Chernivtsi Region - Ukraine

The most important activities realised by both parties, after signing the partnership between Suceava County and Chernivtsi Region from Ukraine were:

- partnerships between schools and administrative-territorial units from Suceava County with similar institutions from Chernivtsi Region;
- exchanges of experience between specialists in different domains of activity from the two regions;
- participation, by reciprocity, in recreational camps for children;
- organising folkloric festivals, poetry contests, spectacles;
- study trips;
- sport competitions for pupils;
- organising meetings, symposiums, training activities with the participation of teachers, school inspectors and directors from the two partner regions; there were signed partnerships in order to promote projects of common interest;
- exchange of didactic materials, books;
- providing school programs to learn maternal languages and to know the minorities history and traditions;
- periodical working meetings at the headquarters of the two administrative-territorial units, as well as at the Siret-Porubne and Porubne Siret Border Crossing Points, with the participation of the administrative leaders of Suceava County and Chernivtsi Region.

In the cultural domain there were a series of important activities, organised by Suceava County Council, Chernivtsi Regional State Administration and Chernivtsi Regional Council:

- unveiling the monument (bust) of the Ukrainian witser Olga Kobyleanska in Gura Humorului, of the national poet Taras Șevcenco in Negostina, of the statues of Mihai Eminescu in Chernivtsi;
- organising in Suceava County of meetings regarding the problems of the Ukrainian minority in Suceava County and of the Romanian minority in Chernivtsi Region;
- participating in the cultural events dedicated to the minorities, that became traditional such as "Convițuirii", "Mârțișor", "Bukovinian Meetings", The days of T.G.Șevcenko;
- participating in the cultural events dedicated to the national feast "Bukovina´s Day", celebrating the Days of the National Culture, the Days of the Romanian Traditional Culture in Chernivtsi, as well as in the International contest festival of the Romanian folk music In the garden with many flowers;

Other activities:

Chernivtsi Region hosted 3 editions of the International Football Tournament for Juniors "4 regions for Europe", the last one taking place during 19-24 August 2013, the XVI edition will be organised in Chernivtsi, in August 2017.

There were organised 3 common meetings of Chernivtsi Regional Council and Suceava County Council (15th of September 2008 in Chernivtsi; 23rd of November 2012, respectively 21st of October 2016 in Suceava).

- Participating in different events organised by Chernivtsi Regional State Administration (7th of November 2008 – Working seminar Bucovina CEI III "Trans-

- 27-29.05.2003 in Suceava was organised the third edition of the event Bukovinian Dialogue, with the support of the Austrian Embassy in Bucharest, in order to promote the dialogue and the economic exchanges in the historical area Bukovina;

- 2-4 August 2013 at the Traditional Artisans Fair that took place within the Bukovinian Village Museum, participated 5 traditional artisans and the ”Țărăncuța” Folkloric Group from Novoselita District, with a program of traditional Ukrainian songs and dances;

- 23- 24 August 2013in Khothyn was organised the varnishing of the exhibition with photos taken from airplane, named "Moldavian foundations” with objectives in the UNESCO Patrimony from Romania, Ukraine and Republic of Moldova;

- 2nd of November 2013, the head of the Mountain Rescue Department within the county council participated in the event Extreme Bukovinian Sports, organised by the Sport Tourism Federation from Chernivtsi Region;

- Starting with the year 2014, Suceava County Council through Bukovina Cultural Centre implemented the cultural project ”Eminescu´s footsteps” in which attended pupils (V-XII forms) from the Chernivtsi Region’s schools. On the 14th of August, in Putna Monastery were awarded the prices for the Recital Contest from Eminescu’s poems ”At Putna”;

- the 31st of July 2016, in Suceava took place the lunching of the project August – The Month of Diaspora, within the programme Come to Bukovina! On this occasion was inaugurated the Museum of Bukovina, that was reopened for visitation, after a break of two and a half years, during the modernising works, realised within a project financed from structural funds. In this context, Suceava County Council was the host of a delegation from Ukraine (Chernivtsi Regional State Administration, Chernivtsi Regional Council, Chernivtsi City Hall). The programme also included the varnishing of the exhibition ”Linen shirt and Chemise from Bukovina”, as well as other exhibitions with themes from Bukovina (photo, paintings), the visit of the XXI edition Traditional Artisans Fair, within Bukovinian Village Museum, an extraordinary Sistem concert, opening of the permanent exhibition within Suceava Fortress and a Nicu Alifantis concert;

- 30.09.20016 at the headquarters of the county council, was organised a meeting of the business men from Chernivtsi Region with homologues from Suceava County, in this event participating also representatives of the Suceava Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
- At the Spectacle of traditions and customs of the New Year, organised in Suceava, on the 27th of December 2016, within the programme Christmas in Bucovina, participated two groups of winter customs from Chernivtsi Region, respectively Malanca from Crasna, and the Traditional Dance Ensemble “Ceremşina” of the Cultural Centre from Văscăuţi City. Within the spectacle was presented the Bukovinian Malanca, with ensembles from Suceava County and Chernivtsi Region;

- At the Bukovinian Malanca Festival, organised in Chernivtsi, during 13-15.01.2017 participated a delegation of Suceava County, formed from representatives of the local public administration and the traditional ensembles.

