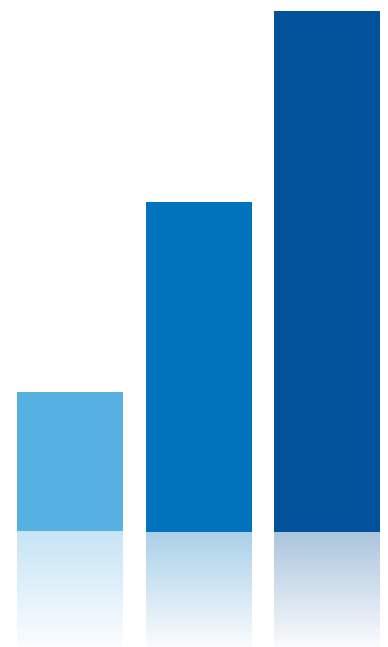




Activity report for 2025



Content

1 Good governance initiatives

- "CIVIC-LIT – A stronger civil society for the protection of fundamental rights and civic space"
- The #GoAndVote Campaign and call for civic engagement
- Accreditation of election observers
- The e-Rădăuți app has a new version
- Irregularities in the consultation process and in the documentation for the future PUG
- Case study for urban planning irregularities: The block on Volovățului Street no. 28
- Illegal constructions in the city center – the illegally placed container has been removed

2 The Community Center thrives through the activities it hosts

- Museum Night
- Kinedok documentary screenings
- Activities dedicated to the Ukrainian community
- Activities dedicated to young people in Rădăuți
- Community Center – a meeting place for other associations or communities

3 Social and charitable initiatives

- Support for asylum seekers at the Rădăuți Center, together with IOM Romania
- Solidarity Fund for Broșteni
- Support for a family whose home was destroyed by fire
- "The magic starts with you" – charity campaign for students at the "Sf. Stelian" Special School

Activities in 2025 that shaped Rădăuțiul Civic and the local community

4 Youth activities

- "Europe closer to young people" – a simulation of a debate in the European Parliament
- Promoting volunteering at the "Eudoxiu Hurmuzachi" National College
- "Civic Hunt" for young people in Rădăuțiul Civic
- Halloween party – a social space for young people in Rădăuți
- Youth4Community – the second Erasmus+ project
- Critical thinking and disinformation workshops for 460 participants from Suceava County Partnership with Bogdan Vodă Secondary School
- Partnership with Bogdan Vodă Secondary School
- Civic engagement workshops

5 Environmental initiatives

- Reactions to the reduction of green spaces in Rădăuți
- 5 years of independent air quality measurements in Rădăuți Municipality VI

6 Local history and culture

7 Sharing the Rădăuți Civic experience at national or international level

8 Recognition of the association's efforts

- Rădăuțiul Civic awarded at the Civil Society Gala



Civic Rădăuți Association

Dear friends,
supporters and
members of the
Civic Rădăuți
community,

In 2025, we continued our mission to build a more involved, supportive, and better-informed community. The Community Center, which we completed renovating in 2024, remained a lively space in 2025. It hosted 21 activities with young people, attended by a total of 350 people, as well as meetings of the Rădăuți Civic community, meetings of the Association of Active Ukrainians, which organized 24 activities with dozens of beneficiaries for the Ukrainian community, and other meetings, workshops, and training sessions.

In 2025, presidential elections were held, and on this occasion we again accredited election observers in the north of the country - approximately 70 election observers were accredited in the counties of Suceava, Botoșani, Neamț, Maramureș, Bistrița-Năsăud, and to raise awareness of the importance of voting rights, we organized an online and offline communication campaign, including banners displayed in the most important cities in Suceava County—Rădăuți, Fălticeni, and Suceava—with the support of Romanian citizens in the diaspora through the Romanian United Fund.

In the field of good local governance, activities continued through initiatives in urban planning, reporting irregularities in the field, and substantial contributions to the debate on the future General Urban Plan (PUG) of the city. In 2025, the first discussions organised by young people in our community with local councillors took place, focusing on the problems and needs of young people in Rădăuți. We did these things so that such discussions would become the norm. In 2025, we prepared the development of the AccessInfo app, the first app dedicated to access to public information in Romania, as well as activities aimed at supporting other NGOs in Romania to make better use of the legal tools at their disposal, with the support of the German Marshall Fund.

The last year has seen dozens of activities with young people in the community, workshops, conferences, and personal development sessions, a continuation of an Erasmus+ project won in 2024 through the Youth 4 Community II project, civic education workshops, and charitable activities. In 2025, our colleague Bianca David reached 460 students who benefited from workshops on critical thinking and disinformation in a digital world where distinguishing truth from falsehood is becoming increasingly difficult. Through our joint efforts, we have

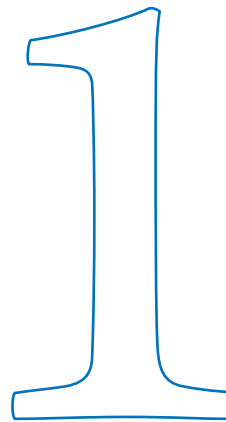
managed to support education, promote transparency and civic participation, support vulnerable people, and intervene where necessary to make Rădăuți a better place for everyone. Every step taken has shown that change is possible when there is will and commitment. This annual report is a testament to our work, the partnerships we have built, and the impact we have had on the community. We would like to thank everyone who has been with us—volunteers, donors, institutional partners, and engaged citizens. Without you, none of what we have achieved would have been possible. I invite you to browse through this report and discover, on every page, proof that together we can build a better city.

