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Beneficiary: Jesuit Refugee Service Romania (JRS Romania)
Partner: Novapolis Association – Center of Analysis and Initiatives for Development
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Press Release

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in Romania, in partnership with Novapolis Association – Center of Analysis and Initiatives for Development are launching the project „My Place - The Multifunctional Cultural Center- a bridge to the integration of third-country nationals (TCNs) in Romania“.

The project is funded through the European Fund for Integration of third-country nationals, under the General Program “Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows” (ref: IF/12.02-04.01) of the European Union, managed in Romania by the Ministry of Internal Affairs through the Schengen Directorate as Responsible Authority and the General Immigration Inspectorate as Contracting Authority.

The project is implemented for 21 months, in two stages. The first one is implemented from October 2013 until June 2014.

The general purpose of the project is to support the communities of foreigners, third-country nationals (TCNs) by creating a Multifunctional Cultural Center and development within the Centre of social, recreational, educational and cultural activities, that facilitate an adequate environment for supporting multi and intercultural activities, developed with the support and direct involvement of TCNs.

Direct beneficiaries of the project are the third-country nationals with legal stay on the Romanian territory, including TCNs with permanent stay or with family reunification visa, students, workers and foreigners who are family members of a Romanian citizens etc.

The main activities of the project in Stage I include:

- **Establish, refurbish and equip the Multifunctional Cultural Center according the project's objectives.**
- **Develop an information campaign and promote the activities of the Multifunctional Cultural Center and to set up an Information Point.**
- **Identify and inform the beneficiaries, consult with the foreigners' communities in order to match the Center's cultural and multicultural activities with their needs.**
- **Organize socio-cultural activities addressed to the target group such as: multicultural events, culinary evenings, exhibitions, tea-house and library.**
- **Organize socio-recreational activities such as: sport activities, internet Cafe, cultural cinema, activities for children and a Children's Room.**
- **Organize socio-educational activities such as: thematic meetings, workshops on social issues regarding integration into the Romanian society, workshops on creativity, art and socio-therapy and events requested by the TCNs.**

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The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in Romania (www.jrsromania.org) is a non-governmental, independent, non-profit, apolitical and democratic organization that supports and promotes the fundamental rights of refugees and displaced people. The JRS Mission is to accompany refugees and displaced people, to serve them in any situation and advocate for their cause before the authorities and civil society.

Novapolis Association – Center of Analysis and Initiatives for Development (www.novapolis.ro) is a non-governmental organization specialized in projects' implementation in the social field, immigration and integration of foreigners in Romania, labour migration and European workforce mobility, education and promotion of democratic values. In these fields, Novapolis Association, through its members, has developed technical expertise in research, communication and public relations, project management, education and training, social inclusion of vulnerable groups.