

ANNUAL REPORT 2010

ALTERNATIVE SOCIALE ASSOCIATION

works to protect
and promote human
rights through
prevention activities,
assistance, training,
research and
advocacy.



OBJECTIVES:

- Developing prevention activities in the area of human rights protection;
- Assistance for persons at risk;
- Development of professional skills for specialists with attributions in promoting and protecting human rights;
- Community development; informing and involving the community in activities developed by the association;
- Research on psycho-social phenomena;
- Legislative analysis and proposals for *de lege ferenda*;
- Lobby and advocacy in the area of human rights;
- Development of inter-institutional collaboration with the purpose of protecting human rights;
- Providing consultancy for public and private institutions;
- Promoting the statute of the Psychologist and of the Social Worker.

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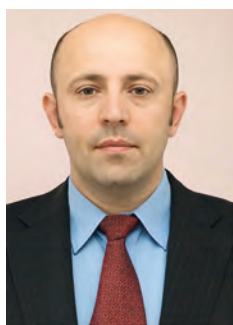
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... about 2010

The programs developed by Alternative Sociale Association in 2010 were focused on social services, prevention, training, research and advocacy.



Dumitru Pușcașu

President



Cătălin Luca

Executive Manager

In the field of assistance for vulnerable groups we provided psycho-socio and juridical services to children left home alone by parents gone to work abroad, to seniors at risk and to victims of human trafficking.

Preventing and combating corruption among the police officers and border police officers, a present day, “breaking news” issue in Romania, was approached by Alternative Sociale in a project optimistically named “Good practice for preventing and combating corruption”. The project implementation was a success and we have to mention the involvement and support of police and border police representatives from the counties of Iasi and Vaslui. We are convinced that the model we proposed in the project should continue and be extended to other police inspectorates in the country.

In 2000 Social Alternatives started the implementation the concept of the juvenile court. Throughout the last 10 years the concept has been adopted by the national legislation, which is why we considered it appropriate to conduct a qualitative study on the justice system for children in Romania. The research provides advice to policy makers, aiming to create uniform policies and practices in a field still going through a process of reform.

Concerned with the consequences of the separation of children from their parents, together with other NGOs and universities from the UK, Sweden and Germany we then turned towards assessing the repercussions and identifying ways to improve the mental health of children with parents in detention.

Looking towards next year we consider important actions related to social care, research. Our priority topics are the remigration of Romanian children and the assistance of children with parents in prison, supporting elderly in need and the development of the field of social economy.

We want to warmly thank our donors, sponsors, partners and the media who supported us for producing the results of which we are very proud.



Good Practice in Preventing and Combating Corruption

187 police workers and border police workers from Iasi and Vaslui counties have been trained on preventing and combating corruption.



208 police workers and border police workers from Iasi and Vaslui counties took part in 12 debates on ethics regarding their profession. The debates took place in Iasi, Vaslui, Pascani, Hirlau, Raducaneni, Targu Frumos, Murgeni, Barlad, Negresti and Husi.

2200 police workers from Iasi and Vaslui counties were the beneficiaries of an internal campaign against corruption, entitled "Your Freedom is the Freedom of Your Family!"



2000 copies of "The Professional Ethics of the Police Work. Means for Preventing Corruption" handbook have been printed and distributed to police workers in Iasi and Vaslui counties.

A curriculum regarding the ongoing training of police workers in the area of preventing corruption has been created and distributed to the Romanian institutions for initial and ongoing training of police workers.



Partners: the Iasi County Police Inspectorate, the Vaslui County Police Inspectorate, the Iasi County Border Police Inspectorate, the Anti-Corruption General Directorate – Iasi County Anti-Corruption Service, the Institute for Prevention and Psycho-Sociology, and the Iasi School for Initial and Ongoing Training of the Border Police Personnel.

Protection of the Home Alone Child

524 children in Iasi county that were at risk due to separation from one or both parents gone to work abroad received psycho-social and juridical assistance.



312 children received school supplies, clothing, and food in order to keep going to schools;

289 children received psychological counselling so as to diminish the consequences of the adjustment disorder (concern, anxiety, depression, poor concentration, irritability and aggressive behaviour), to prevent victimization, to improve the communication with parents working abroad, to alleviate the grief caused by the separation etc.

168 children from Raducaneni and Belcesti villages received Christmas presents from employees of BRD Iasi and of other private donors;

40 children at risk of dropping out of school from the communes of Liteni and Raducaneni were kept in school through afterschool activities;

22 children affected by their families' juridical problems (divorce, civil trials, domestic violence etc.) received legal counselling.

3 meetings were held with members of the Community Advisory Council of Raducaneni with the purpose of identifying local solutions for reducing the negative consequences of labour migration on children left behind.