With gratitude,

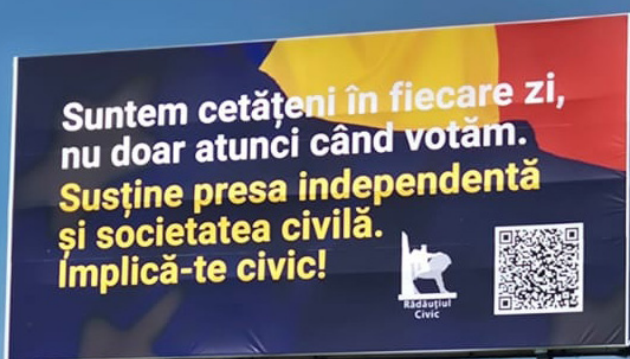
Luca Ciubotaru
President of the Rădăuți Civic Association



Good governance initiatives



- "CIVIC-LIT – A stronger civil society for the protection of fundamental rights and civic space"
- The #GoAndVote Campaign and call for civic engagement
- Accreditation of election observers
- The e-Rădăuți app has a new version
- Irregularities in the consultation process and in the documentation for the future PUG
- Case study for urban planning irregularities: The block on Volovățului Street no. 28
- Illegal constructions in the city center – the illegally placed container has been removed



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

■ "CIVIC-LIT – A stronger civil society for the protection of fundamental rights and civic space"

At the beginning of 2025, we launched the CIVIC-LIT project, funded by the Transatlantic Foundation and co-funded by the European Union through the PROTEUS project. The project addresses the limited capacity of civil society organizations in Romania, especially watchdog organizations, to use legal tools to protect civic space and to initiate and support strategic litigation. This lack of financial and human resources, combined with a sometimes hostile legal and political context, discourages many organizations from initiating legal actions that could have a significant impact.

The program, which will run until April 2026, consists of three online training sessions for representatives of Romanian NGOs, lawyers, and civic activists on the legal tools available to citizens in local communities, the development of a good practice guide, and the launch of the mobile application "Access Info" for requests under Law 544/2001, the creation of an anti-SLAPP (strategic lawsuits against public participation) working group with experts and journalists, and contributions to improving Romanian legislation.

The project capitalizes on the experience of the Rădăuțiul Civic Association in the field of litigation concerning access to information, urban planning, and the environment (six cases won) and the expertise of the association's team, which has received training in this field, including at the international level.



**CIVIC-LIT – O societate civilă
mai puternică pentru protejarea
drepturilor fundamentale și a
spațiului civic**

■ The #GoAndVote Campaign and call for civic engagement



In May 2025, we launched the #GoAndVote civic campaign, a non-partisan initiative to encourage participation in the second round of the presidential elections on May 18, 2025, with a focus on mobilizing young voters, the category with the lowest turnout in the first round.

The campaign included motivational messages displayed on outdoor billboards in Rădăuți, Suceava, and Fălticeni, in areas with heavy traffic. Among the key messages: "Do you think there's no one worth voting for? Vote for yourself and for your place in Europe." "You have time for stories, but you don't have 15 minutes to vote? Voting is offline."; "Don't let others decide for you." We will continue to communicate messages that unite, provide direction, and invite reflection—on the streets, in the community, and online.

This initiative complements the association's ongoing work in support of a fair and transparent electoral process by:

- ✓ accreditation of 65 independent observers in the counties of Suceava, Botoșani, Neamț, Maramureș, and Bistrița-Năsăud, within the **VotCorect** Coalition;
- ✓ organizing public debates with candidates (in the 2024 local and parliamentary elections);
- ✓ monitoring the activity of local elected officials (in 2024).

The #GoAndVote campaign reflects Rădăuți Civic's ongoing commitment to promoting active citizenship and strengthening democracy, without political affiliation. After the presidential elections and the #GoAndVote civic campaign, we continue to use street billboards to publish messages that call for unity, civic engagement, and mutual respect—values that we need more than ever.

The billboards from the civic campaign "Get involved!" could be seen in Rădăuți, Fălticeni, E85 (up to Suceava) and are part of a constant effort by the Rădăuți Civic Association to encourage dialogue, social cohesion, and active participation.



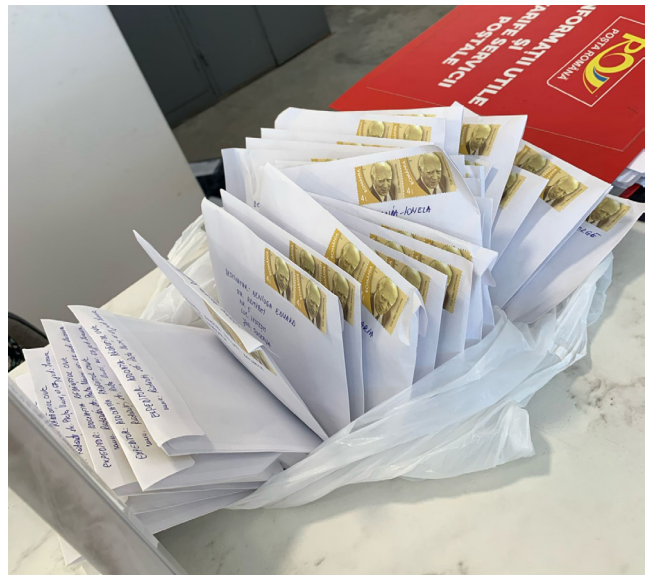
After the presidential elections and the #GoAndVote civic campaign ended, we continued to use street billboards to publish messages calling for unity, civic engagement, and mutual respect—values that we need more than ever.

■ Accreditation of election observers



Previously, in March 2025, we launched the registration campaign for independent election observers, within the **VotCorect** Coalition, for the two rounds of the presidential elections on May 4 and 18, 2025.

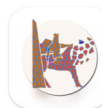
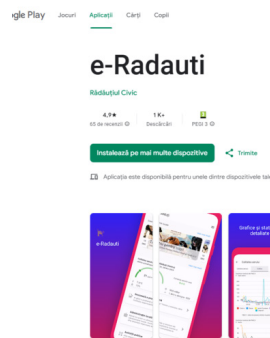
The Rădăuți Civic Association accredited 65 independent observers in the counties of Suceava, Botoșani, Neamț, Maramureș, and Bistrița-Năsăud, providing support in the form of training, useful materials (including the Observer's Manual), and electoral assistance via a call center. For these observers, the experience of observing the elections and better understanding how the electoral process works is a direct practical civic activity. Our colleagues, Mădălina Stoenescu and Cristina Cramariuc, successfully carried out this process, issuing accreditations and supporting the observers so that they had all the necessary information.



