



asociația pro democrația

1. Organizational background:

Name of the organization:	
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Date of foundation of the organization:	1990
Date of last registration (if applicable): 14.06.2007	Registration code: 10211579
Mission (objective) of the organization: The mission of Asociația Pro Democrația (Pro Democracy Association) is to strengthen democracy at national and international level by encouraging civic participation.	
Legal status of the organization: Non-profit organization	

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2. Fields of interests:

Decentralization		Advocacy	
Interethnic relations		Transparency and accountability	X
Participative democracy	X	Rights of minorities	X
Good governance	X	Gender balance	
Citizens' education	X	Other (please specify)	

3. Information on projects:

Please specify the projects implemented by your organization in the last year
<p>1. Name of the project: Education for Democracy</p> <p><i>Primary objective of the project:</i> Elaborating an education package for teaching the optional class "Education for Democracy", addresses to high school students from the XI grade;</p> <p><i>Financed by:</i> Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe</p> <p><i>Achieved results:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Teaching the class „Education for Democracy” in 21 high schools from Romania (three from each county: Bacau, Brasov, Braila, Sibiu, Timisoara, Vrancea and the town of Bucuresti) by teachers trained according to the projects' methodology;- Creating a group of 20 persons, formed by representatives from the Ministry of Education, Research and Innovation, from the Regional Scholar Inspectorate, from the Chamber of Deputies, teachers and APD members. This group will work in order to create the educational package and materials;- Creating the educational package This will include a handbook, the methodology needed to teach the class, videos, legislatives posters- Elaborating an informing material regarding the Chamber of Deputies of Romania, that will be presented to students that visit the Parliament;- Choosing 40 teachers that will teach this optional class;- Teaching the class "Education for Democracy" in 21 high schools from Romania;- Achieving the support of the Ministry of Education, Research and Innovation in order to introduce this optional class in all the high schools from Romania. <p>2. Name of the project: Exercises for Democracy</p> <p><i>Primary objective of the project:</i> To inform young people and other Romanian electors on the role and working system of the EU institutions and to encourage them to know more about the elections for the European Parliament.</p> <p><i>Financed by:</i> Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Space (EES).</p>

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Achieved results:

- Encouraging young people's participation in elections to establish Romanian representatives in the European Parliaments through a simulating exercise. This action took place in seven towns, each one with three high schools involved.
- Encouraging young people's interest for national problems by organizing a simulation of the decisional process inside the Romanian Parliament - Youth Parliament. To achieve this objective, the target groups took part in some internship programs, along the summer, in parliamentary bureaus. This way, they will have the opportunity to know more about some less visible parliamentary activities like meeting citizens and visiting the department they represent. 150 participants will be chosen for Youth Parliament. They will work inside the six special commissions and they will prepare a report on the current projects, that will be presented the next day in the plenum of the Youth Parliament. On the last day, they will discuss the legislative proposals, the commissions report and they will vote.

3. Name of the project: For Straight A Elections

Primary objectives of the project: Creating a professional body of chairmen for the voting bureaus of polling stations; Improving APD's electoral monitoring methodology. (Organizational development goal); Formulating a document containing public policies (opened for consultation) for improving electoral law in Romania.

Financed by: The governments of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through the EEA Financial Mechanism

Achieved results:

- increasing trust in the fairness of elections for the presidential elections by ensuring 1000 APD observers in 1000 polling stations;
- increasing BESV chairmen confidence through the monitoring and assistance provided by 1000 APD observers in 1000 polling stations;
- MP's and members of Romanian Government will receive a document containing public policies, including real propositions for legislative emendation;
- increasing professional competence in observing elections for 40 APD members that will work together in formulating a new methodology for electoral observation;
- increasing efficiency in observing elections for 500 APD members and volunteers in Romania and foreign missions, based on a new methodology starting from 2010.

4. Name of the project: For the President: Stand up and Observe!

Primary objectives of the project: Informing young people about the presidential elections, for the increase of the turnout among young people; Ensuring the monitoring of the public institutions that have responsibilities in enforcing the law and the election campaign for the presidential elections in terms of financial resources the political parties and candidates use in those campaigns; informing public opinion and international organizations on the monitoring; Ensuring the monitoring of the Election-day for presidential elections in 1.000 voting sites located in both rural and urban areas; Informing the public opinion and foreign institutions and NGOs about the

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correctness of the electoral process for the elections for the Romanian president in terms of both the electoral campaign and voting day.

Financed by: Balkan Trust for Democracy

Achieved results:

- At least 800 persons trained as election observers;
- A monitoring campaign in 14 city in Romania and the six districts of Bucharest;
- Increased public trust in the fairness of the electoral process, due to its monitoring by APD;
- Increased accountability of candidates and political parties, due to the possibility to prove possible irregularities;
- The Domestic Observer Manual and an observing methodology adapted to current challenges of election organization in 2009;
- Observing the elections in at least 1.000 polling stations;
- Raising the young people participation at elections, comparing to 2009 and 2008 elections, due to the debate organized and made public by national and local media;
- A report on the electoral process for the presidential elections, including the results of the monitoring of the campaign, conclusions of the E-Days observation and procedural and legislative recommendations;
- 10 law modification proposals assumed by decision makers included in the final report of the electoral process monitoring mission.

