

## PROJECT PARTNERS

Promoting children and adolescents' rights in Romania and Italy (PRO-CHILD)



Applicant: ASSOCIAZIONE BAMBINI IN ROMANIA (BIR) [www.bambiniinromania.it](http://www.bambiniinromania.it)

Date of establishment: 1999

Number of permanent staff employed: 3

Organisational structure: not-for-profit association. Its structure is composed of: President: Don Gino Rigoldi, Board of Directors (12 members), Executive Director: Paolo Ricotti.

Usual sources of funding: grant funds, sponsorships

Grant management experience: In the last two years (2008/2009) BIR has received grant finance under the following projects:

“Living in Romania”, a project implemented in Valcea County in partnership with IPI to support young de-institutionalised young persons to re-join their families and gain independence. Grant funding allocation by Milan County Council.

“Ro-mania, never so close”, in partnership with Interculturando, to promote active citizenship of young Romanian people in Lombardy Region. Grant funding allocation by Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Family.

Associazione Bambini in Romania onlus (BIR) was established in Milano in July 1999 by six NGOs to improve the living conditions of children abandoned or at risk of being abandoned in Romania. It is a Voluntary Association with not for profit association status, as recognised by Lombardy Regional Government.

Since its foundation, through fund-raising activities and projects funded by public and private institutions, BIR has promoted initiatives aiming at ensuring subsistence and emotional support to Romanian abandoned children, as well as preventing family abandonment. This activity is carried out in close collaboration with Romanian local authorities and partners (Foundation Inima pentru Inima/IPI and General Directorate for Social Assistance and Child Protection/ DGASPC, Mehedinti County). In Italy and Romania, BIR is committed to raise public awareness on multi-cultural values and promote voluntary initiatives for young people as active participation within local communities. Since 1999, BIR organises summer camps for about 150 young Italian volunteers (each year), who are selected and trained to live 2 weeks with institutionalised young people, for cultural exchanges and relational support. To date, over 1,800 volunteers have participated in these summer camps.

Partner 1: FUNDATIA INIMA PENTRU INIMA (IPI) [www.ipi.ro](http://www.ipi.ro)

Date of establishment: 1997

Number of permanent staff employed: 45



Organisational structure: Not-for-profit non governmental organisation. IPI structure is composed by: President, Lidia Dobre, Board of Directors (3 members), Executive Director, Cristian Dima, and Administrative Director, Elena Diaconu.

Usual sources of funding: Grant funds, sponsorships

Grant management experience: In the last two years (2008/2009), IPI was awarded grant finance under four grant contracts, three of which financed by European Commission and one by Government of Romania, as follows: "Care and Support Centre Bistrita"; "Reception Centre for Children in Emergency"; "Day and night shelter for street children". These projects were managed by the General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection Valcea, IPI being a project Partner. The project "Outpatient rehabilitation centre Voineasa" , was financed by Romanian Government.

Foundation Inima pentru Inima (IPI), established in Romania as non governmental organisation, is recognised by Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Family. Since its inception, through fund-raising activities and projects funded by public and private institutions, with the support of local authorities, IPI has promoted children's and young people's rights, developing services of social protection and contributing to the improvement of their life conditions. The main areas of intervention are a) Development of programmes alternative to institutionalisation through family-type residential centres for deinstitutionalised children and young people; b) day centres for children at risk of abandonment; c) family advice bureau to prevent abandonment at birth; d) programmes and activities to promote children's and young people's rights through summer camps and leisure time activities, sport, naturalistic and cultural excursions. IPI has also delivered: various seminars in schools on drug prevention, human traffic prevention, sexual protection; conferences on national adoption and children's rights. IPI has a good presence in the Valcea and Brasov Counties, and a very good knowledge of youth problems and working experience with young people's groups and relevant stakeholders.

Partner 2: INTERCULTURANDO [www.interculturando.org](http://www.interculturando.org)



Date of establishment: 2001

Number of permanent staff employed: 11

Organisational structure: Social cooperative not-for-profit managed by a President and a Board of Directors.

Usual sources of funding: Grant funds, income from training services

Grant management experience: in the last two years (2008/2009) has managed three grant contracts: "Mediare" Project financed by the European Commission and Italy's Ministry of Interior; "Cultural Mediation" financed by Social and Health Services Agency Valle Seriana; "CICO School Integration Services", financed by Municipality of Cinisello Balsamo.

Interculturando is a social cooperative established in Milan by Italian and foreigner trainers, operators and mediators. Purpose of the cooperative is to promote human and social integration of citizens through good management of social, educational and health services. After the start up phase when Interculturando

worked almost exclusively in the field of intercultural training and consultancy services, since 2005 Interculturando delivers a wider range of social, mediation and intercultural services.

Partner 3: SPIRIT ROMANESC [www.spirit-romanesc.net](http://www.spirit-romanesc.net)



Date of establishment: 2005

Number of permanent staff employed: 2

Organisational structure: Not-for-profit association for social and cultural promotion, particularly addressed to Romanian and Roma communities in Italy. It is managed by a President and a Board of Directors

Usual sources of funding: Grant funds by Italy's Ministries and local governments; Romania's Ministries and local governments; sale of services; sponsorships.

Grant management experience: In the last two years (2008-2009), has received grant funds under two grant contracts: "Mediare" Project financed by the European Commission and Italy's Ministry of Interior (grant amount: euro 21,000); "Nessun luogo e' lontano", a project financed by Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (grant amount: euro 52,000).

Spirit Romanesc is an Italian-Romanian Association whose mission is to promote the integration of the Romanian and Roma communities within the Italian society through cultural events, workshop in the schools, courses of Romanian language. In 2007 it has created a folk group called "DOR CĂLĂTOR", formed by children and young people belonging to Romanian community in Rome, with the goal to promote and maintain culture and traditions among young people and members of the Romanian and Roma community in Rome and throughout Italy. Ongoing Partnerships: Cooperativa Interculturando; Fondazione Risorsa Donna Casa Internazionale delle Donne; CeSPI ; Immigrazioneoggi; Donne contro il Razzismo; Dossier Caritas; Member of the Territorial Council for Immigration of Rome County Council.

Associate Partner: FUTURA SRL <http://intercampus.inter.it>

Associate partner manages the worldwide humanitarian programme Inter Campus. The Programme started in 1997 and currently helps ten thousand children from 8-14 in 20 countries, assisted by 200 local instructors. The aim of the programme is to use the game of football as an educational tool to restore the right to play to 10,000 needy children.

In Romania, further to positive collaboration with the local Inima pentru Inima charity (IPI) in favour of 450 orphans in cities like Ramnicu Vulcea and Brasov, Inter Campus has also developed its activities to bring benefits to youngsters in Slatina, offering them a fun and effective tool for growth, aggregation and psychomotor recovery. Recently, Inter Campus Romania coordinator Lidia Dobre brought 30 children from Ramnicu Vulcea for a day of celebration and integration with (football player) Chivu and the youngsters from Slatina.