■ The e-Rădăuți application has a new version

In January 2025, the Rădăuți Civic Association launched a new version of the e-Rădăuți mobile app, developed by volunteer Luis Scripcaru with the support of the Civil Society Development Foundation.

The new version features a modern design, quick access to local events, a reporting function, real-time air quality monitoring, and access to relevant information about local government—elected officials, decisions, projects, procurement, and public transportation. The app is an essential digital tool for civic engagement and local transparency.



URBAN PLANNING

■ Irregularities in the consultation process and in the documentation of the future PUG

In August 2025, we raised the alarm about the proposed new General Urban Plan (PUG) for the municipality of Rădăuți. After an analysis carried out together with architects, urban planners, and lawyers, the association identified numerous procedural and substantive problems in the document that will form the basis for the city's development over the next 10 years.

Among the main irregularities reported were:

- ✗ Lack of transparency in the public consultation process (no clear consultation schedule, no publication of essential documents);
- ✗ Late notification of citizens about debates (announcements published 24 hours in advance);
- ✗ The existence of contradictory versions of the plan;
- ✗ The refusal of the authorities to forward citizens' proposals to the designer of the documentation.

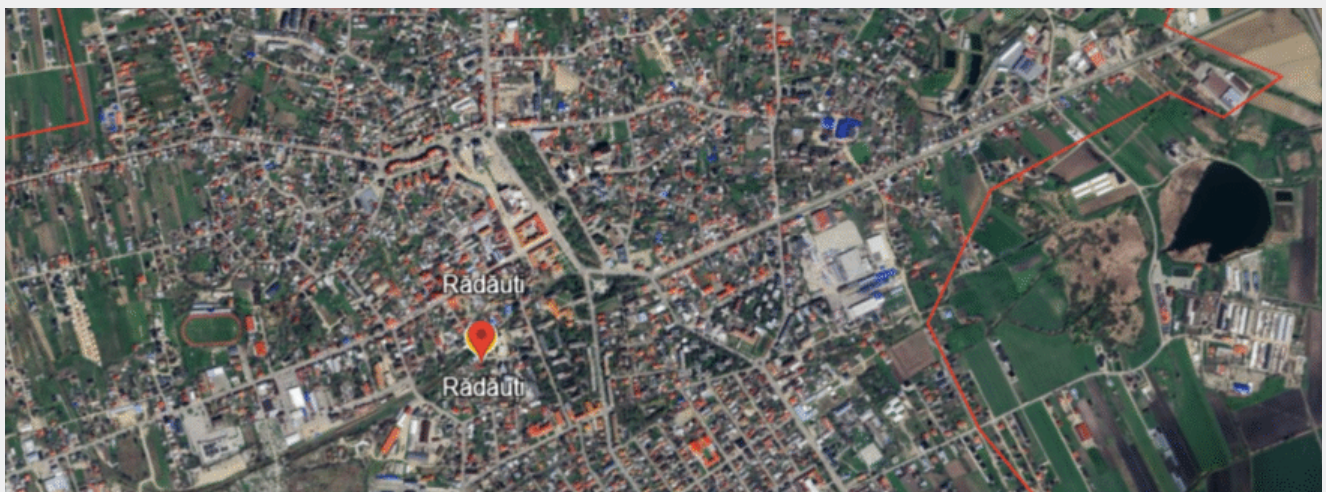
Fundamental issues analyzed:

- ✓ The introduction of height restrictions of up to six stories, including in residential areas or near the city center, without clear justification or a vision for the city's development.

- ✓ the possibility for developers to avoid building parking spaces in exchange for a fee, transferring the burden to public infrastructure;
- ✓ superficial documentation, with fragments "copy-pasted" from other localities.

In response, we launched a public petition, signed by over 80 citizens, and actively participated in the public debate organized on August 6, 2025, at the Tudor Flondor Library. More than 330 other people submitted petitions to the city hall expressing their dissatisfaction with the documentation under public consultation for the new PUG. Our association's initiative was intended to increase public pressure for compliance with the legal framework regarding citizen consultation and to improve the quality of urban planning documentation.

At the end of 2025, the Local Council adopted the consultation report on the future PUG, although the updated version has not yet been published and we have not received a response to the technical comments submitted.



Nereguli în procesul de consultare și în documentația viitorului Plan Urbanistic General (PUG) al Municipiului Rădăuți



Semnează petiția și participă la dezbaterile de miercuri, 6 august 2025, ora 12:00.



■ Case study for urban planning irregularities: The block on Volovățului Street no. 28

The Rădăuțiul Civic Association continued to monitor urban developments in the municipality, actively intervening in the case of the block on Volovățului Street no. 28.

The Rădăuțiul Civic Association continued to monitor urban developments in the municipality, actively intervening in the case of the block on Volovățului Street no. 28.

Following complaints submitted by the association, the State Construction Inspectorate found irregularities regarding the issuance of the urban planning certificate and the authorization of the 7th floor, ordering the suspension of works and requesting a technical assessment of the structural integrity.

At the same time, the City Hall fined the developer, who subsequently obtained a new permit for the additional floor. The association submitted a new request for clarification regarding legality, the existence of a PUZ (urban zoning plan), and compliance with height restrictions,



given that local regulations impose clear limitations. This initiative is part of Rădăuțiul Civic's broader effort to protect the urban space from chaotic development and administrative irregularities, complementing interventions in the central pedestrian area and the process of drafting the new General Urban Plan.

■ Illegal constructions in the city center – the illegally placed container has been removed

The Rădăuțiul Civic Association contributed to the removal of a container illegally placed on public land in the historically protected area of the municipality of Rădăuți. The intervention took place following complaints submitted to the competent authorities and was a response to the lack of the necessary authorizations and permits for such a construction.

The area in question is part of an officially recognized historic site, listed as a historic monument, for which over 1,500 citizens have requested that the area be preserved as a pedestrian zone. Following civic action, the Local Council approved keeping the street as a pedestrian area at weekends, but unauthorised interventions continued to occur (cars parked at weekends, pillars erected for companies in the area, and even commercial constructions on public land).

