educational, recreational and winterization kits as well as food vouchers have been distributed to both children and adults during the intervention.

We have provided tailored protection assistance to Ukrainian families either individually or in partnership with residential centers for refugees and other NGOs. Educators and teams were trained to apply the Movement, Game, Sports and Creativity, a methodology that Terre des hommes has developed in war affected areas. Integration and socializing events with hundreds of participants were organized, bringing together Romanians and Ukrainians.

Our teams offered Ukrainian families the chance to connect with the Romanian community, while also providing them with the means to deal with practical problems and alleviate the suffering caused by war and uprooting. At the same time, we informed the parents about educational options for their children, as any interruption or lack in this field can cause irreversible damage. In Bucharest (and later in Brasov) a hub that includes a 3D laboratory has been set up for socializing and integration events (the Resilience and Integration Facility), but also for workshops that develop talents and encourage children and teens to continue their education.

In Brasov we also organized different events for children and families on topics focusing from literacy to sports and getting to know the Romanian culture, while our partners in Constanța, The Civic Resource Centre in Constanta, has also implemented activities in the region.

The project was implemented with the financiar support of Crisis and Support Center of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France, the City of Zurich, Oak Foundation, Z Zurich Foundation, Swiss Solidarity and UNHCR, The UN Refugee Agency.

# PROJECTS FOR BETTER ACCESS TO JUSTICE (FOR TEENAGERS AND MINORS)



Photo from the FabLab in Targu Ocna

"We made the app. That's where our ideas are, because we know what we missed in the penitentiary.... What impressed me during the creation of the app: the freedom to speak, to express my opinion."

Terre des hommes pleads for an efficient justice system for children and youth that makes use of psychosocial intervention, mentoring, reintegration, rehabilitation, restorative justice, legal assistance and support for children and young people in contact with the law.

We also develop specific methodologies and tools for professionals who work with children in contact with the justice system. The goal is to implement child-friendly practices and to provide support with an emphasis on improved mental health and resilience.

**PRECISION** Promote Rehabilitation, Empowerment of Children and Support for Youth Offenders

The PRECISION project – Promote Rehabilitation, Empowerment of Children and Support for Youth Offenders was implemented by Terre des hommes Foundation as a pilot-project in Romania with the purpose of providing children and youth in detention the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills (literacy, professional skills, life skills, self-esteem, motivation, social skills etc.) necessary for a successful rehabilitation in society. The project is co-financed by Medicor Foundation.

The project focused on the needs of re-education and social-professional reintegration processes and it extended the opportunity for children and youth in educational and detention centres in Romania to have a chance of a future.

The project facilitated the establishment of a knowledge repository and tools to be employed by policymakers and practitioners with the aim to enable them and to promote a better understanding of the challenges ecountered by children and youth within the legal system as well as upon their release from detention. Also, the project developped a model centered around individualised case management. The model comprises a package of services which respond to the rehabilitation needs of youth offenders and enhance the skills of professionals working with children and youth in detention centres. Increasing awareness among personnel and advocating for the importance of unique needs of children and/youth in detention, as well as for the importance of programmes focused on individual factors that lead to boosted self-esteem, enhanced mental health and behavioural transformation.

Partners of the project: Detention Center in Craiova, Detention Centre in Brăila-Tichilești, Educational Centre in Targu Ocna, Educational Centre in Buziaș, and National Administration of Penitentiaries.

**i-RESTORE 2.0** "Accessible Quality Restorative Justice processes for children in contact with the law in Europe"

Terre des hommes Romania launched the i-RESTORE 2.0 project – "Accessible Quality Restorative Justice processes for children in contact with the law in Europe". i-RESTORE 2.0 is a continuation of i-RESTORE phase 1, and in this second phase the project aims at making accessible quality restorative justice processes for children in contact with the law. The project is co-financed by the European Union.

Child Advisory Boards (CABs) have been set-up in each of the four target countries (Romania, Greece, Estonia, and the Netherlands) to integrate children's voices in the implementation of the project.

Policy Working Groups have been set-up in each of the four target countries to find solutions and improve restorative practices with children and youth.

Awareness circles have also been set-up in schools in these four target countries with children, families, teachers, school representatives, and representatives of victims' support organisations to increase awareness on how children can better access restorative practices.

The e-learning course on restorative justice with children was updated and it is now accessible in 7 European languages.

Partners of the project: Terre des hommes Romania, Terre des hommes Regional Hub in Hungary, Terre des hommes Hellas, European Forum for Restorative Justice (Belgium), Restorative Justice Netherlands, HALT (Netherlands), and Social Insurance Board (Estonia).

### **CLEAR RIGHTS**

The CLEAR RIGHTS project – strengthening legal assistance for children in Europe was initiated with the aim to respond to a lack of access for children to quality legal assistance. The project included training workshops for lawyers, who learned how to enhance the justice system for children in Romania, Hungary, France, Belgium and the Netherlands and as well as to collaborate with children who have experienced trauma in a courtroom setting. The project is co-financed by the European Union.

