

Cross-Border Partnership in Action: Students from Kolomyia Visited Romania under the Cross-Border CARP Project

An integral part of the Cross-Border CARP project is conducting educational events and experience exchanges between partner communities. It is these meetings that help not only to acquire new knowledge but also to build genuine connections between people, learn to work together, and jointly seek solutions to challenges that affect everyone today. This is an example of a successful cross-border partnership.

The first such event has already taken place – 10 eighth-grade students from Kolomyia Lyceum No. 9 visited the Romanian town of Vișeu de Sus. For many children, this trip was truly special – a new country, new acquaintances, a different culture, and an opportunity to see how their peers study abroad. The guests from Kolomyia were warmly welcomed by the partner community. The schoolchildren were taken on a tour of the town and the local school, where they had the chance to talk with Romanian students and get a closer look at their school life.

The core part of the visit was a joint lesson dedicated to environmental protection. Ukrainian and Romanian schoolchildren had several topics to choose from. They picked the most interesting one for themselves – about harriers (birds of prey) and the reasons for their extinction, which is highly relevant for both countries.

“During the first lesson, they told us about birds. And during the break, the local students already started coming over to introduce themselves. Then, during the second lesson, we also had a really great conversation,” says Orest, adding that, overall, he thoroughly enjoyed his days in Romania.

“I loved the trip. I got to know my desk partners, we spoke a bit of English, and it was easy to find common ground. We became friends,” says Solomia, an 8th-grade student.

After the classes, all students received certificates.

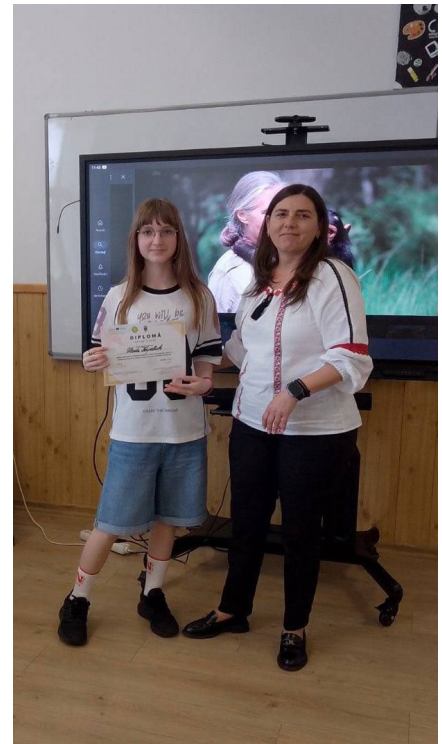
Teacher Halyna Hurhula emphasizes that such projects are very important. Overall, it is highly significant that the European Union, including Romania, supports Ukraine and invites children to such events. However, the educational aspect itself is also crucial, as it allows students to see firsthand how schooling works abroad. Additionally, as a result of the trip, the Kolomyia Lyceum signed a cooperation agreement with the school in Vișeu de Sus.

“These exchanges are much needed right now. Children and educators from Kolomyia learn a lot of new things from our neighbors, and the Romanians likewise learn from our experience. In the end, everyone takes away something useful. Most importantly, the children bring this experience back home to Kolomyia. They are the ones who will continue to develop our community, so this knowledge will definitely come in handy in the future,” says Bohdan Stanislavskyi, the Mayor of Kolomyia.



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Several more similar events will take place as part of the Cross-Border CARP project. In July, an experience exchange between Ukrainian and Romanian rescuers will be held, and there are also plans to conduct cross-border training for organizations. With the start of the new school year, children will once again travel to Romania for studies, and later, a training session for students will also be held in Kolomyia.

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