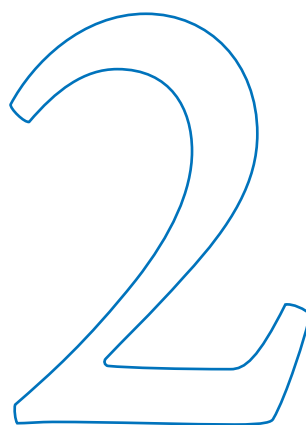
The association collaborated with the State Inspectorate for Construction, the Suceava County Directorate for



Culture, and the Prefect's Office to resolve the situation, while the City Hall's Urban Planning Department only responded to after the other state institutions requested explanations. This action supports the association's objective of protecting architectural heritage and encouraging citizen participation in urban decision-making, including in updating the future PUG.



The Community Center thrives through the activities it hosts



- Museum Night
- Kinedok documentary screenings
- Activities dedicated to the Ukrainian community
- Activities dedicated to young people in Rădăuți
- Community Center – a meeting place for other associations or communities



The Community Center has become a meeting place for other associations and groups in Rădăuți and the surrounding area. We need community contexts to discuss what concerns us, and for several years now, the Community Center has been an open space. If you have ideas for activities, come join us. In 2024, the Community Center hosted dozens of meetings for young people in Rădăuți, project meetings, social gatherings, workshops, and educational activities.

■ Museum Night

On Museum Night (May 17), the Rădăuți Community Center welcomed dozens of visitors curious to discover the transformation of an abandoned historic space into a lively place open to the community. Visitors appreciated the warm atmosphere and diversity of activities, noting that the on-site experience far exceeds what can be seen online. Members of the Rădăuți Civic team, Dana Haiura and Andrei Grosu, were on hand to the participants. The space remains open to the public almost daily for educational and civic initiatives.



■ Kinedok documentary screenings

Starting in August, we organized monthly documentary film screenings as part of the KineDok program. The films brought topics such as democracy, youth, migration, the environment, and civic participation to the public's attention.

The screenings were followed by discussions with local guests—teachers, activists, specialists with relevant experience—and attracted a diverse audience from Rădăuți and the surrounding area. Through these events, the association encouraged dialogue, critical thinking, and access to culture in a friendly space, contributing to the formation of an active and informed community.



■ Activities dedicated to the Ukrainian community



Periodically, **the Active Ukrainians Association** organizes meetings with Ukrainian refugees in Rădăuți and the surrounding area. The Community Center is also a place for them to participate in Romanian or English language courses, recreational, social, and educational activities for children or mothers who have fled the war. In 2024, 204 activities took place, with a total of 1,877 beneficiaries, most of them supported by partners from OlamAid, Germany. This year, partners from OlamAID, Germany, supported the activities by paying the utilities at the Rădăuți Community Center.

Psychologist Gianina Mamciuc also organized twice-monthly psychological support sessions exclusively for refugee women, focused on reducing stress and trauma associated with the war experience. At the same time, psychologists from Sensiblu held monthly thematic meetings on various topics related to psychology and emotional health, addressed to beneficiaries of the Ukrainian community. In 2025, the number of beneficiaries was similar to that of the previous year, but approximately 50% of them were new arrivals who needed counseling, information, support, and help with integration.

Thus, the following were organized:

- ✓ cooking meetings and culinary workshops;
- ✓ crafting, painting, and creative activity workshops;



The Ukrainian community was present at the Community Center every month, organizing 24 activities aimed at supporting integration, providing psychological support, and identifying the real needs of beneficiaries. Thematic workshops and working meetings were organized with representatives of the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), during which the main needs of refugees in Rădăuți were identified, particularly those related to social integration, access to information, emotional support, and community orientation.

- ✓ discussions on various topics of interest to the community;
- ✓ celebrations of Ukrainian and Romanian national holidays and cultural events;
- ✓ activities to learn about Romanian traditions and traditional local cuisine;
- ✓ events dedicated to children, such as Children's Day, Santa Claus, creative and painting workshops.

Outdoor activities were also organized outside the center, such as:

- ✓ trips to monasteries and hermitages;
- ✓ hikes and activities in nature;
- ✓ recreational and sports activities;
- ✓ educational and cultural outings in the community.





All these activities have contributed significantly to creating a sense of belonging, reducing social isolation, and supporting the process of integrating refugees into the local community. Rădăuțiul Civic continued to provide the main meeting place and venue for community activities, becoming a point of reference for refugees since the outbreak of the war and throughout its duration.

The Rădăuți Community Center hosted a warm and open meeting organized by the **YMCA Romania Mobile Hub** team with members of the Ukrainian community. Participants discussed the challenges they face, activities that are useful to them, their real needs, and concrete ideas for integration and mutual support. The Rădăuțiul Civic Association is part of this cooperation and the "eDU Hubs and Mobile Centers" program, which aims to connect Ukrainian refugees with host communities in Romania and respond to their real needs.



■ Activities dedicated to young people in Rădăuți

We want a young generation that is active, civically engaged, and aware of its rights, which is why we are contributing to this cause. In 2025, the Community Center hosted **21 activities organized exclusively by young**

people, with a total of 350 participants. In addition, there were other activities organized for young people. All of these are described in the following sections, including the "Youth Activities" section.

■ Community Center – a meeting place for other associations or communities

In November, volunteers from the **Hope 4 Humanity** association in **Suceava** came to Rădăuți to learn about our association and participate in a workshop on civic engagement led by our colleagues and volunteers. We are happy to connect and get to know other active associations in the county, but also to inspire other associations in our region.





