



VeDem Just

Asociația Voci pentru Democrație și Justiție

**5 YEARS
IN THE SERVICE
OF THE COMMUNITY!**

LEGAL EDUCATION:
A project for us and
our children's future!



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Voices for Democracy and Justice:

- non-governmental, apolitical and non-profit association, founded on December 10th, 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.

ABOUT US

OUR TARGET

VeDem Just

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

MAIN FOCUS



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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 decision makers;
- We alert the population;
- We draft the legislative proposals.

ABOUT OUR VALUES:

Society : Democracy, Attitude, Civic spirit;

Nation: Duty, Loiality, Honour;

Individuals: Liberty, Dignity, Ethics;

Law-system: Safety, Law, Justice;

Public institutions: Responsibility, Transparency, Integrity.

LEGAL EDUCATION

A new discipline
in Romanian schools

MAIN OBJECTIVE

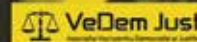


IMPACT:

- The knowledge of the fundamental legislation;
- Improving the attitude towards society and authorities;
- Preventing and reducing juvenile delinquency.

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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, everyone should be a law-abiding citizen. Ignorance of the law is not an excuse. The number of minors involved both in civil and criminal cases has steadily increased: domestic violence is worrying, bullying and cyberbullying are widespread in schools, drug use is increasing exponentially, school dropout and sexual abuse are raising every day.

Nowadays, the essential legislation of Romania is not being studied in elementary school or high schools.

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

VeDem Just has as members and associates judges, lawyers, legal advisers, law students, police officers, and teachers. It also has young volunteers: students appointed as ambassadors of legal education within the LEGAL ACADEMY camps. We 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 where the Law rules. In this manner, children and young people will know what their responsibilities are, the ways to protect their rights and the consequences of laws violations. Their respect for the law and the authorities will increase. They will become more responsible adults.

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



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

EDUCTIONS The legal education addresses to young people in primary and secondary schools, to children in care institutions, to young people in detention centres, to anyone interested.

FORMAL LEGAL EDUCATION: we train teachers, provide the curriculum, we offer legal education manuals to teens free of charge.

NON-FORMAL LEGAL EDUCATION: we train students and legal practitioners to teach non-formal legal education, we voluntarily teach legal education in schools, we test their knowledge through online tests and competitions between schools, we organise summer camps where students are ready to become Ambassadors, their major mission being to promote the program and disseminate the achieved information in the school they are currently attending.



EDUIURIS INSTRUCTION

- We have instructors accredited by the Ministry of Labor to train trainers;
- We wrote a guide dedicated to legal education trainers;
- Over 1000 lawyers, judges, clerks, legal advisers, mediators, and law students have been trained by us, free of charge, to teach legal education voluntarily and informally to children and young people. On request, we hold courses in different counties;
- We have signed protocols with several County School Inspectorates and we have the support of the school principals for our trainers to teach legal education;
- Since 2019 we have expanded this program in the Republic of Moldova.



METHODS: The trainers are taught to abandon the technical, legal language. In the classes of non-formal legal education, the trainer acts as a more experienced friend, the discussion is interactive and real age-appropriate examples are used, and explanatory and motivational videos are seen.

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 – schools from rural and urban areas;
- **Participants:** students, teachers, children in care institutions (București, Sibiu, Brașov, Cluj-Napoca), delinquent children from special detention centres (Buziaș Education Centre);
- **Visits to the law courts:** we accompany the students to meetings with judges in the courtrooms;
- **Mock trials:** we organised mock trials in Bucharest, Suceava, Vatra-Dornei, Bascov, Cluj-Napoca, Turda, which were recorded and posted on the internet, having children as actors.
- **Legal education laboratory:** in 2019 we inaugurated the first laboratory dedicated to legal education at the Marin Preda High School in Bucharest. It is a classroom specially arranged with resources about rights and responsibilities, the legal education guides, a library with thematic books and judicial robes to be used within the mock trials.

OWN RESOURCES

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

VIDEO LESSONS: on our website www.educatiejuridica.ro.

