



**VeDem Just**

Asociația Voci pentru Democrație și Justiție

**5 YEARS  
IN THE COMMUNITY  
SERVICE!**

**LEGAL EDUCATION:**

A project for us and  
our children's future!



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## **VeDem Just:**

- non-governmental, apolitical and non-profit association, founded on December 10.th, 2015
- think tank for the entire Romanian system of justice
- watch- dog actions by alerting the decision makers and public opinion
- advocacy actions for improving the Romanian legislation

[www.vedemjust.ro](http://www.vedemjust.ro)

## DESPRE NOI

### OUR TARGET

#### VeDem Just

- the association promotes freedom, democracy, the rule of law, good governance;
- the association upholds and defends the fundamental human rights.

### PROGRAM PRINCIPAL:



EDUCAȚIE JURIDICĂ PENTRU COPII ȘI TINERI

**EDUIURIS**

proiect al asociației VeDem Just

### WHAT AND HOW WE DO IT:

- We always have public reactions;
- We conduct studies and researches;
- We promote different strategies and policies;
- We implement projects;
- We alert the decisive factors;
- We alert the population;
- We propose drafts for normative projects of law.

### ABOUT OUR VALUES:

**Society :** Democracy, Attitude, Civic spirit;

**Nation:** Duty, Loiality, Honour;

**Individuals:** Liberty, Dignity, Ethics;

**Law- system:** Safety, Law, Justice;

**Public institutions:** Responsability, Transparency, Integrity.

LEGAL EDUCATION  
Study subject  
in pre-university education

# MAIN OBJECTIVE



## IMPACT:

- The knowledge of the fundamental legislation;
- Improving the attitude towards society and authorities;
- Reducing juvenile crime.

[www.educatiejuridica.ro](http://www.educatiejuridica.ro)

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## EDUIURIS, WHAT FOR?

Today, in Romania, there are more than 10.000 laws in force. Starting with the age of 14, every citizen is obliged to respect them. No one can invoke the ignorance of the law as an excuse. The number of minors involved both in civil and criminal cases has steadily increased: domestic violence is worrying, bullying and cyber-bullying are widespread in schools, ethnobotanical and drug use is increasing exponentially, school dropout is decreasing and sexual abuse is increasing every day.

The essential legislation of Romania is not being studied nowadays in elementary school or high schools.



## ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The association has as members and associates young judges, lawyers, legal advisers, law students, police officers and teachers. It also has students appointed as ambassadors of legal education within the LEGAL ACADEMY camps. They contact students online and offline to inform them about what they are allowed and what they are not allowed to do from the legal perspective.

This is how EDUIURIS was born, a programme with several components in which we have as partners The Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Education. Through this programme, students acquire basic knowledge about how to relate properly in a society governed by law. In this manner, children and young people will know what their responsibilities are, the ways to protect their rights and the consequences of their violation. Their respect for the law and the authorities will increase. They will become responsible adults.

The beneficiaries learn that as long as they comply with the law, they are protected. But this is not enough: they must ensure that others comply with the law, too.

Ambassadors



*EDUIURIS in social media: we have a website, FB, we are present on Instagram and Twitter. Daily, we have more than 20.000 followers.*

**EDUCTIONS** The legal education addresses to students in schools and high schools, to children in care institutions, to offenders in detention centres or online to anyone interested.

**FORMAL LEGAL EDUCATION:** We train teachers, support them in the course, provide the syllabus, we give students legal education manuals for studying legal education as an option in the curriculum at the school's decision.

**NON- FORMAL LEGAL EDUCATION:** we train students and legal practitioners to teach no-formal legal education, we hold hours of legal education in schools, we test our knowledge through online tests and competitions between schools, we organize summer camps where students are ready to become Ambassadors on education with the mission to disseminate the learned information, in the schools where they study.



## EDUIURIS INSTRUCTION

We have instructors trained by the Ministry of Labor to train trainers;

- We wrote a guide specially designed for the use of legal education trainers;
- Over 1000 lawyers, magistrates, legal advisers, mediators and law students have been trained by us for free to teach children and young people in no-formal and voluntary legal education; upon request, we hold courses in different counties;
- We have concluded protocols with several county supervisors and we have the support of the principals of the educational units to allow the access of our trainers in schools;
- Since 2019 we have expanded this program in the Republic of Moldova.