Social and charitable initiatives



- Support for asylum seekers at the Rădăuți Center, together with IOM Romania
- Solidarity Fund for Broșteni
- Support for a family whose home was destroyed by fire
- "The magic starts with you" – charity campaign for students at the "Sf. Stelian" Special School

■ Support for asylum seekers at the Rădăuți Center, together with IOM Romania

Between 2025 and 2026, the Rădăuți Civic Association, together with the International Organization for Migration/IOM Romania, is implementing the project "Strengthening resilience and inclusion for asylum seekers in Romania," funded by the European Union under the National Program Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund by the Ministry of Internal Affairs, IGI. The project aims to support asylum seekers in Romania at the Regional Center for Procedures and Accommodation of Asylum Seekers in Rădăuți, where the Rădăuți Civic Association registers beneficiaries, assesses their situation, socio-cultural integration activities, support for integration into Romanian society during the asylum procedure, until a response is received from the authorities, support for the families of asylum seekers who have children enrolled in school, provision of installation packages to cover current maintenance costs (food, clothing), support for CRPCSA Rădăuți with cleaning products for its day-to-day activities.

In 2025, 65 asylum seekers registered at the Rădăuți Center benefited from the services of the Rădăuți Civic Association and IOM Romania, coming from areas such as Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, Myanmar, Palestine, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Tunisia, and Iraq. The Rădăuți Civic Association team offered various activities in 2025, including sessions dedicated to local culture, the Romanian language, sports activities, outdoor activities, support for children from asylum seeker families to participate in chess courses or extracurricular activities, the organization of activities to discover the area, gastronomic activities, and intercultural activities.

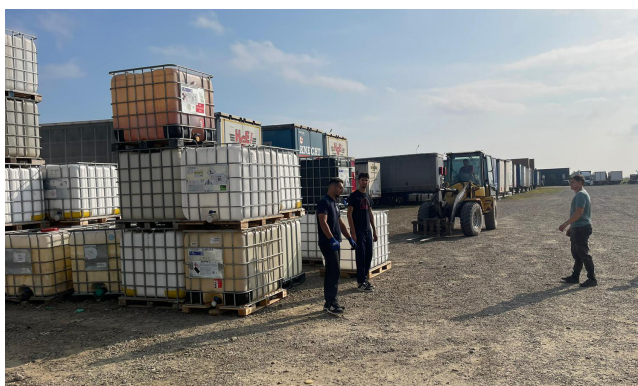


■ Solidarity Fund for Broșteni

Following the floods in the Broșteni area, Suceava County, the Rădăuțiul Civic Association launched a solidarity fund for Broșteni and got involved by making donations, providing 50 water tanks to ensure drinking water for the affected citizens with the support of the Țiriac Foundation, and supporting eight families with building materials for the reconstruction of their homes, through a €10,000 donation from the Emerson company in Cluj-Napoca. In this effort, we coordinated constantly with local authorities, potential donors, and other NGOs present in the field, such as Habitat4Humanity.



Our volunteer colleagues went into the field, physically helped clean up homes, or even used their experience and knowledge to help locally (assessing the situation on the ground, repairing cars and electrical components).



Bringing smiles to those in need



■ Support for a family whose home was devastated by fire

In July 2025, the Rădăuțiul Civic Association intervened to support a family in the commune of Horodnic de Sus, severely affected by a fire, organizing a humanitarian campaign through which it collected 2,700 lei in donations, to which 1,000 lei from the association's resources were added. The team visited the family on site, documented their urgent needs, and promoted the appeal for financial aid and basic materials. Through collaboration with the local community and authorities, reconstruction work began with the support of the local community.



■ "The magic starts with you" – charity campaign for students at the "Sf. Stelian" Special School

Between November 21 and December 13, 2025, we ran a Christmas campaign dedicated to the 187 children at the Rădăuți Special School, with the aim of collecting books, school supplies, and packaged sweets for students in grades I–VIII. The campaign mobilized the local community and volunteers to bring joy to children through educational gifts and holiday surprises. Collection points were set up at the Community Center, and the association also provided a dedicated account for cash donations. The central message of the campaign—"The magic of Christmas starts with YOU"—encouraged citizens to get involved in a gesture of solidarity and generosity.

The children received 187 boots filled with sweets and books as part of this campaign and enjoyed the presence of Santa Claus, thanks to the involvement of volunteers from the Rădăuți Civic Association. The joy of the holidays thus arrived with the support of donors, in particular the MAS Humanitarian Association and EMAS Business Consulting.





Youth activities



- "Europe closer to young people" – a simulation of a debate in the European Parliament
- Promoting volunteering at the "Eudoxiu Hurmuzachi" National College
- "Civic Hunt" for young people in Rădăuțiul Civic
- Halloween party – a social space for young people in Rădăuți
- Youth4Community – the second Erasmus+ project
- Critical thinking and disinformation workshops for 460 participants from Suceava County Partnership with Bogdan Vodă Secondary School
- Partnership with Bogdan Vodă Secondary School
- Civic engagement workshops



We want an active, civically engaged young generation that knows its rights, which is why we are contributing to this. In 2025, 21 activities with young people took place at the Community Center, with a total of 350 participants.

■ "Europe closer to young people" - a simulation of a debate in the European Parliament

On January 24, 2025, we organized the "European Parliament Simulation" event, an educational activity dedicated to young people from the three high schools in the city. Participants experienced the role of MEPs, discussed European issues, and proposed legislative solutions, developing their critical thinking and debating skills.

The activity was organized as part of the "Youth Debates Democracy" project, funded by the European Union and CeRe, and aimed to promote civic education and the active involvement of young people in democratic processes. The event marked the consolidation of the Community Center as a space for learning and civic participation.

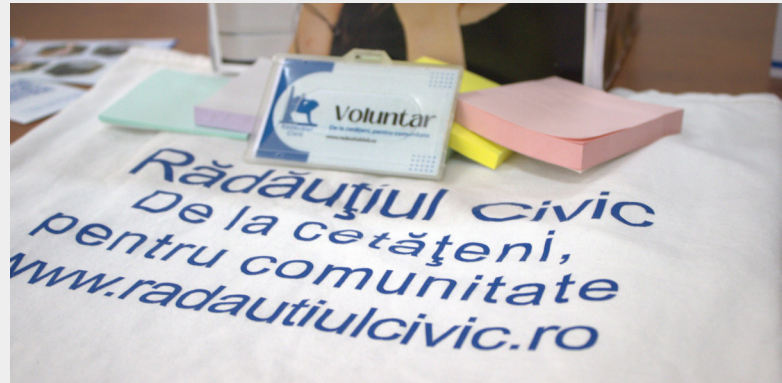


■ Promoting volunteering at the Eudoxiu Hurmuzachi National College

Between February 10 and 14, 2025, we organized a series of presentations at the Eudoxiu Hurmuzachi National College in Rădăuți, targeting 21 classes of students in grades IX–XI.

