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ABOUT CLR

The **Centre for Legal Resources (CLR)** is a non-governmental organization, established in 1998 by the Open Society Foundation, which actively advocates for the establishment and operation of a legal and institutional framework that safeguards the observance of human rights and equal opportunities, free access to fair justice and which contributes to the capitalization of its legal expertise for the general public interest.



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OBJECTIVES



VOLUNTEERS

"The diversity of tasks I had to undertake as a CLR volunteer is another aspect that delighted me throughout my volunteer period, as I felt I was learning about human rights in an extremely dynamic manner - from contributing to informative materials about vulnerable groups and analyzing certain National Audiovisual Council decisions regarding hate speech, to creating visual materials based on feminist poetry."

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DIRECTIONS OF ACTION AND **PROGRAMS**

The Centre for Legal Resources (CLR) operates through its team of lawyers and human rights experts on multiple levels:

- We conduct monitoring visits, take on cases of rights violations of institutionalized individuals with disabilities, and go through all the procedural steps necessary for the realization of these rights;
- We make proposals for improving the legislative framework regarding human rights, or for creating standards where none exist;
- We follow the implementation of public policies in the field of human rights and integrity, and identify vulnerabilities in the system.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

The programme, active since 2003, has started to focus less on the adoption of legislation in the field of anti-discrimination and more on the effective implementation of anti-discrimination legislation.

ADVOCATE FOR DIGNITY

The programme was launched in 2003 as a pioneering approach in defending the rights of institutionalized people with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities, through a system of unannounced, regular monitoring visits aimed at identifying and bringing to the public authorities' attention the way in which the law regarding the protection of the rights of institutionalized people with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities is being enforced.

JUSTICE AND RULE OF LAW

The programme aims to improve citizens' access to justice, to contribute to the strengthening of institutions that ensure the protection of human rights and the rule of law.

OBJECTIVES

- equality mainstreaming in Romanian laws and policies, especially those with a direct impact on vulnerable groups
- an increased capacity of civil society organizations and the members of vulnerable groups to combat discrimination, and a Romanian public which is more aware of discrimination and its effects.

To achieve these objectives, the programme includes activities such as: Advocacy; Monitoring and reporting; Training and capacity building; Watchdog activities.

BUDGET FOR THE PROGRAMME EUR 59,278.00



PROJECTS



■ **Non-discrimination, Beyond Words (2021-2023)**

The project aimed at raising awareness about the high level of Romanian society to accept and internalise hate speech within the public space and to capacitate citizens to identify, report and combat hate speech, including through de-constructing of bias towards various groups vulnerable to discrimination (myth busting of bias), providing tools and easy access to information.

The project was funded through the Active Citizens Fund Romania, financed by Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway through the EEA Grants 2014-2021.

■ **INTEGRIS: Integrated Support for Human Rights (2021-2023)**

The project aimed to support and strengthen the capacity of vulnerable groups to exercise and defend their fundamental rights and to combat discrimination and it addresses to people belonging to groups vulnerable to discrimination, especially women, Roma and LGBT+ people, from all over the country. It was also aimed at lawyers and legal specialists, representatives of NGOs working with people belonging to vulnerable groups, public authorities providing support services, as well as the general public.

The project was carried out by ACTEDO, the project coordinator, in partnership with the Centre for Legal Resources (CLR), and was funded through the Active Citizens Fund Romania, financed by Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway through the EEA Grants 2014-2021.

PROJECTS

CHAT for Victims (2022-2024)

The project was developed with the objective to improve access to information and support for persons with disabilities who are victims of crime. The project will achieve this goal by developing a live-chat service adapted to the communication needs of persons with disabilities, with emphasis on persons with voice, hearing, intellectual and psychosocial impairments/disabilities.

WHY CHAT FOR VICTIMS?