**METHODS:** Trainers are taught to abandon technical, legal language. During the hours of no-formal legal education, the trainer is a bigger friend of the students, the discussion is interactive and real, age - appropriate examples being used, explanatory and motivational videos are viewed.



## EDUIURIS LESSONS

- **We held lessons in Bucharest and the following counties:** București, Alba, Bacău, Bihor, Botoșani, Brașov, Buzău, Caraș-Severin, Călărași, Cluj, Constanța, Dolj, Galați, Giurgiu, Ialomița, Iași, Prahova, Satu Mare, Sălaj, Sibiu, Suceava, Timiș, Vaslui – school units from rural and urban areas;
- **Participants:** students, teachers, children in the care institutions (București, Sibiu, Brașov, Cluj-Napoca), delinquent children from special detention centres ( Buzias Education Centre);
- **Visits to the courts:** we accompany the students to meetings with judges in the courtrooms;
- **Simulated processes:** We organized process simulations in Bucharest, Suceava, Vatra-Dornei, Bascov, Cluj-Napoca, Turda, processes filmed and posted on the internet, with children as protagonists.
- **Legal education laboratory:** In 2019 we launched the first laboratory dedicated to legal education at the Marin Preda high school in Bucharest. It consists of a class arranged with materials explaining about rights and responsibilities, legal education guides, a library with thematic books and robes for use in simulated processes.

## OWN RESOURCES

5.000 printed brochures for children ( *Where there is a law, there is no trick*) and 10.500 guides for teenagers ( *The pupil and the law*) made by us and containing elementary information of legal education, distributed free of charge to the children we met.

**VIDEOLESSONS:** on our website [www.educatiejuridica.ro](http://www.educatiejuridica.ro)

## EDUIURIS CONTEST

We organize different contests to test the knowledge of the high school students in the legal education field:

- 2016 - Bucharest – we involved the students from the best 8 high schools in the “ Citizens of Tomorrow” competition. The jury included: the Minister of justice, ICCJ President, the DNA chief prosecutor and one VeDem Just member. Partners: Danube Youth Alliance.
- 2017- 2020 - Constanta: “ Know the law” contest for the students in 6 high schools. The members of the jury were local magistrates and a Vedem Just member. Partner: Spiru Haret University.
- 2020- Cluj Napoca: “ I ♥ Rule of Law” contest organized by the Dimitrie Cantemir Law School in partnership with Nihil Expetit Praemii Association, the student’s association and Vedem Just.



## LEGAL ACADEMY



***Representatives of students from different counties take part in legal education activities in summer camps which are being organized every year.***

The association ensures the accommodation and the meals of the participants. They also receive for free the legal education guide published by the association, they become familiar with notions related to the legal field (state organization, democracy, the organization of justice, age - specific rights and responsibilities, cybersecurity), they also establish the organization of the legal education club at their school and they carry out simulated processes.

**More details: <https://educatiejuridica.ro/legal-academy>**



## LEGAL EDUCATION TEACHER

***Vedem Just Association in partnership with Ratiu Centre for democracy organizes every summer, in Turda, the Legal Education Teacher camp. The association covers all costs for accommodation and meals. When selecting the participants we take into consideration the following criteria:***

(1) teachers who will teach legal education next year ; (2) teachers without legal studies who teach discipline in the social - human field ; (3) teachers without legal education studies who teach discipline in the real field ; (4) teachers with legal studies.

The teachers receive free legal education guides which exist on the market and also the necessary files to teach this discipline. They are trained by Cristi Danilet, judge at Cluj Court, author of the guide The student and the law, regarding the elements of law necessary to be transmitted to the students.

**More details: <https://educatiejuridica.ro/profu-de-juridica>**

### **How can this discipline be taught?**

Formally as an optional subject within the CSD - curriculum at the school's decision.

It can be a self-contained discipline with the title "Legal Education" or "Elements of law" or a module together with another subject within a mixed discipline such as Legal and Economical Education or Legal and Financial Education.

### **What is CSD?**

According to art. 65 of 1/2012 law regarding the national education, the disciplines are compulsory (those in the common trunk) and optional (those at the school's decision). National disciplines are those offered at national/regional/local level or those offered only at a specific school.