5. Name of the project: 112 for Structural Funds

Primary objective of the project: The aim of the project is to enforce NGOs role and capacity to be social partners and also beneficiaries of the structural funds and the European fund for agriculture and rural development.

Financed by: NGO Fund

Achieved results:

- An evaluation methodology, confirmed by all the members of the coalition and the project partners;
- Involving in the project eight local organizations;
- 40 stakeholderi (institutions, NGOs, media) will know the conclusions of the evaluation report;
- A fast warning system regarding the problems encountered by potential beneficiaries of programmes financed through European Social Fund and European Fund for Agricultural and Rural Development;
- 500 pliants that present this system;
- The report „100 notifications”.

6. Name of the project: Enhancing Good Governance in Romania

Primary objective of the project: The development of women and Roma community role within the

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public local administration, especially regarding the decision making processes;

- The training of a significant number of candidates, capable of participating in the next elections. For reaching this objective, Asociatia Pro Democratia will prepare, within seminaries, 200 participants, 100 women and 100 Roma, regarding public administration for raising the degree of responsibility and for helping them to fulfill their tasks successfully.

Financed by: United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF)

Achieved results:

- The publishing of the Guide-Book for Local Councilors, in two versions, each dedicated to one target group. The publication contains essential information, legislation and good practices, necessary to the participants in fulfilling their tasks efficiently and with responsibility;
- Organizing a series of seminaries regarding good governance techniques: the integrity of the local councilor, the assumed attributions and responsibilities, the functioning of the local council and the communication with the citizens and the civil society;
- Enhancing the good governance mechanisms by developing multiple aspects: communicating, organizing meetings with the stakeholders, intergovernmental communications and negotiating conflicts;
- Implementing 30 projects - by 15 women and 15 Roma - developed following the indications given during the trainings, targeted to inform, consult and implicate the community in the governing process.

7. Name of the project: Institutional Transparency of European Funds in Romania

Primary objective of the project: Improving the transparency level of institutions that manage European funds in Romania.

Financed by: European Union through PHARE 2006.

Achieved results:

- Identifying "weak zones" in applying laws that regard information access and decisional transparency in institutions that manage European funds;
- Monitoring how this institutions are respecting the law regarding information access and decisional transparency;
- Dissemination of good practices in applying the above mentioned laws. These good practices will be identified during the monitoring program. The dissemination will be implemented through one publication and one conference.

8. Name of the project: EU Exercises

Primary objective of the project: The project's aim is to stimulate the interest of the young people in Romania in the way of electing the Romanian representatives in the European Parliament and their interest in European issues.

Financed by: The European Union through PHARE Program 2006.

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Achieved results:

- Increasing youngsters' level of information regarding the decisional process in the EU. APD pursues to augment the level of information among the young people concerning the mechanisms of decision-making in EU and to stimulate their interest in the activities of the European institutions, using interactive methods of learning and participation in concrete activities. The Component EU Model, of the project Exercises in EU, will help the participating students understand the role of the European authorities, the mission of the national representatives and how the institutional system functions in practice.
- Stimulating youngsters to participate in the elections for the European Parliament of 2009. Through this component, APD and its partners will increase the participation in elections among the young people from the targeted groups and their acquaintances. The youngsters' low presence to vote is caused by the weak level of information regarding the electoral programs of the parties and candidates. APD will focus its efforts on informing the young people about the electoral programs and the attributions of the European Members of Parliament and will organize dialogues between the electors and candidates.
- Increasing the level of information of young people about the European context in which they live and the development of their sense of belonging in the EU, through the component Tour Debates. APD will submit to discussion a subject of European concern, which affects the young people. APD will increase the degree of information among the youngsters regarding current European subjects and will determine them to move beyond their superficial level of understanding, to inform themselves properly, and to be able to support with arguments their pro and against positions.

9. Name of the project: Enhancing European Solidarity between Central and Eastern Europe and Cuba

Primary objective of the project: This project aims at setting up a system for supporting the independent civil society organizations in Cuba, by creating and maintaining the social frame necessary to develop such initiatives. Respecting human rights and freedom of expression and thought are only two directions approached within the project, through activities that would contribute to developing a civil society able to resist the political oppressions.

Financed by: People In Need – Czech Republic

Achieved results:

- Expanding the Europe - Cuba NGO Network, lobbying for creating civil society organizations in Cuba and for activating the existing ones;
- Offering logistic, informational and financial support for the representatives of the Cuban civil society and opposition movements;
- Lobbying on the European level for consolidating the EU policy towards Cuba.