The contest "Independent Life Skills" was developed in Belcesti and Raducaneni with the participation of 50 children from which 6 received substantial awards.

"The European Allowance. It is the Right of Your Child!" campaign continued to inform Romanian parents working in EU countries on the possibility of accessing social benefits according to European Union Council Regulation No 1408/71.



Assistance services for seniors

In Iasi Municipality, 304 seniors in difficult situations received psycho-social and juridical assistance with the purpose of strengthening relations with family members, mediating relations with authorities, overcoming crisis situations and involvement in socializing activities.



- 158** seniors benefiting from psychological counselling;
- 300** seniors received food, medicines, prosthesis, clothing etc.;
- 110** lonely seniors were involved in 21 socializing activities (excursions, going to the theatre, visits to exhibitions and museums, picnics etc.)
- 32** seniors received juridical counselling for different issues they faced (abusive utility contracts, civil trials due to debts, inheritance etc).

“The elders around you!” is the title of the photo exhibition organized with the purpose of sensitizing the community in Iasi. Andrei Nacu, the photographer of the exhibition, volunteered in this project and captured snapshots of the daily life of seniors assisted by Alternative Sociale.



Liteni Medical Center

Within Liteni school (Belcesti commune, Iasi county) we have rehabilitated and endowed a medical center for the children in the community. In 2010, over 100 children benefited from medical services in this center.

Publications

Analysis regarding the juvenile justice system in Romania



The study aimed to produce a qualitative analysis on the juvenile justice system proposing recommendations for coherent policies and practices.

750 copies of this study were distributed to magistrates in prosecutor's offices and courts in Romania, Superior Council of Magistracy, Ministry of Justice, and General Prosecutor's Office.

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A legislative analysis was made with regards to the organization of prosecutor's offices and courts for the instrumentation of civil and penal trials involving children. Another objective was to analyze important projects developed in Romania during 2000 – 2009. In order to underline the importance of training magistrates in juvenile justice statistical data was obtained from the National Institute of Magistracy. The needs and expectations of magistrates emerged from three focus groups organized in Iasi, Brasov, and Cluj Napoca.

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Publications

The Professional Ethics of the Police Work. Means for Preventing Corruption



"Every Man Invested with Power is Apt to Abuse It."

Montesquieu.

2000 copies were published and distributed to police workers and border police workers in Iasi and Vaslui counties.

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Conceived as a practical guide to inform and raise awareness amongst police workers with regards to vulnerabilities and means of preventing corruption, the research includes detailed information on: ethics, moral, ethics' code of the police worker, the correlation between disciplinary deviation and crime, how a police worker should react when is offered bribery, motivating the honest police worker, judicial practice, internal campaign plan for preventing corruption amongst police workers.

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Awards

Civil Society Gala, IX-th Edition, 2010

- Third prize of the Human Rights Category
- Honorable mention of the Education and Research Category



Children of Prisoners, Interventions and Mitigations to Strengthen Mental Health.

Together with the Faculty of Philosophy and Socio-Political Science – University of Alexandru Ioan Cuza Iasi, Alternative Sociale was involved in organizing the international conference within the pan-European research *COPING - Children of Prisoners, Interventions and Mitigations to Strengthen Mental Health*.



COPING - Children of Prisoners, Interventions and Mitigations to Strengthen Mental Health project is funded by the EU Seventh Framework Programme.

Partners: University of Huddersfield, Technische Universität Dresden, Karolinska Institutet, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Partners of Prisoners and Families Support Group, Treffpunkt e.V., Riksbryggan, Eurochips, Quaker United Nations Office, Geneva.

Training Center

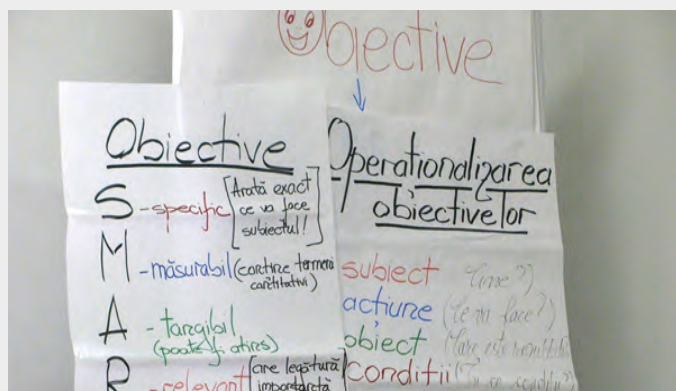
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The training center offers training courses for the occupation of trainer and of project manager, which are recognized by the Ministry of Labour, Family, and Social Protection and by the Ministry of Education, Research and Innovation.

Trainers with extensive knowledge and expertise in training and project management share their professionalism, know-how and enthusiasm for our clients to achieve their objectives.

21 persons received certification as project managers,
12 persons received certification as trainers.