The purpose of the action was to promote volunteering opportunities and activities carried out at the Rădăuți Community Center. The activity involved: short 20-minute presentations given by seven volunteers, former or current students of the college; informing students about how they can become volunteers and the benefits of civic engagement; distributing anonymous feedback slips.

The students showed interest in volunteering, asking questions about registration, time commitment, and benefits. Over 60% of the feedback responses were positive, with experts praising and congratulating the initiative.



■ "Civic Hunt" for young people in Rădăuțiul Civic

In July 2025, the Rădăuțiul Civic Association organized an interactive urban game with 13 themed checkpoints, through which young people relived defining moments in the association's civic activity between 2023 and 2025. The event combined play, humor, and civic challenges, transforming the city into a living map of engagement. Participants signed petitions, mimed, solved logic puzzles, and recreated key moments in the association's history, strengthening the link between community, civic education, and local history. The activity fostered team spirit and a sense of belonging, showing that volunteering is a source of energy, creativity, and real change.



■ Halloween party – a social space for young people in Rădăuți

On November 1, 2025, young people from the community organized a **Halloween party** at the Rădăuți Community Center, with interactive activities such as a costume contest, board games, a photo corner, and music, providing a safe and creative space for socializing and expression for the local community. The event was designed and implemented by a team of young volunteers as part of efforts to revitalize the community space and actively involve teenagers in the cultural life of the city.



■ Critical thinking and disinformation workshops for 460 participants from Suceava County.

In a world increasingly oversaturated with information, education for critical thinking becomes not only important, but essential. That is why, in 2025, the Rădăuți Civic Association launched a series of workshops dedicated to combating misinformation and cultivating critical thinking, reaching schools, institutions, and communities throughout Suceava County, with the support of the Basel Democracy Foundation.

Entitled "Think for real!", the workshops were designed for young people over the age of 13, but proved equally useful for adults. Structured interactively, based on case studies, fact-checking exercises, and debate, they offer participants: concrete tools for analyzing information; the ability to identify fake news; techniques for verifying sources; solutions for protecting themselves online.

Between February and December 2025, we held workshops in high schools, elementary schools, summer schools, youth communities, and even public institutions. Through 15 workshops with over 460 participants,



we reached the Eudoxiu Hurmuzachi College, the Andronic Motrescu College, the Bogdan Vodă School, and the Mihai Eminescu School Rădăuți, School No. 2 Vicovu de Jos, schools in Burla, Gura Putnei, the Interact Suceava and Rădăuți Civic youth communities, summer schools at the Andronic Motrescu College, and Straja Summer School.

■ Youth4Community – the second Erasmus+ project

The Youth4Community project – Youth for the Community, the second Erasmus+ project of the Rădăuți Civic Association, ran for twelve months, starting in March 2024, and aimed to involve young people aged between 15 and 20 in community life, offering civic education workshops and useful information.

Through practical workshops led by specialized trainers and meetings with local authorities, participants learned how to use civic tools to propose and implement changes in their community. The project also included an institutional visit to Bucharest, where 20 high school students from Rădăuți visited relevant institutions such as the Romanian Parliament, the European Parliament Office in Bucharest, and Casa Europa, meeting with members of Parliament or representatives of European institutions. The young people participated in workshops led by experts from the Resource Center for Public Participation and Expert Forum, learning about democracy, citizens' rights, and the power of civic engagement.

As part of the Erasmus+ project "Youth4Community," the Rădăuți Civic Association organized two dialogue meetings between young people and local councilors from the municipality of Rădăuți, held on November 14 and 27, 2025, at the Rădăuți Community Center, attended by five local councilors from the parties represented in the Local Council.

The purpose of these sessions was to facilitate a genuine exchange of ideas between young people and local elected officials regarding the needs of the community. The young people raised issues related to infrastructure, safety, lack of recreational spaces, stray dogs, and the quality of public lighting. The councillors present took note of the proposals and undertook to forward

them to the Local Council. The project encourages civic participation among young people and provides a model for direct collaboration between generations in the local decision-making process.



The program aimed to create a community of active young people, capable of communicating their needs and contributing to local development, by providing them with free support through Erasmus+ funding.

Through this program, the Rădăuți Civic Association provided young people with the tools they need to become active and involved citizens in society.



■ Partnership with the Bogdan Vodă Secondary School

In the 2024–2025 school year, the Rădăuți Civic Association carried out three educational activities in partnership with the Bogdan Vodă Secondary School in Rădăuți: an environmental clean-up action as part of Green Week, a workshop on critical thinking and disinformation led by Bianca David, and a book exchange entitled "The Book Goes On." The initiatives provided students with civic and formative experiences, demonstrating the value of collaboration between NGOs and schools for applied and relevant education.



■ Civic engagement workshops



In 2025, the Rădăuți Civic Association held several educational workshops dedicated to developing civic spirit among students.

During the "Edu-civic – outdoor education" Summer School in **Vicovu de Sus**, high school students explored key concepts such as active citizenship, civic rights and obligations, student status, and concrete methods of community involvement. Also at the summer school, students from the "Andronic Motrescu" College in Rădăuți engaged in a heated debate entitled "citizens versus local council." Starting from scenarios such as: if the city hall wanted to build a mall right in the city center, with pros and cons, the "citizens" managed to convince the "local council" to move the mall to the outskirts, with public transportation provided, for less traffic.