Access to information and effective communication are **essential** for persons with disabilities (PWDs) who are victims of crime in order to participate effectively in criminal justice process. Unfortunately, **the existing means of support are usually hard to access or are completely inaccessible to PWDs.**



So the project "CHAT for Victims" is created to **facilitate accessing the information and support for victims of crime who are PWDs**, with a focus on people who are hard of hearing or deaf, as well as people with sight, speech and voice impairments and those with intellectual and psycho-social disabilities.



Project conducted in partnership with:

The Victim and Witness Support Service Croatia (PZS) – Croatia, Project Coordinator

Victim Support Europe – Belgium

Validity Foundation – Hungary

Official College of Psychology of Madrid (COPM) – Spain

Legal Center for Human Rights and Environment (PIC) – Slovenia

Project co-financed by the European Union.

NON-DISCRIMINATION AND HATE SPEECH AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

The campaign included regular posts about important dates in the human rights calendar, identifiable as a separate campaign through hashtags: ["#CRJcalendar"](#) ["#knowyourhumanrights"](#) ["#celebratehumanrights"](#).

The CLR Human Rights Calendar was created in two formats, which can be downloaded from the organization's website.

Ianuarie 27 ianuarie – Ziua internațională pentru comemorarea victimelor Holocaustului 30 ianuarie – Ziua școlară pentru non-violență și pace Februarie 11 februarie – Ziua internațională a femeilor și fetelor în știință 20 februarie – Ziua dezrobirii romilor 20 februarie – Ziua mondială a justiției sociale 21 februarie – Ziua internațională a limbii materne 22 februarie – Ziua europeană de susținere a victimelor infracțiunilor A doua marți din februarie – Ziua unui internet mai sigur Martie 1 martie – Ziua fără discriminare 4 martie – Ziua mondială a luptei împotriva exploatarii sexuale 8 martie – Ziua internațională a femeii 12 martie – Ziua mondială împotriva cenzurii pe internet 15 martie – Ziua maghiarilor de pretutindeni 21 martie – Ziua internațională pentru eliminarea discriminării rasiale 22 martie – Ziua mondială a apei 31 martie – Ziua internațională a vizibilității persoanelor transgen Aprilie 7 aprilie – Ziua mondială a sănătății 8 aprilie – Ziua internațională a romilor 12 aprilie – Ziua internațională a copiilor fără adăpost 20 aprilie – Ziua nesegregării și nediscriminării în învățământ 22 aprilie – Ziua internațională a Pământului 26 aprilie – Ziua vizibilității persoanelor lesbiene Luna conștientizării abuzului sexual Mai 1 mai – Ziua națională a muncii 3 mai – Ziua mondială a libertății presei 8 mai – Ziua egalității de șanse între femei și bărbați 9 mai – Ziua Europei 16 mai – Ziua rezistenței romilor 17 mai – Ziua internațională împotriva homofobiei, bifobiei și transfobiei 21 mai – Ziua mondială a diversității culturale Iunie 1 iunie – Ziua internațională a copilului 1 iunie – Ziua internațională a părinților 5 iunie – Ziua împotriva violenței asupra copilului în România 12 iunie – Ziua internațională împotriva exploatarii copilului prin muncă 16 iunie – Ziua limbii romani (zi națională) 20 iunie – Ziua mondială a refugiaților Luna LGBTQ+ Iulie 14 iulie – Ziua internațională a persoanelor non binare 30 iulie – Ziua mondială împotriva traficului de persoane	August 2 august – Ziua europeană de comemorare a victimelor Holocaustului împotriva romilor 12 august – Ziua internațională a tinerilor 22 august – Ziua internațională de comemorare a victimelor actelor de violență bazate pe religie Septembrie 8 septembrie – Ziua internațională a alfabetizării 10 septembrie – Ziua mondială de prevenire a suicidului 15 septembrie – Ziua internațională a democrației 18 septembrie – Ziua internațională a egalității salariale 23 septembrie – Ziua vizibilității persoanelor bisexuale 26 septembrie – Ziua mondială a contracepției 28 septembrie – Ziua internațională a accesului la avort în condiții de siguranță Octombrie 1 octombrie – Ziua internațională a persoanelor vârstnice 2 octombrie – Ziua internațională a non-violenței 5 octombrie – Ziua mondială a cadrelor didactice 7 octombrie – Ziua internațională a muncii decente 9 octombrie – Ziua națională de comemorare a Holocaustului 10 octombrie – Ziua mondială a sănătății mintale 11 octombrie – Ziua internațională a coming out-ului 11 octombrie – Ziua internațională a fetelor 17 octombrie – Ziua mondială pentru eradicarea sărăciei 24 oct – Ziua Organizației Națiunilor Unite 25 octombrie – Ziua europeană a justiției 26 oct – Ziua internațională a vizibilității persoanelor intersex A treia miercuri din octombrie Ziua internațională a pronunțelor Noiembrie 2 noiembrie – Ziua internațională pentru eliminarea impunității pentru crimele împotriva jurnaliștilor 5 noiembrie – Ziua internațională a limbii romani 9 noiembrie – Ziua internațională împotriva fascismului și antisemitismului 16 noiembrie – Ziua toleranței și a diversității 19 noiembrie – Ziua internațională de prevenire a abuzurilor împotriva copiilor 19 noiembrie – Ziua mondială a toaletei (Ziua mondială privind accesul la servicii sanitare de bază) 20 noiembrie – Ziua universală a drepturilor copilului 20 noiembrie – Ziua comemorării victimelor transgender 25 noiembrie – Ziua internațională pentru eliminarea violenței asupra femeilor Decembrie 1 decembrie – Ziua mondială de combatere a SIDA 2 decembrie – Ziua internațională a abolirii sclaviei 3 decembrie – Ziua internațională a persoanelor cu dizabilități 5 decembrie – Ziua internațională a voluntarului 10 decembrie – Ziua internațională a drepturilor omului 18 decembrie – Ziua minorităților naționale din România 18 decembrie – Ziua internațională a migranților Alte zile celebrate la nivel internațional: https://www.coe.int https://www.un.org
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The 10 informational materials, created with the purpose of supporting the prevention and combating of hate speech in Romania, by providing a tool for deconstructing prejudices against certain minorities and groups vulnerable to discrimination, have been translated into English, in order to reach as wide an audience as possible.