Also, we collaborated with Chernivtsi Region within the cross-border projects financed under the Neighbourhood Programme Romania-Ukraine 2004-2006 and the Operational Programme Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova 2007-2013:

Projects implemented under the Neighbourhood Programme Romania-Ukraine 2004-2006

1. **Bukovina Economic Regional Forum** with a value of 61,580 Euro. The project offered an impulse for the cross-border economic cooperation by capitalization of the common heritage, the identification and the promotion of supporting instruments for the business environment from the historical region Bukovina and activating the economic exchanges between the economic agents from Suceava County and Chernivtsi Region.

2. **Development of an alternative cross-border transportation network between Romania and Ukraine** with a value of 286,334 Euro. The project implied the achievement of the Feasibility Study for the modernization of the County Road DJ 209 G Ulma – Ukrainian border, DJ 175 Izvoarele Sucevei - Ukrainian border and DJ 291 A Muşeniţa – Vişani”.

3. **Traditional dancing and interpretation festival from Bucovina** with a value of 48,855 Euro. Through this project, for the Ukrainian community from Suceava County, respectively the Romanian community from Chernivtsi Region were performed spectacles in order to increase the knowledge about the Bukovinian traditions and customs.

4. **Exchange of experience between the representatives of the local public administration from Suceava County and Chernivtsi Region**, with a value of 48,410 Euro. The project was an instrument of cross-border collaboration, being organised training and debates sessions about the Joint Operational Programme Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova 2007-2013, realising the ”Cross-border cooperation strategy 2017-2013”, as well as preparing and finalising the projects portfolio for 2017-2013, with emphasis on the cross-border cooperation projects between Suceava and Chernivtsi.

5. **Rehabilitation of old transportation corridors in the historical region of Bucovina: County Road DJ 175 Benea – Moldova Suliţa** with a value of 711,849,44 Euro being rehabilitated a section of 3.5 km of this county road.
6. **Cross-border transport infrastructure between Suceava County and Chernivtsi Region:** Modernising County Road DJ 291 A Siret – Frătăuții Noi with a value of 661,505.63 Euro being rehabilitated a section of 1,450 km of road from County Road DJ 291 A Siret – Frătăuții Noi and a bridge of reinforced concrete was consolidated, on a length of 16 m.

7. **Cross-border centre for business training**, with a value of 211,086 Euro that has as objective the improving of the cross-border economic connections and the training of the business environment in order to have a durable economic development.

**Projects implemented under the Joint Operational Programme Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova 2007-2013:**

1. **Modernising County Road DJ 175, Km 30+800-30+900, 31+090-32+625, 35+900-39+000, Pojorâta – Izvoarele Sucevei, Suceava County** financed under JOP Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova, Priority 1 -Towards a more competitive border economy, with a total value of 2,631,457.03 Euro, that aimed the rehabilitation/modernising of 3 km of county cross-border roads. The financing contract was signed on 02.03.2012, the implementation period ended on 02.12.2013.

2. **The folkloric monograph of the Ukrainians from Suceava County and of the Romanians from Chernivtsi Region** financed under JOP Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova, Priority 3 - People to people cooperation, with a total value of 118,154 Euro. The financing contract was signed on 29.03.2011 and had 16 months implementation period.

3. **Promoting the Ukrainian Folklore in Suceava County and the Romanian Folklore in Chernivtsi Region**, financed under JOP Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova, Priority 3 - People to people cooperation, with a total value of 113,966.22 Euro. The financing contract was signed on 29.03.2011 and had 9 months implementation period, until 29.12.2011.

4. **Common traditional patrimony – European promotion element”,** financed under JOP Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova, Priority 3 - People to people cooperation, with a total value of 150,000 Euro. The financing contract was signed on 07.04.2011 and had 18 months implementation period. The project was implemented by Bucovina´s Museum, Suceava County Council was partner and ensured the co-financing.

5. **The Libraries – open gates towards knowledge**, financed under JOP Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova, Priority 3 - People to people cooperation, with a total value of 97,000 Euro. The financing contract was signed on 29.03.2011 and had 12 months implementation period. The project was implemented by I.G.Sbiera Bucovina Library. Suceava County Council was partner and ensured the co-financing.

6. **“Safe cross-border tourism in the Mountains of Bukovina”** financed under JOP Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova 2007-2013, Priority 1 “Toward a more competitive economy in the border areas”, Measure 1.1. “Improving the productivity and competitiveness of the region’s urban and rural areas by working across borders”, with a total value of 337,174.88 Euro. The financing contract was signed on 21.10.2013 and had 21 months implementation period.
7. “Medicine in the emergency situations and occasions – rapid response to cross – border challenges”, MIS ETC 1575, implemented by the Central Municipal Hospital Novoselytsya, Suceava County Council had the quality of partner within this project.

8. “Improving the ecological situation of the basins of Prut and Dniester by improving sewage treatment systems in Chernivtsi and Drochia”, MIS ETC 1535, implemented by Chernivtsi City Council, Suceava County Council had the quality of partner within this project.

9. “The use of European experience in the fight against soil erosion” MIS ETC 1591, implemented by Kitsman District State Administration, Suceava County Council had the quality of partner within this project.