

DROCHIA COMMUNITY CONSORTIUM FOR CARE AND EDUCATION (DCCCE)

Drochia District Council, Moldova

Children`s Hope Foundation from Moldova

Constantin Stere University, Moldova

Didact Vega Company, Moldova



1. CONTEXT

Drochia district is located in the north of Moldova. From administrative point of view, there are a total of 40 localities, one city: Drochia, as administrative center and 39 communes, containing further 38 villages within. The population is 88 000, according to 2015 survey done by the Drochia district¹ from which 76,7% are located in rural areas.

Challenges²:

- Aging to the population: 16% of the population is between 0-15 years old
- Increased number of the people leaving abroad for working: 29,6% in 2011 to 33,9% in 2014
- Early childhood education: low participation, especially in rural areas
- Unemployment: the rate in January-September 2016 is increased with 34,1% compared to 2015 than last year
- Lack of social services at community level, especially in rural areas
- High rate of poverty
- Decreased level of interest related to education from family and children's side
- Lack of training for the teaching staff related to new curriculum, new didactic methods and general motivation of children
- Only 1/3 high schools compared to the national average
- Low level of entrepreneurship in terms of competences, motivation and social support
- High tendency for immigration of young people
- Limited offers for professional qualifications and professional reconversion
- Lack of IT competences and use of IT in education, business, other areas

2. PARTIES

Taking in account the identified challenges, Drochia District Council, representing the regional authority, Children's Hope Foundation from Moldova, representing the social society, Constantin Stere University, representing the academic field and Didact Vega Company, representing the business environment decided to set up a consortium on the base of the following principles:

- Shared vision and commitment to a common objective: development of Drochia community as a inclusive learning environment
- Genuine participation and collective decision making between the partners in the consortium
- Transparent, mutual feedback and communication

The parties agree to:

- Enhance effectiveness and efficiency of development efforts
- Access the expertise and the resources of each party

Drochia District Council, represented by Mr. Vasile Gradinaru, president, approved the free use of the Drochia Secondary boarding school for development of Colegium for Integrated Studies and Center of Excellence for Modern education (Contract no 5/15 february 2016)

¹ drochia.md/images/informatie_pentr_menu_principal/profilidesanatate.pdf

² <http://drochia.md/images/Sedintadocumente/strategiedrochia.pdf>

Children's Hope Foundation from Moldova, set up in March 2001, represented by Avornic Ana brings the expertise in working with vulnerable children in creating safe learning and development environment, preventing the separation of the family, as part of the Colegium for Integrated Studies and Center of Excellence for Modern education.

Constantin Stere University, represented by Avornic Gheorghe will use the academic background and expertise for setting up initial and continuous training for children and educational staff and research and innovation in educational field, as part of the Colegium for Integrated Studies and Center of Excellence for Modern education activities.

Didact Vega Company, represented by Evtodiev Silvia will provide the expertise and infrastructure for IT training, using 2D and 3D educational software and modern ICT resources for Colegium for Integrated Studies and Center of Excellence for Modern education.

Other resources will be allocated according to the needs evaluation.

3. PURPOSE AND CONTENT

The Drochia Community Consortium for Care and Education (DCCCE) supports the development of learning and education, thriving communities by promoting awareness of needs, creating and implementing services and partnerships to help meet those needs, while encouraging individual responsibility.

The activity of the DCCCE is under the framework of "Education 2020" Strategy 2014-2020 approved by Government Decision nr.944/2014 and includes the following objectives:

1. Expanding access to quality early education, so as to ensure the increasing rate of enrollment in preschool children 3-6 years from Drochia district, with a focus on supporting disadvantaged communities / institutions / families to ensure access to – and quality in - early education programs.
2. Providing access to general compulsory education for 12 years (high school or secondary vocational education) through measures to prevent and decrease dropouts and diversification extracurricular activities.
3. Increasing attractiveness and facilitate access to technical vocational education, so that the share of students who focus on these educational pathways to be increased
4. Promoting and supporting inclusive education at the education system so as to achieve an annual growth of at least 10% the rate of access of children with special educational needs education.
5. Socio-educational reintegration of children from residential institutions, leading to deinstitutionalization and independent life
6. Development of career counseling and career planning for young people at risk.
7. Providing a protective school environment, able to prevent violence against children and intervene promptly for identification, referral and assistance to child victims of violence.
8. Increasing access to quality education by equipping educational institutions with modern IT equipment useful in educational process and development of digital literacy
9. Ensuring effective parenting practices to improve the care and education of children.
10. Promoting partnerships for education.

The terms of cooperation for each specific activity should be mutually discussed and coordinated by all the parties. For implementation of the concrete projects, as outlined above (Article 2), the Consortium have the right to sign additional agreements with other parts, in which legal and financial arrangements of realization of cooperation are stipulated.

DCCCE appoints a coordinator who will be responsible for the development and coordination of actions of the cooperation co-ordinated in various areas.

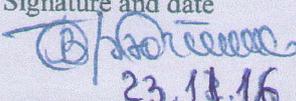
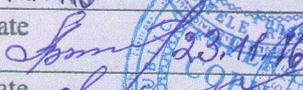
4. Renewal, Termination and Amendment

The Consortium becomes valid after signing and is valid for 5 years. If any of the Parties do not declare the desire to terminate it 6 months prior to termination of the present agreement, the agreement is automatically prolonged for the following 5 years.

The Consortium shall be governed by the laws of Republic of Moldova as applicable laws and settlement of disputes. The present document is signed in four English and Romanian languages copies, where all copies are equally legitimate.

Signatures of Parties,

DROCHIA COMMUNITY CONSORTIUM FOR CARE AND EDUCATION (DCCCE)

Drochia District Council	Signature and date  23.11.16
Children's Hope Foundation from Moldova	Signature and date  23.11.16
Constantin Stere University	Signature and date  23.11.16
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