STUDIES

The Centre for Legal Resources (CLR) has launched the report "2021-2022. An Overview on Hate Crime and Hate Speech. Romania - country profile." Based on a methodology used in similar reports produced by CLR for the years 2015-2020, it presents and analyzes the relevant national legal framework, data on hate speech and hate crimes available in Romania, as well as measures for the prevention and combating of hate speech and hate crimes for the period January 2021-June 2022.



The research report has also been translated into English and disseminated internationally.

OPINIONS



The (Non)Discriminatory Perspective of Fifth Grade Textbooks on "Critical Thinking and Human Rights"

Will we ever have non-discriminatory criteria in the allocation of social housing?

EVENTS

NON-DISCRIMINATION, BEYOND WORDS EVENT



February 2023, Bucharest. CLR organized the National Conference "Hate Crimes and Hate Speech. The Situation in Romania: Past and Present" where we discussed the main data and conclusions of the CLR Study "2021-2022. An Overview on Hate Crime and Hate Speech. Romania - country profile", about the legal framework, data collection, processing, reporting, and training, presenting both problems and solutions.

INTEGRIS EVENT



June 2023, Cluj-Napoca. The Equality and Human Rights Action Center (ACTEDO), in partnership with the Centre for Legal Resources (CLR) and with the support of the Cluj Bar Association, organized the country's first **National Pro Bono Forum**, a major conference dedicated to fundamental rights and social justice. CLR delivered a presentation on discrimination, hate speech, and hate crimes.

CHAT FOR VICTIMS RESULTS

CLR conducted a national research study aimed at understanding the needs of individuals with disabilities when they access support and use live chat services, focusing mainly on the barriers they face, as well as best practices and ways to improve the accessibility of support services.