EDUIURIS CONTEST

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

- **2016 - Bucharest:** we involved in the **“Citizens of Tomorrow”** competition students from 8 top high schools. The jury was composed of: the Minister of Justice, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Chief Prosecutor of the National Anticorruption Unit, and one VeDem Just member. Partner: Danube Youth Alliance;
- **2017 - 2020 - Constanța: “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 organised by the Dimitrie Cantemir Law School in partnership with 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 organised every year.

Vedem Just offers the accommodation and the meals for the participants who also receive, free of charge, the legal education guide published by our association. They become familiar with concepts related to the legal field (state organisation, democracy, the organisation of justice, age and specific rights and responsibilities, cybersecurity), they also decide the arrangement of the legal education club at their school and they carry out mock trials.

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



LEGAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Vedem Just Association in partnership with Ratiu Centre for Democracy organises 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 and behavioral science; (3) teachers without legal education studies who teach discipline in the field; (4) teachers with legal studies.

The teachers receive the free legal education guides and also the necessary summaries to teach this discipline. They are trained by Cristi Danilet, judge at Cluj County Court, author of the guide "The student and the law", on legal knowledge necessary to be transmitted to the students.

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

How should this discipline be implemented?

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

It can be a self-contained discipline named "Legal Education" 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 Law no. 1/2012 regarding the national education, the disciplines are compulsory (those in the common trunk) and optional (those at the school's decision). Optional 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 curriculum is approved by the School's Board, after consulting the Teacher's Council, the Student Advisory Council and the Parent's associative structure. Vedem Just Association delivers a proposal for topics to be studied in legal education classes that can be downloaded at www.educatiejuridica.ro.

To which grades can this optional be implemented?

The legal knowledge aims children who are around 14 because at this age in Romania starts the criminal liability. As a result, this discipline can be studied starting with the 7th 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 curriculum, textbooks and training courses for teachers, it is highly likely that a teacher will accept this challenge and then the school leadership will approve this new discipline.

<https://educatiejuridica.ro/edjuroptional>

OUR RESULTS:

- We have a national network of non-formal legal education instructors;
- We edited the only guide for legal education in the country (pdf, issuu and printed format): it includes 15 lessons and it is distributed free of charge 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 in a formally way.

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

- „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, Galați county;
- „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 county;
- „Ion Buteanu” Secondary school from Buceș, Hunedoara county;
- „Mihai Viteazu” College from Turda, Cluj county;
- Dragoș Vodă College from Câmpulung Moldovenesc, Suceava county;
- „Carol I” Technical College Valea Doftanei village, Prahova county.



OUR TARGET:



- To introduce legal education as a new discipline to be studied in all schools;
- To teach non-formal legal education for students in all Romania's counties;
- To print our guide for 1.000.000 adolescents;
- To inaugurate a legal education laboratory in each town in Romania;
- To build a non-formal legal education school;
- To translate the guide into 10 foreign languages, to present it in video form, sign language and in Braille alphabet.

LEGAL EDUCATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

- Legal practitioners have been trained to teach non-formal legal education in schools: judges, prosecutors, integrity inspectors, law students, police officers;
- A legal guide for students adapted to the legislation of the Republic of Moldova was also published;
- A national network for legal education consisting of members who support these lessons in the schools of the Republic of Moldova has been set up.



Educație Juridică Non-formală

Ghid de predare pentru profesioniștii dreptului.



Acest ghid aparține centrului proiectului „Educație Juridică - Cultivarea respectului pentru lege” în cadrul proiectului „Mășina de schimbare de învățare” finanțat de către Republica Moldova.



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- Ghid practic de educație juridică pentru învățământul preuniversitar -



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Judecător

Viorica GRECU
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Avocată

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; RO71INGB0000999905740869 – USD;
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 25th of May, 2020;
4. Through sponsorships coming from economic agents till the 30th of December 2020, redirecting maximum 20% of the income tax.

<https://educatiejuridica.ro/doneaza>

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

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