### **IS THERE A SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR LEGAL EDUCATION?**

The school syllabus is approved by the school's Board of Directors, after consulting the Teacher's Council, the Student Advisory Council and the Parent's associative structure. Vedem Just Association makes a program proposal for the Legal Education discipline that can be downloaded at [www.educatiejuridica.ro](http://www.educatiejuridica.ro)

### **TO WHICH GRADES CAN THIS OPTIONAL BE TAUGHT?**

The legal knowledge aims children who are around 14 because by this age the law links to the beginning of criminal and contravention liability. As a result, this discipline can be studied in the gymnasium, at the latest starting with the 7.th grade, but necessarily at the high school level.

### **WHO CAN REQUEST THE OPTIONAL LEGAL EDUCATION DISCIPLINE?**

Vedem Just Association believes that positive pressure from students and parents is essential. Therefore, if the request to introduce this discipline is made to the school management, given that there are programs, textbooks and training courses for teachers, it is highly likely that a teacher will accept this challenge and then the school leadership will approve the new discipline.

**<https://educatiejuridica.ro/edjuroptional>**

## OUR RESULTS:

- We have a national network of no - formal legal education instructors;
- We edited the only guide for legal education in the country ( pdf, issuu and printed form): it includes 15 lessons and it is distributed for free for all the students.;
- Over 15.000 students were the beneficiaries of these lessons;
- We trained the first generation of teachers who teach this discipline in schools, formally.

**Due to our efforts, in 2019-2020, legal education is being taught as an optional discipline in the following educational units:**



- „Marin Preda” Bucharest High School;
- „Mihai Eminescu” National College from Iasi;
- „Carmen Sylva” National Pedagogical College from Timișoara;
- Secondary School No 10 from Bacău;
- National College „Spiru Haret” from Tecuci;
- „Pavel Dan” High School from Câmpia Turzii, Cluj county;
- „A.I.Cuza” High School from Corabia, Olt county;
- „Mihai Eminescu” Secondary School from Dej, Cluj county;
- „Andrei Mureșanu” High School from Brașov;
- „Petru Maior” High School from Reghin, Mureș county;
- Aiud Technical College from Alba;
- „Ion Buteanu” Secondary school from Buceș, Hunedoara county;
- „Mihai Viteazu” College from Turda, Cluj county;
- „Carol I” Technical College Valea Doftanei village, Prahova county.



## OUR TARGET:



- To introduce legal education in all schools in Romania;
- Managing to teach no - formal legal education to students in all Romania's counties;
- To print our guide for 1.000.000 adolescents;
- To open a legal education laboratory in each town in Romania;
- To establish a no - formal legal education school;
- To translate the guide into 10 foreign languages, to present it in video form, mimic gestural language and in Braille alphabet.

# LEGAL EDUCATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

Law specialists have been trained to teach non-formal legal education in schools: judges, prosecutors, integrity inspectors, law students, police officers.

A guide adapted to the legislation of the Republic of Moldova was also drafted.

A national network for legal education consisting of members who support these lessons in the school units of the Republic of Moldova has been set up.



### Educație Juridică Non-formală

*Ghid de predare pentru profesioniștii dreptului.*



**Acasă ghid operativ pentru proiectarea și desfășurarea activității de învățare - Căminarea răspunsului pentru lege**  
**Probleme (cum rezolvăm?)** - Spațiu în cadrul programului LEPTA de la Școala de Avocați  
Regulile Școlii de Avocați în Republica Moldova.



Ministerul Educației și Cercetării Științifice



### LEGEA PE-NȚELESUL ELEVILOR

- Ghid practic de educație juridică pentru învățământul preuniversitar -



Chișinău, 2019

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## DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIP

In order to continue teaching legal education in schools, VeDem Just Association needs financial support. You can help as follows:

1. By transferring directly to the bank account: ING BANK- Central Branch METROPOLIS, in the name of Voci pentru Democratie si Justitie Association :  
RO34INGB0000999905740856 – RON;  
RO66INGB0000999905740862 – EUR;  
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2. Through EUPLĂTESC, PAYPAL or PATREON;
3. Directing 3,5% of the income tax due to the state in the previous year throughout 230 form , till the 25.th of May, 2020;
4. Through sponsorships coming from economic agents till the 30 th of December 2020, redirecting maximum 20% of the income tax.

<https://educatiejuridica.ro/doneaza>

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