The research was qualitative and included:

- An analysis of documents (legislation, studies, reports)
- 3 focus groups with representatives and organizations for the rights of individuals with hearing, speech, and visual impairments, and the rights of individuals with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities
- 4 individual interviews with representatives of the organizations "Supereroi printre noi [eng:Superheroes Among Us]", the White Cane Association, and ACTEDO (Equality and Human Rights Action Center), as well as with a representative of the National Agency for Equal Opportunities in Romania (ANES).



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

March 2023, Budapest. CLR participated in a working meeting with project partners, which included a training course managed by the Validity Foundation on how to conduct focus groups and interviews with individuals with disabilities.



September 2023, Madrid. CLR participated in a two-day meeting, where partners attended a training session held by Victim Support Europe, as well as work visits to organizations in Spain that offer various support services for victims and victims of crime, including persons with disabilities.

The training session covered the following topics:

- Awareness and understanding of disabilities
- Vulnerabilities to crimes of persons with disabilities
- Empathy and effective communication
- Remote care

JUSTICE AND RULE OF LAW



PROJECT HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION, UP TO DATE (2022-2024)

The project aims to increase citizens' awareness of human rights, equal treatment and the rule of law in Romania and to strengthen the capacity of civil society and opinion makers/professionals, by creating the necessary tools and access to expertise, to identify, report and challenge human rights violations, institutional practices that are detrimental to human rights, and gaps in legislation and law enforcement.

Project funded through the Active Citizens Fund Romania, financed by Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway through the EEA Grants 2014-2021.

BUDGET FOR THE PROGRAMME EUR 59,278.00



RESULTS

Main activities:

- The experts at CLR have consistently monitored legislative initiatives, i.e. formal but also informal (media and social media) debates in society.. During this reporting period, they have issued 14 opinions on topics related to human rights and access to rights (www.crj.ro/starea-drepturilor-omului/ - an independent human rights expertise platform available online, on the CLR website, and social media).

Plagiarized Romania

In a normal country, Minister Predoiu's statements would have consequences

NGOs could be required to provide substantial guarantees if they want to contest a real estate project that raises major questions

High Court of Cassation and Justice cancels the housing rights of vulnerable groups

If you educate the people to like the gallows, that's what you'll get!

Those who are unrepresented have no voice

Sexual intercourse with a minor under 16 will be considered rape

'Educated Romania' puts Roma history on the back burner

Roma in Cluj-Napoca, zero chances for social housing

Consent of a minor victim - exception of unconstitutionality

Vouchers for victims of crimes

World AIDS Day - Non-discriminatory access to rights for persons living with HIV/AIDS

Legislation on victims' rights: some comments and proposals

Child's right to health and welfare, but only with parental consent



Intr-o țară normală, declarațiile ministrului Predoiu ar fi avut consecințe. Noi suntem undeva într-o margine a democrației. [...] Mi se pare mie că ne obișnuim, așa ca societate, să acceptăm orice.



72,000 individuals better informed about human rights issues under debate in society.

RESULTS

- The CLR team organised 3 debates with a total of 88 participants

"Monitoring the Enforcement of the Rights of People with Disabilities and the Elderly" - Bucharest

"The Right to Housing as a Fundamental Right" - Timișoara

"How Romania Implements the Victims' Directive" - Iași



- CLR elaborated 2 proposals on the improvement of legislation, law enforcement and implementation framework from a human rights perspective

"The Rights of Crime Victims"

"The Right to Housing as a Fundamental Right"



- CLR has documented and initiated 3 legal actions, all cases of violation of the right to housing and non-discrimination for groups and individuals vulnerable to discrimination. The cases are at different stages of litigation.

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against



Cluj-Napoca Municipality
Alba Iulia Municipality
Tg. Mureș Municipality

NETWORKING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Fundraising and Awareness Campaigns

In June, a communication, fundraising, and graphic design workshop took place, attended by individuals with experience in social media communication, fundraising, and graphic design from Bucharest, Timișoara, Constanța and Cluj.

