

## The UN Youth Association of Romania

### 1. The Mission of the UN Youth Association of Romania

The mission of the UN YOUTH ASSOCIATION OF ROMANIA is to promote and encourage UN values and activities among the Romanian youth, the Romanian society and the international community.

In order to achieve its mission, the Association organizes conferences, seminars, workshops, trainings and debate sessions concerning social, economic, legal, human rights, development and international security issues, organizing UN academic conferences simulations, but also other multilateral negotiation forums for youth all around the world, at both pre-university and university level, the biggest annual UN simulation conference in Romania – Bucharest International Student Model United Nations and other event and action which coincides with the purposes assumed.



UNYARo is a member of the following international and national federations: the International Association for Political Science Students since 2013, the United Nations Youth Association Network

(UNYANET) since 2012, European Model United Nations Network (EMUNNET) since 2009 and the Students Union of Romania (USR) since 2010.

## **2. The Structure of the Association**

The structure of the UN Youth Association Romania, fundamentally, is divided between specific activity domains, which are organized in departments, i.e. the Projects Department, the Marketing Department, the Communication Department, the Image Department, the Human Resources Department and the General Secretariat. The departments mentioned above are run by directors and a secretary-general, who, together with the President and the Vice-President of the branch constitute the Board of Directors of a branch.

The UN Youth Association of Romania has a national reach, with 6 branches located in Timisoara, Cluj-Napoca, Iasi, Brasov, Constanta and Craiova. The central structure, located in Bucharest is comprised of approximately 60 members and together with the regional branches, UNYARo is composed of more than 150 members.

All the branches are directed by the Executive Bureau in Bucharest which reunites the President of the Association, the Vice-President for External Relations, the Educational Vice-President, the Internal Relations Vice-President and the Secretary General.

## **3. The Projects of the Association**

The projects of the Association are designed in order to promote UN values, encourage the active youth participation in civil society, but also at the same time, to stimulate academic proficiency, by improving and consolidating youth knowledge in the adjacent study domains.

## Annual Projects

- ❖ **BISMUN Conference (Bucharest International Student Model United Nations)** – the most important Model UN-type international conference organized in Romania, which simulates the UN decisional processes and mechanisms; takes place in March (6<sup>th</sup> edition in 2014) at the Palace of Parliament.
  
- ❖ **The Summer School on Diplomacy** – event organized in the form of workshops, talks and debates with diplomats and scholars; takes place in July (4<sup>th</sup> edition in 2014).
  
- ❖ **Student Conference on International Relations, Security and Economy** – an international academic conference for students, with the result of possibly publishing the resulting working papers in specialized magazines; takes place in October (2<sup>nd</sup> edition in 2012; replaced by the 17<sup>th</sup> ACGA in 2013)
  
- ❖ **Moot Courts** – contest of simulated trials of the International Courts of Justice (e.g. CIJ, CJUE, CEDO) ; takes place in December (4<sup>th</sup> edition in 2014).
  
- ❖ **MiniMUNs: Think Globally, Act locally** – the organization of Model United Nations-type conferences at a local level, in both universities and high-schools, in approximately 20 cities all across Romania; takes place all year long (20 MUNs held until August 2014).
  
- ❖ **Regional MUNs** – the organization of Model United Nations-type conferences at a regional level in Timisoara (4<sup>th</sup> edition in 2014), Brasov, Iasi, Cluj-Napoca, Craiova and Constanta.
  
- ❖ **UN Day** – event with the purpose of supporting and encouraging the fundamental UN values, with the occasion of reaching a certain number of years since the establishment of the organization; takes place on the 24<sup>th</sup> October (5<sup>th</sup> edition in 2013).

## Previous Projects

1. **BISMUN Conference** – 26-31 March 2014; 20-25 March 2013; 21-26 March 2012, 23-28 March 2011, 25-29 March 2010, 19-23 March 2009;
2. **The International Day of Commemoration of the Holocaust Victims** – 27 January 2012;
3. **Moot Courts/ CIJ** – 6-8 December 2013; 7-9 December 2013; 8-11 December 2011 / 10-12 December 2010;
4. **UN Day – UN at 65** - 24-25 October 2010; **UN at 66** – 24th October 2011;
5. **BISMUN Student Conference on International Relations, Security and Economy: *Looking at the United States from the Western Shores of the Black Sea. What do we see?***– 28-30 October 2011;
6. **MiniMUN Braşov, Bacău, Timișoara, Târgoviște, Reșița, Arad, Craiova** – 2011, 2012, 2013;
7. **Banat Regional Model United Nations 2011** – 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014;
8. **Transilvania Regional Model United Nations 2011** – 13-15 May 2011;
9. **Current States of International Law and International Relations: *Libia and the Responsibility to Protect – What is the norm?*** – 22 June 2011;
10. **Millenium Development Goals Awareness Campaign** – March – December 2011;
11. **International Human Rights Day: Human Rights Development in the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century** – 10 December 2010;
12. **Second Meeting of the Parties on the Protocol on Water and Health of the UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Water Courses and International Lakes** – 23-25 November 2010;
13. **Late Summer Seminar on Climate Change** – 30 August - 5 September 2010
14. **BISMUN Internship at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs** – June-July 2010
15. **Round Table on the Responsibility to Protect** – 25 November 2009

## 4. Partners and Sponsors

The Association developed permanent institutional partnerships with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The University of Bucharest, The Faculty of Law of The University of Bucharest and the UN System in Romania.

Among our project-based partner organizations, we mention: The Romanian Senate, the National School of Political and Administrative Studies (SNSPA), the Academy of Economic Studies, the West

University, Ecological University, Transylvania University, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, The Romanian

Diplomatic Institute, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Human Synergetics, Ronald S. Lauder Foundation – Romania, The Romanian Association of Water, The National Agency for Environment Protection, UNDP, Students Union of Romania, Students Union of the Academy of Economic Studies, etc.

As to our specific partners regarding our Model United Nations-type activities, they are : Global Model United Nations, NapoMUN, MILMUN, SOFIMUN, ISBMUN and MdiMUN.

In the media domain, we have the support of : Start UB, Radio Romania Cultural, Legalis Platform, InfoLegal.ro, Stiriong.ro, Online Student, Juridice.ro, Studentie.ro, Evenimente Studentesti.ro, CH Beck Publishing House, Hamangiu and Nomina Lex, Curierul Judiciar, WebPR, BuzzCAMP, IQ Ads, Webcultura, Studentul.info, Metropotam.ro, 7 Seri, IQ ool, Academic Link, Orasul Meu, Achieve Global, Romania Pozitiva, Foreign Policy Romania, CSR Media, City TV, VIP, Prime and others.

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## 5. Contact Data

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Or access our social media channels for an interactive approach towards our association :

<http://www.facebook.com/UNYouthAssociationOfRomania> ;

In order to be constantly informed regarding the Model United Nations-type activities news, both nationally and internationally, join our BISMUN facebook group : [www.facebook.com/groups/112259560365/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/112259560365/)

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