Children, both victims and those suspected and/or accused of crime, have been involved in the development of a digital tool for evaluating legal aid. Also, through the Children's Consultative Councils (CCC), they took part in the design and development of creative awareness-raising materials on the rights of suspected or accused young people. Some of them came up with constructive suggestions: "I think it would be useful to have a website where children and young people in prisons can learn more about the lawyers who represent them and the psychologists who could help them." (Bogdan Giubega, CCC member)

Partners of the project: Terre des hommes Romania, Terre des hommes Regional Hub in Hungary, PILnet (Hungary), Alliance of Lawyers for Human Rights (France), Defence for Children International Belgium and Defence for Children International Netherlands.

#### FOCUS on my needs - Working together for children in criminal proceedings

"FOCUS on my needs – Working together for children in criminal proceedings" was funded by Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme of the European Union and led by Terre des hommes Foundation in partnership with the Child Circle Belgium, Institute of Social Activities and Practices (SAPI) Bulgaria, Defense for Children International (DCI-ECPAT), Netherland, Child Rights Centre, Serbia.

The project's main aims was to ensure that children in contact with the law, as victims and those suspected and/or accused of crime, receive personalised care and benefit from tailored support and interventions by promoting the adoption of rigurous and multidisciplinary individual assessment procedures, which included including the utilisation of restorative justice processes.

Project's main outputs included:

• One European review of existing tools, practices, and procedures for the individual assessment of the circumstances & needs of children in criminal proceedings, in particular in partner countries

• One regional trainers' workshop and ten national training sessions for multi-disciplinary professionals to address knowledge, attitudes, skills, and habits in relation to individual assessment of children in criminal proceedings

• Five Child Advisory Board and one Child Advisory Board meeting on a monthly basis in each partner country, and 5 child-led video materials, leaflets and awareness raising campaigns through the use of media and the arts

• One practitioner's e-learning course, accessible and open to professionals across Europe in six languages: <u>https://focus.justicewithchildren.org/en/learning</u>

• Piloting individual assessment resources in 5 countries in Europe to support the proper development and/or use of individual assessments with child victims and children suspected and/or accused of crime

• A Road Map for strengthening individual assessment processes, including Quality Standards, and a range of other resources: https://focus.justicewithchildren.org/en/tools

• A website providing a technical interface of resources to support the process of developing and/or conducting systematic multidisciplinary individual assessments with children in six languages

• Five national advocacy meetings with key stakeholders to promote the use of better processes and to build ownership of assessment tools

- · Five sustainability plans developed to further roll out the assessment tools
- One final conference to present the results of the project and share the sustainability plans.

### SOLIDARITY FAB LAB TARGU OCNA

The Solidarity FabLab Laboratory was created and supported by Terre des hommes Foundation with the financial support of the Orange Foundation, within the Târgu Ocna Technological High School, Romania. Under the guidance of a specialized teacher, threedimensional design and printing IT courses were held for students from Târgu Ocna and the surrounding high schools, young people from the Educational Center and young people without education or unemployed. The aim was to train them in the digital field and increase their chances of finding a job.

Students and teachers from Târgu Ocna organized a Fair of Products made by them through 3D printing in the Solidarity FabLab digital technology laboratory. The collaboration between the students from Solidarity FabLab Târgu Ocna and the local industries or professionals was effectively facilitated as a result.

We reached 500 children and young people from vulnerable groups, disadvantaged categories, children in conflict with the law and children on the move and made sure they have access to courses and a community of support from local organizations, private companies and entrepreneurs.

The Solidarity FabLab Târgu Ocna project was implemented by Terre des hommes Foundation between 2021 and 2023, with a funding of 53,213 euros granted by the Orange Group Foundation and the Orange Romania Foundation.

### **OUR PUBLICATIONS IN 2022**



You can find below links to the brochures that we created and published online on our website as guides or useful tools for professionals in contact with children and youth. The links lead to the Digital Library on <u>www.tdh.ro</u>, our website in Romanian and English.

### **RESOURCES FOR SAFEGUARDING**

Ghid de bune practici în safeguarding pentru siguranța copiilor în sport :

Romanian version

English version

Greek version

### **RESOURCES REGARDING MINORS AND THEIR ACCESS TO JUSTICE**

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Participarea minorilor și tinerilor la dezvoltarea de politici, programe și măsuri în context juridic;

Minorii și drepturile lor în proceduri penale : Evaluarea individuală a tinerilor în contact cu legea;

"Bune practici în sprijinul tinerilor privați de libertate";

- English version
- Romanian version

Solidarity FabLab TÂRGU OCNA oferă educație digitală tinerilor pentru viitoarea lor profesie;

Ghid: Standarde de calitate pentru asistența juridică acordată copiilor suspectați sau acuzați;

Revizuirea la nivel european a practicilor și a lacunelor din sistemele de asistență judiciară pentru copiii din Belgia, Franța, Ungaria, România și Țările de Jos;

Memoriu: Criterii minime de acreditare recomandate avocaților care apără copiii aflați în conflict cu legea

O justiție restaurativă prietenoasă cu copiii și tinerii

Proiectul Clear Rights - un sprijin oferit practicienilor în domeniul justiției pentru copii și tineri;

### **RESOURCES ON VIOLENCE**

<u>Violența bazată pe gen în școlile din România, Moldova și Ucraina</u> <u>Raport de training : ACTIV: ACȚionează Împotriva Violenței !</u>

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