- We discussed what we do at CLR, what communication entails, accessible communication, freedom of expression, and respect for human dignity in the communication process.
- We debated various communication and fundraising strategies specific to the CLR profile, focusing on involving multiple categories of actors.





The fundraising and awareness campaign resulted in a series of events.

- In October, an "Open Doors" event was held where content creators were invited to meet the CLR team and learn about the organization's activities. 9 content creators participated in the event.



- In November, the "Living Library" event took place.
- In December, we developed the concept of the event celebrating 25 years of CLR activity.

#25DEANIDEACTIVISM



THE LIVING LIBRARY

Living Books or How Stories Bring Us Closer

Our books:

- Ali
- Bianca
- Corina
- Mariana
- Sasha



Living Library



Nov. 24



- The Living Library entails, in short, reading a person: asking them questions based on a "summary" of the living book.

On November 24th, at the Friends for Friends foundation, we gathered at the "Living Library," where we knew that for three hours, stories and deep discussions about identity, work, daily life, anti-discrimination, and much more would circulate.



"I brought all my problems from home into the room, and when I sat down and started the conversations, they evaporated," I told a stranger sitting next to me.

"I leave with a new friend and a cool vibe. Keep going!"

The Living Library is a very powerful method with a great impact.


I communicated with unknown people and saw the world through their eyes for a few precious minutes.

- Transcript from handwritten feedback from readers"

Foarte frumoasa idee eveniment, aștept cu nerăbdare a 2a ediție (fingers crossed).



PROGRAMME APPROACH

- Analysis of relevant legislation and public documents;
 - Unannounced visits to social care homes or hospitals where children, youth, and adults with intellectual disabilities are housed, funded by public funds;
 - Interviewing persons confined in social care homes and employees;
 - Drafting and submitting to authorities an observation report on how the law is applied in the visited social care home;
 - Requesting a response from the authorities;
 - Notifying responsible parties when we identify abuses against the rights of institutionalized individuals with intelceltual and/or psychosocial disabilities;
 - Media advocacy to promote the rights of institutionalized individuals with mental disabilities;
 - Legislative proposals.
 - Informational accessibility.
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BUDGET FOR THE PROGRAMME EUR 511,233.00

ADVOCATE FOR DIGNITY

PROJECTS



ADAPTJUST - Accessible Justice for People with Disabilities

The aim of the project is to improve the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) and decisions of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (CoE) concerning the rights of persons with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities deprived of their liberty. The project will increase the capacity of the magistrates and the civil society to defend the rights of the persons with disability and will pilot five actions within a mechanism of protection .



FREE TO DECIDE. Transition from Guardianship to Supported Decision Making for Persons with Disabilities

The project aims to increase the capacity of persons with mental disabilities, stroke and dementia to exercise their rights and to maximize their autonomy. The project will develop and pilot four models supported decision making services in collaboration with public and private social service providers.



ENABLE - Facilitating Inclusion and Access to Justice for Defendants with Intellectual and Psychosocial Disabilities

The project aims to improve knowledge of participation barriers faced by defendants with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities in the criminal justice system.



LITI-GATE - Strategic Litigation as a Gateway to Address the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the European Union

The project brings together 6 partners from 5 countries with the aim to promote enforcement of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights with strategic litigation activities to address breaches of the fundamental rights of persons with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities.

ADAPTJUST

Funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through EEA grants.



FREE TO DECIDE

Non-repayable funding from the Active Citizens Fund Romania, a program financed by Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway through the EEA Grants 2014-2021.



ENABLE

Project co-financed by the European Union.



LITI-GATE

Project co-financed by the European Union.



UNANNOUNCED MONITORING VISITS



2022

Sfântul Gabriel cel Viteaz SCH, Armonia SCH, Casa Cora SCH

Unannounced visits in Ilfov County, reports, and communications to authorities regarding documented abuses.