10. Name of the project: Guiding public officials towards European practices

Primary objective of the project: The aim of the project is to promote the principles of good governance in Romania by increasing the responsibility and enhancing the performances of the

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local elected officials.

Financed by: Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

Achieved results:

- Creating a desktop analysis of the Romanian legislation regarding the public administration, by including methods of implementing the legislation regarding the citizens, transparency and increasing the level of efficiency for the local governing
- Creating a desktop analysis of the European practices, by analyzing and identifying good practice examples within the European Institutional system and similar institutions from the EU members
- Drafting a guide of good practices
- Selecting seven cities, in which will be organized consultations regarding the guide with the local elected officials
- Testing the guide by organizing eight round tables (in Bucharest and seven other cities) and finalizing the publication
- Creating the audiobook ("European practices for the Romanian public administration")
- Launching the good practices database, www.apd.ro/bunepRACTICI
- Distributing the publications within 500 localities
- Launching the guide, the audiobook and the database during a public conference

4. Capacity of the organization: personnel and management bodies of the organization

Please specify the executive structure of the organization and the decision making process within the organization.

The clubs represent the local branches of APD where our members and volunteers work. Each club has an Executive Committee and a President - both elected by the General Assembly of the club. Currently, APD has a network of 31 clubs.

The board of APD is constituted of seven members (the President included), elected by the General Assembly of APD for a two-year mandate.

The National Coordination Center represents the executive structure of the association. Located in Bucharest, it manages the activity of the association at national level. The positions of the NCC are: Executive Director, Deputy Director, Project Financial Manager, IT Specialist, PR Coordinator, two Program Coordinators, Financial Assistant, Staff Assistant and CReD Expert.

The decision making process represents a continuous process integrated in the interaction between the three different structures, the final decision being taken by the Board of APD.

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**Published materials in the last year:
Report on Monitoring the Elections for the European Parliament - June 2009**

The absenteeism and the lack of an electoral campaign focused on European issues were decisive facts for the results obtained at the European elections that took place in Romania on June 7, 2009. With a level of participation of only 27, 21%, these elections raised a series of suspicions regarding their correctness, following several accusations of electoral fraud. This report analyses these facts and the European and national political context and the legislative changes that have influenced these elections.

Parliamentary Transparency and Civil Society Participation at the Legislative Process – April 2009

"Parliamentary Transparency and Civil Society Participation at the Legislative Process" is the first publication realized inside the project "An Open Parliament". This brochure presents the access and promotion possibilities of NGOs initiatives in the Romanian Parliament. Through this material, NGOs representatives can find out more about the certification programs of NGOs with the Chamber of Deputies, about the online methods of communication with these institutions and the financing possibilities.

Public Consultation in the Romanian Parliament - Guide-Book for an Efficient Dialogue between Members of the Parliament and Citizens – May 2009

This guide-book is the second publication realized by Asociația Pro Democrația inside the project "An Open Parliament", and presents the consultation as an active dialogue between citizens and their representatives in the Parliament. The guide-book also presents several methods of consultation.

Guide-Book for Local Councilors I – May 2009

The first Guide-book for local councilors, published inside the project "Strengthening Good Governance in Romania", is addressed to all the local representatives. The publication presents information on local public administration and the relation with other stakeholders, but also the relation with the citizens. This guide-book was published inside the project "Strengthening Good Governance in Romania", developed by Asociația Pro Democrația and the National Democratic Institute and financed by the United Nations Democracy Fund.

Guide-Book for Local Councilors II

The second Guide-book for local councilors, published inside the project "Strengthening Good Governance in Romania", is addressed to all the women who are local representatives. The publication presents information on local public administration and the relation with other stakeholders, but also the relation with the citizens. This guide-book was published inside the project "Strengthening Good Governance in Romania", developed by Asociația Pro Democrația and the National Democratic Institute and financed by the United Nations Democracy Fund

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5. Equipment and other resources

Office?	Yes	No
IT equipment:		
1. Multifunctional	X	
2. Printer	X	
3. PC SErver	X	
4. PC – Work station	X	
5. Laptop	X	
6. Desktops	X	
7. Mobile phones	X	
8. Network equipment	X	
9. Video projector	X	
10. Photo cameras	X	
11. Phone central	X	
12. UPS	X	
13. Fax	X	
14. TV set	X	
15. Video recorder/player	X	

Financing of the organization	
Source of financing	Amount 2009 (EURO)
1. NGO Fund	71,860.00
2. Trust for Civil Society in Central & Eastern Europe	100,139.00
3. European Union Phare Program	84,743.63
4. NGO FUND	69,120.00
5. BALKAN TRUST	13,800.00
6. Konrad Adenauer Stiftung	15,000.00
7. UNDEF	169,160.00
8. <i>NDI</i>	1,380,365.00
9. BALKAN TRUST	32,302.00
10 European Union Phare Program (partnership with IRT)	20,500.00

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