Volunteer

Be a Super volunteer!



60 volunteers contributed more than 2500 hours of volunteering in activities of prevention and assistance developed for vulnerable seniors and children.

25 volunteers were trained in developing activities with children and seniors in difficult situations.

21 socializing events for seniors were developed with the help of our volunteers.

60 afterschool activities and special events (1st of June, Christmas etc.) addressed to children with parents gone to work abroad were developed by volunteers.

Within the “National Volunteering Week” 2010, Alternative Sociale awarded the journalist from Iasi who constantly and professionally supported volunteering actions in Iasi community.





Financial Information

Extract from the censor's report for the verification and the certification of the Alternative Sociale's financial situations for 2010.

The Financial Balance sheet for Alternative Sociale on December 31st 2010, compared to the previous financial exercise is introduced as follows:

Indicators	2009		2010	
	RON	%	RON	%
A. Assets	204.945	13,53	152.980	7,40
Non-corporal assets	8.999	0,59	7.107	0,35
Corporal assets	195.746	12,93	145.673	7,04
Financial assets	200	0,01	200	0,01
B. Circulating assets	1.310.203	86,47	1.905.757	92,12
Reserves- total	46.681	3,08	41.589	2,01
Debts - total	113.648	7,50	124.668	6,03
Financial investment/short term	0	0	0	0
Availabilities	1.149.874	75,89	1.739.500	84,08
C. Advance expenses	0	0	9.922	0,48
Total net assets	1.515.148	100,00	2.068.659	100,00
D. Capital and reserves	20.956	1,38	20.956	1,01
Inputs	0	0	0	0
Reserves from reassessments	17.321	1,14	17.321	0,84
Reserves	3.635	0,24	3.635	0,17
Reported result balance C/D	1.293.115	85,35	1.396.812	67,53
Exercise result – balance C/D	103.697	6,84	450.741	21,78
Profit allocation	0	0	0	0
Total own capitals	1.417.768	93,57	1.868.509	90,32
E. Risks/expenses previsions	0	0	0	0
F. Debts over 1 year	0	0	0	0
G. Debts under 1 year	96.238	6,35	200.150	9,68
Total debts	96.238	6,35	200.150	9,68
C. Advance expenses	1.142	0,08	0	0
Total net assets	1.515.148	100,00	2.068.659	100,00

The analysis of the data from the above table indicates:

- In the current financial exercise an increase of the proportion of circulating assets in total net assets is shown (with 5,65% more than the previous exercise); the increase is due mainly to existing availabilities in the association's accounts from the financing of projects in implementation;
- The corporal assets have raised in absolute measures compared with the previous exercise by 595.554 lei, and the non-circulating assets have dropped by 51.965 lei (6,13 percent), the drop due mainly to the reduction of availabilities (by 5,89%) in total net assets, as a result of lack of significant investments in 2010;
- The own capitals have registered, as percentage of the total, a non-significant decrease in 2010 (with 3,25% less than 2009), in the context of a significant increase of percentage of the reported result (14,94% more than the previous year), of a reduction of the percentage of the result of the current exercise (17,82% less than 2010) and slightly risen share of the debts of under a year by the association (3,33% more than year before).



Income and expenses situation at the end of 2010 compared to the previous year:

Indicators	Financial exercise		Deviations (±Δ)	Percents (%)
	2009	2010		
TOTAL INCOME from which:	2.021.315	2.835.238	+813.923	40,26
Income from foreign non-refundable loans	1.841.391	2.406.155	564.764	30,67
<i>Income from sponsorships and donations</i>	37.663	64.157	+26.494	70,34
Income from services	0	0	0	0
Financial income	58.933	269.334	+210.401	357,01
Incomes from subscriptions and contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	83.328	95.592	+12.264	14,72
TOTAL EXPENSES, from which:	1.917.618	2.384.497	+466.879	24,35
Expenses for services provided by third parties	547.961	324.270	-223.691	-40,82
Material expenses	182.896	161.240	-21.656	-11,84
Personnel expenses	996.531	1.016.186	+19.655	1,97
Expenses for non-refundable loans transferred to individuals	45.115	342.587	+297.472	659,36
Financial expenses	18.485	252.807	+234.322	1367,63
Other expenses	126.630	287.407	+160.777	126,96
TOTAL EXPENSES, from which:	+103.697	+450.741	+347.044	334,67



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The analysis of the data from the above table indicates:

- The income of the association resulting from the activities developed raised significantly in the current year by 40,26%, compared with the previous year, respectively by 813.923 lei in absolute measures; the rise is due mainly to the increase of the income obtained from foreign non-refundable loans (30,67% more than the previous year), of the financial incomes (357,01% more than the previous year) and of the percentage of incomes from sponsors and donors (70,34% more than the previous year);
- The expenses in 2010, on the total of activities, have raised in 2009 by 24,35%, due mainly to the increase of the ratio of expenses for material aid and non-refundable loans transferred to non-profit entities (659,36%), of the percentage of financial expenses (by 1367,63%), these increases outpacing the declining share of expenditure for services provided by third parties (by 40,82%) and the percentage of material spending (11,84%);
- The result of the financial exercise for 2010 is significantly higher than the one of 2009, with 347.044 lei in absolute measures, respectively by 334,67%, due to the notable raise of incomes compared to a slower raise of total incomes of the association.