Note: SCH - Social Care Home

2023

Ministry of Labor Breaks Protocol with CLR

DIICOT Conducts Raids in Ilfov County

Letter from CLR to the Prime Minister, signed by over 60 other NGOs

Transcripts in the public space regarding the attempt to dismantle CLR

International Organizations Issue a Warning Signal

Public letter of concern from Validity Foundation addressed to the Government of Romania and international organizations regarding recent events in Romania

Căsuța Lu' Min (*Min's House*)

July 27, unannounced monitoring visit

- 4 persons with severe disabilities lying on dirty mattresses soiled with feces, urine, and blood, with flies on them, unable to defend themselves or ask for help (nonverbal and incapable of moving); one person was in an advanced state of malnutrition (skin and bones), with hip lesions, covered in flies, smelling strongly of feces, another person in the basement was covered in feces and blood on the face and hands, the other 2 persons couldn't move or communicate
- one person living in the basement, who could move and had left that space, to the ground floor of the building
- 2 severely ill persons, trapped in a room of approximately 3 m², without ventilation, without lighting, in a bed. Access to this space was blocked by a metal table on which bricks were placed.



NATIONAL ADVOCACY

- **20 unannounced monitoring visits**
3 criminal complaints filed by CLR



- **DIICOT acknowledges the active legal standing of CLR**

for the defense of the rights or legitimate interests of persons with disabilities in two criminal cases

- **Order regarding the reimbursement of psychiatric reevaluation services**

Following the handling of several complaints, CLR has submitted multiple notifications to the competent authorities: the Ministry of Health, the National Health Insurance House, the College of Psychologists, etc. As a result of these efforts, along with other submissions from the courts on the subject, in August 2023, Joint Order No. 2692/1889/2023 was published in the Official Gazette. Through this order, the provisions of Order No. 3432/2128/2022 were amended.

TRAINING

- **A meeting for the formation of a justice intermediary network**

Initiating the process of forming a network of specialists in the field of mental health to collaborate with courts and prosecutors' offices by training 30 psychologists/psycho-pedagogues selected at the national level.

- **Formation of a network of specialists for victim assistance**

Writing a methodology for the operation of a call center dedicated to victims with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities institutionalized in centers, medico-social units, hospitals/psychiatry departments.

- **Workshops on supported decision-making**

- Two online workshops addressed to judges, with 20 judges from the jurisdiction of the Oradea Court of Appeal.
- An online workshop aimed at social workers, with 212 participants.
- A workshop in person in collaboration with the National Mental Health and Anti-Drug Fight Center, with 19 participants.
- A training session with representatives of NGOs and public authorities from pilot counties and persons with disabilities, coordinated by Professor Michael Bach, with 27 participants.

NATIONAL ADVOCACY

PILOTING



● PILOTING of supported decision-making took place on:

- March 16, 2023, with 14 participants (center managers, psychologists, social workers, occupational therapists, socio-educational animators, medical and rehabilitation staff, specialty personnel coordinators from the Maramureș County Directorate General for Social Assistance and Child Protection - Day Center for Adults with Disabilities in Grivitei, Maramureș County, Calinești Social Assistance and Child Protection Department, Enablement and Rehabilitation Center for Adults with Disabilities in Filipeștii de Târg).
- March 17, 2023, with 43 participants (center manager, specialty personnel coordinators, pedagogues, social workers, psychologists, kinesiotherapists, head of case management service, and legal counselors from the Prahova County Directorate General for Social Assistance and Child Protection).



● Planning a National Action Campaign

- The TV spot and radio recording were filmed at the end of 2023.
- Over 500 posters were printed in accessible language, intended for centers, hospitals/psychiatric departments, DGASPCs (General Directorate for Social Assistance and Child Protection), and police inspectorates.
- Additionally, 15,000 informative flyers were printed, targeting persons with disabilities who are institutionalized, as well as authorities.

The radio-TV spot, posters, and flyers aim to promote the "Ceasul Bun" (The Good Clock) application and the cerajutor.ro platform. The overall objective is to maximize the autonomy of institutionalised individuals and facilitate access to appropriate tools to report any abuses and exercise their rights.