At **Burla Secondary School**, on Children's Day, students participated in the workshop "My superpower: my rights!", discussing children's rights and symbolically creating a "shield of rights." In the same vein, grades 5–8 took part in the activity "Learning to be citizens. Small deeds build big communities," where students sought solutions to real problems, familiarizing themselves with terms such as civic spirit, volunteering, initiative, and community. All these activities promoted active involvement, critical thinking, and civic education through participatory and age-appropriate methods.



■ Volunteering to organize an event dedicated to young people

On April 9, volunteers from Rădăuțiul civic provided support at the event "Think critically, act smart!", organized by the Capital Civic Association at the Radauti House of Culture. They were in the middle of the action, keeping the energy alive during breaks—with games, conversations, and genuine curiosity.

Over 300 teenagers learned from experienced mentors that good questions are often more important than quick answers. And that to get good results in exams, you need to equip yourself with a set of skills, not just knowledge.



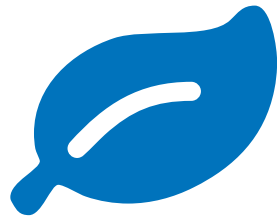
■ Workshops for groups of young people interested in civic engagement

In 2025, we managed to hold two civic workshops for two groups of young people interested in learning more about being active citizens. The first was held on October 27 for a group of eight young people involved in Straja. The workshop focused on ways to get involved and ideas for activities for young people. They were able to put their creativity and strategy to the test to create a calendar, currently fictional, of activities that they can implement in Straja.

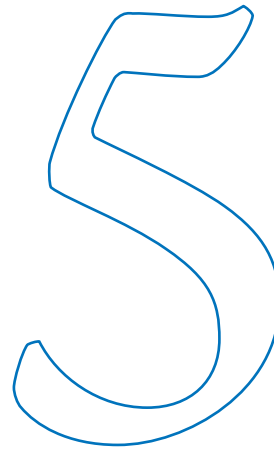
The second workshop was held on November 29 for a group of 12 volunteers from the Hope4Humanity association in Suceava. They took part in a civic workshop conducted through role-playing. Each of them had an important position in the community. Their topic of discussion was based on a fictional situation that could become reality. The young people learned new terms related to civic engagement, what people in decision-making positions do, but above all, how important it is to be truly involved in the community you belong to.

In 2025, 21 activities with young people took place at the Community Center, with a total of 350 participants.





Environmental initiatives



- Reactions to the reduction of green spaces in Rădăuți
- 5 years of independent air quality measurements in Rădăuți Municipality VI



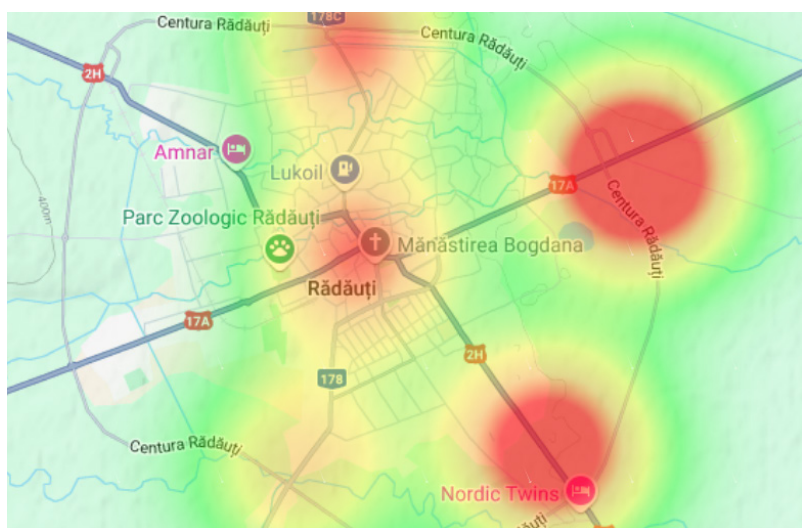
■ Reactions to the reduction of green spaces in Rădăuți

The Rădăuți Civic Association reacted when local authorities launched some projects, insufficiently substantiated, to reduce green spaces in the municipality of Rădăuți. For example, the city's central park was reduced by a strip to create a new traffic lane, which, in our opinion, is unnecessary for the locality. Also, Bogdan Vodă Park was partially paved to expand a local pawn shop business.



■ Five years of independent air quality measurements in Rădăuți

Since 2020, the Rădăuți Civic Association has been working hard to independently monitor air quality in the city of Rădăuți, installing the first PM2.5 particle measuring devices in Piața Garoafelor. Subsequently, four more peripheral devices were added (North – Auto Bazaar, East – towards Dornești, South – towards Suceava, South-West – towards Volovăț), which indicate significantly higher pollution at the exit towards the industrial area in Dornești and in the auto bazaar area. The main findings were: the most polluted area : the exit towards Dornești (above legal limits); the cleanest area: the city center (below legal limits); trends: pollution is higher in winter and on windless days.



The association has sent an official complaint to the Environmental Guard, requesting intervention. Although the authorities do not recognize the devices used (as they are not part of the official RNMCA network), Rădăuți Civic will continue its efforts,

including through requests addressed to the Suceava Environmental Protection Agency. Our efforts are aimed at: informing citizens with real data; civic pressure for the installation of an official RNMCA station; protecting public health and the environment in the municipality of Rădăuți.



Civic Rădăuți
Association

Local history and culture



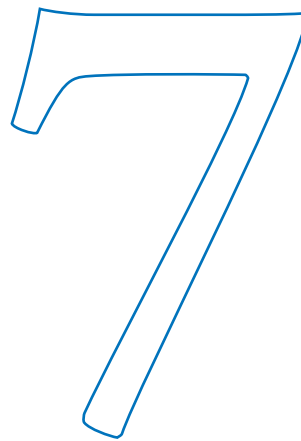
Although the association's main activity is civic, we have remained present in the community through initiatives related to local history and culture. This year, we began cataloging the gravestones in the Jewish cemetery in Rădăuți, in a documentation effort started together with the Jewish community in the city.

With the involvement of Mr. Yossi Yagur and our colleague, Victor Babiuc, photographer, we are supporting the photographic documentation of the Jewish cemetery in Rădăuți, as a database to help the descendants of Jews who lived in Rădăuți to search for and find their roots. These efforts will continue in 2026.