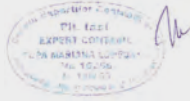
In 2010 Alternative Sociale did not develop economic activities that are subject to profit tax.

Analyzing the economic indicators we can conclude that the activity of the association in 2009 has been developed in optimum conditions, with an increasing trend, the proposed and reached goals being attracting non-refundable funds and implementing projects.

In closing our verification we haven't found any aspect that could place a doubt on the regularity and honesty of the annual accounts nor on the image of the financial situation of the institution.

The annual accounts on December 31st 2010 are according to the Financial audit and certification of the accountancy balance norms as well as to the current legislation.

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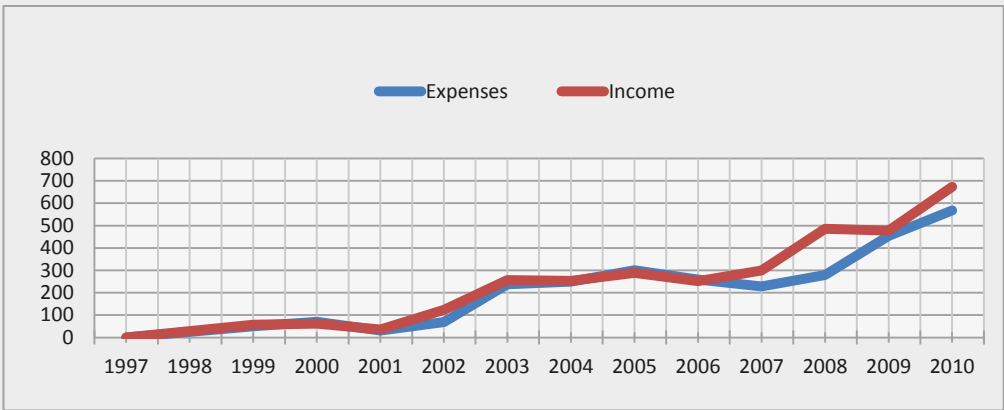


Accountancy expert

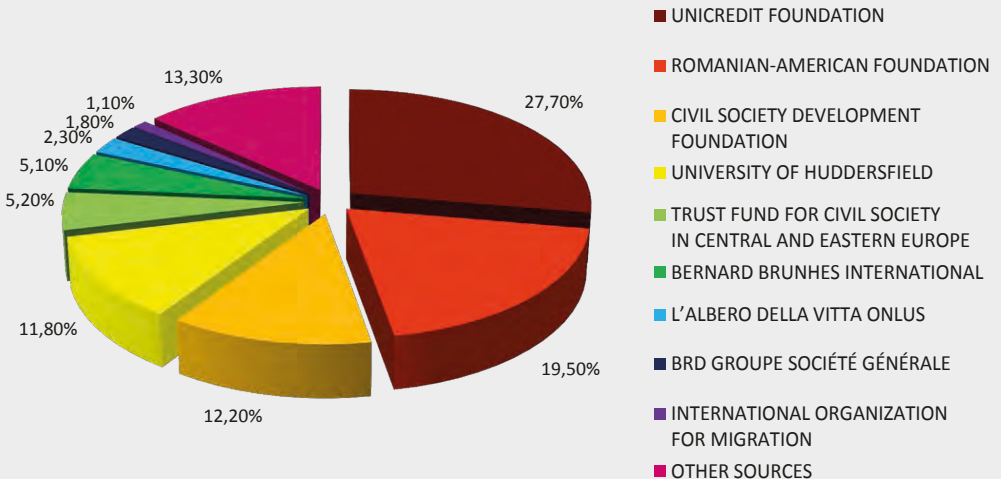
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Evolution of income/expenses (thousands of EURO)



Donor sources 2010





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United Nations Development Programme

UNICEF –Romania

Association of Magistrates in Iasi

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Iasi Court of Law

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Child Protection Service in Iasi

County Agency Social Benefits Iasi

Psycho-pedagogical County Centre Iasi

County Border Police Iasi

County Police Inspectorate Iasi

County Police Inspectorate Vaslui

Ministry of Interior - General Directorate for

Anti-Corruption, Iasi County Department

General Directorate for Combating Organized Crime – Anti-organized Crime Brigade Iasi

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Bacau Penitentiary

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