● Total Social Media Audience:



570,000



DIGITAL TOOLS

for increasing effective access to justice and maximizing autonomy of persons with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities or neurological conditions



CEASUL BUN

Mobile App.

The mobile application "Ceasul Bun" (The Good Clock), in the form of an accessible questionnaire, is dedicated to supporting institutionalized individuals or employees in residential care homes, hospitals, or other similar institutions to report situations of physical or emotional abuse, or neglect.



CER AJUTOR

Web Platform

The web platform complements the mobile application "Ceasul Bun" and addresses the same needs identified over 20 years of expertise in the field, namely the lack of adequate tools through which vulnerable individuals (those with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities, as well as those with neurological conditions, institutionalized) can have effective access to justice (to be able to report criminal acts of which they are victims, to claim their rights, or to request a reassessment of protective measures instituted).

ARTISTIC ENGAGEMENTS

I AM LULI

Interactive theater performance about the guardianship of persons with intellectual disabilities and the right to make decisions, followed by an open dialogue with the audience.

**5 STAGE PLAYS
OVER 700 VIEWERS**



- By Crista Bilciu, featuring Anda Saltelechi (Luli), Ioana Mărcoiu (doctor, Mirela, assistant, judge), Alina Berzunțeanu (nurse, resident, guard, judge), this is a real-life story documented from real abuses experienced by institutionalized persons with disabilities.
- Two performances at the Odeon Theater,
- One performance at the Gong Theater in Sibiu,
- One performance at the Alexandru Davila Theater in Pitești,
- Participation in the New Wave Festival in Reșița.



ARTISTIC ENGAGEMENTS

THE BIRDCAGE

Experimental and participatory artistic installation.



- A cage passed by, approached, or crossed by approximately 25,000 people. Mara, whose life-size photograph we exhibited in the cage, raised tough questions with answers from the everyday reality of individuals deprived of liberty in institutions.
- Volunteers responded to all audience questions.
- 700 bookmarks and 50 tote bags with messages were distributed.



- a theatrical fragment with two scenes from the play "I Am Luli," performed freely on the street as an artistic happening in front of passersby,
- a debate with the audience.



INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY



CLR's communications to the Committee of Ministers, published on the Council of Europe's website

- N.C. v. Romania (Application No. 59152/08) and R.D. and I.M.D. v. Romania
- Parascineti v. Romania (Application No. 32060/05) and C. Teodorescu v. Romania

CLR participated in a briefing with diplomats from over 25 countries in Strasbourg

CLR participated in an information session for representatives of diplomatic missions, at the invitation of the European Implementation Network, prior to the 1468th meeting of the Committee of Ministers for Human Rights.



The United Nations Committee Against Torture: CLR responds to questions about complaint mechanisms, deaths, and involuntary hospitalization

CLR participated in a special hearing during the 77th session of the United Nations Committee Against Torture, regarding the implementation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment in Romania. CLR was the only non-governmental human rights organization to submit a report for the evaluation.



Study visit to the CoE: Roma community inclusion and empowerment - Standards and cooperation activities.

The Department of Education of the CoE hosted a group of representatives from the EEA/Norway Grants Program in Romania for a study visit on Roma community inclusion and empowerment. CLR participated, focusing on the intersection of identities of persons with disabilities, particularly emphasizing the increased vulnerability of Roma girls and women with disabilities.

INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY



The Role of NGOs and Self-representatives in Monitoring the Execution of ECtHR Judgments - Strasbourg

Meeting on training NGOs and self-representatives of persons with disabilities in reporting to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) of the United Nations.



Promoting Access to Justice for Defendants with Intellectual and/or Psychosocial Disabilities - Vilnius, Lithuania

International conference and working meeting with ENABLE project partners.

Two brochures - inclusion and access to justice for defendants with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities

In Romanian and English, with easy-to-read versions.



Briefing paper on Barriers Faced by Defendants with Intellectual and/or Psychosocial Disabilities in the Criminal Justice System in Romania.

In Romanian and English, with easy-to-read versions.



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