Sharing the Rădăuți Civic experience at the national or international level



**Civic Rădăuți
Association**

- Discussions with 20 NGOs from Romania and the Republic of Moldova
- Exchange of good practices with a civic community in Ploiești
- Discussions with small and medium-sized organizations about civic engagement
- Presentation for institutions with responsibilities in emergency response on the importance of civic infrastructure at the local level, at the invitation of the Department for Emergency Situations (DSU).

■ Discussions with 20 NGOs from Romania and the Republic of Moldova

Luca Ciubotaru, President of the Association, represented the Rădăuțiul Civic Association in a module dedicated to local NGOs in Romania, organized for over 20 civic organizations in the Republic of Moldova by the Romanian Center for European Policies (CRPE). He presented the association's experience in mobilizing the community, its relationship with local authorities, and the lessons learned in small towns, emphasizing the role of civil society in defending democratic values. The participation provided a valuable opportunity for exchange of experience and cross-border dialogue with similar organizations.



■ Exchange of good practices with a civic community in Ploiești

In June, we talked about how to strengthen democracy when there are no elections or campaigns. We discussed how to move from voting to involvement in a discussion organized by the civic organization "Ploiești pentru oameni" (Ploiești for People), sharing local experiences and enjoying learning that there are other such civic communities in the country that bring people and resources together.

DUPĂ LIKE ȘI VOT, CE URMEAZĂ?
CE FACEM CU DEMOCRATIA CÂND NU VOTĂM

Intrare liberă • Discuție relaxată • Idei de implicare

4 iunie | 18:30 - 20:15
ZAT, str. Traian, nr 1, Ploiești

UN EVENIMENT ORGANIZAT DE
PLOIEȘTI
GĂZDUIT DE
ZAT

Ovidiu Voicu, Centrul pentru Inovare Publică
Elena Ghioc, Ploiești pentru oameni
Luca Ciubotaru, Rădăuțiul civic

■ Discussions with small and medium-sized organizations about civic engagement

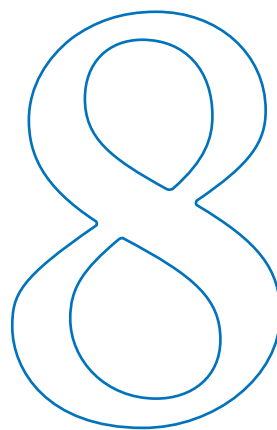
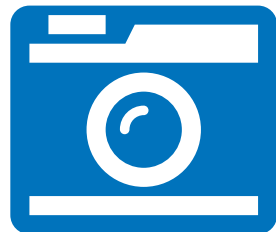
The Rădăuțiul Civic Association participated in the "Spotlight NGO" event, part of the Amplify NGO initiative, where President Luca Ciubotaru presented the importance of civic infrastructure in small towns and the role of local organizations in mobilizing the community. The discussion addressed volunteer management, advocacy strategies, and practical examples from the association's work. Participation provided an opportunity to promote the Rădăuțiul Civic model in dialogue with organizations from across the country, in an interactive format focused on the exchange of best practices.



■ Presentation for institutions with responsibilities in emergency response on the importance of civic infrastructure at the local level, at the invitation of the Department for Emergency Situations (DSU).

At the invitation of the Department for Emergency Situations (DSU) in November 2025, the association's president presented its local activities at an event with international guests on the theme of civil society-authority collaboration in emergency response. The event explored best practices and future ways to involve civil society and ensure complementary efforts in areas of common interest.





Recognition of the association's efforts

■ Rădăuțiul Civic awarded at the Civil Society Gala



■ Rădăuțiul Civic awarded at the Civil Society Gala

The Rădăuțiul Civic Association won **third place at the 2025 Civil Society Gala**, in the Civic Behavior and Public Participation section, with the project "Candidates face to face with citizens – a democratic exercise in Suceava County." The project facilitated direct debates between citizens and candidates in the 2024 parliamentary elections, demonstrating that honest dialogue and civic engagement are possible and relevant even in tense electoral contexts. The award validates the association's efforts to promote participatory democracy and transparency in the public sphere.



The end of the year brought us together again to celebrate this year and these efforts. We would like to thank everyone who believed in the causes we promoted, who supported us, our volunteers, teammates, donors, the people of Rădăuți, and everyone who understood that

"There is no greater force for change than a community that discovers the things it cares about."

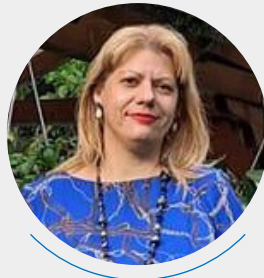
Civic Rădăuți Team

The team of Civic Rădăuți Association

Board of Directors



Luca CIUBOTARU
Chairman



Dana HAIURA
Financial manager



Florentina ȘCHEUL
Project writing coordinator

Executive team members



Cristina CRAMARIUC
Good Governance
Coordinator



Bianca DAVID
Communication
coordinator



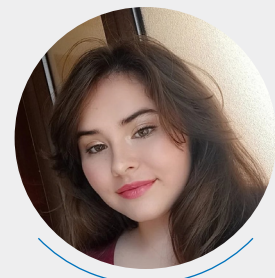
Iulia SIMOTA
Social Campaign
Coordinator



Marina ILIUC
Integration activities
coordinator



Alina Onica
Integration activities
coordinator



Mădălina STOENESCU
Youth activities coordinator



Ștefan Bujdei-Leonte
Youth activities coordinator

Many other volunteers joined to our team
and made the 2025 effort possible.

We thank them all!

Partners in 2025

National and international organizations

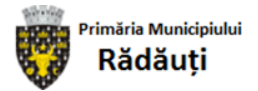


Companies, donors



SC CRIDODAR SRL, SC GALOVI SRL, SC MOBILENA SRL,
SC ARCHOFRUCT SRL

Institutions



Media partners





**Civic Rădăuți
Association**

For more information visit
www.radautiulcivic.ro