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The Project PROBITAS – 2001 has as main objectives: the improvement of the conditions and the level of the proceeding in the instruction/practice technical and applicable for the young journalists and/or students in the Journalism from the west side of Romania and Serbia and the stimulation of the applicants' interest in pragmatic journalism, orientated by the true values of freedom and democracy towards the economic, social and cultural life of the local, regional and Euro-regional communities.

PROBITAS 2001 aims to stimulate and to cultivate the practical abilities and skills, of the concrete journalistic initiatives, the dialogue between urban and rural communities between regions on one side and the future journalists on the other side, the support of the knowledge by the future journalists of the real situation of local, regional and Euro-regional communities, of the perspectives of co-operational development of these in south-eastern European countries.

The Project is conceived as an open program, capable to assimilate, in future, as subjects of instruction, more young persons, other than students, interested to be initialize practically in local, regional and Euro-regional journalistic domain.

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Radio Timișoara is the first private radio station in the western Romania.

Radio Vest was founded, in 1994, by four Romanian journalists which are owners of the company: Andrei Burdușa – General Manager, Marian Odangiu – Programming Manager, George Schinteie – Marketing Manager, Ilie Stepan – Radio-production Manager.

Radio Vest Timișoara started to broadcast at January 24th 1995, as a local radio station in Timișoara.

Radio Vest – West FM Network is represented by the next radio stations located in Transilvania:

1. RADIO VEST TIMIȘOARA - 88,7 MHz, Address: bd. Mihai Viteazu nr. 1 b, 1900 Timișoara – județul Timiș Telefon/fax 056/194 816, 056/194 818, 056/194 823

2. RADIO VEST BEIUȘ - 99,9 MHz, Address: str. Samuil Vulcan nr. 11, bl. U2, sc. A, ap. 25, 3600 Beiuș – județul Bihor - Telephone/fax 059/321 746; 059/322 372

3. RADIO VEST BLAJ - 96,2 MHz, Adress: str. Simion Bărnuțiu bl. 5, ap. 15, 3175 Blaj – județul Alba - Telephone 058/710 510 Fax 058/711 812.

4. RADIO VEST CÂMPIA TURZII - 98,2 MHz, Address: Piața Mihai Viteazu nr. 11, bl.A 148, 3351 Câmpia Turzii – județul Cluj, Telephone/fax 064/365 222

5. RADIO VEST CUGIR - 87,9 MHz, Address: Hotel "Drăgana", str. Alexandru Sahia nr. 20, etaj IV, 2566 Cugir –județul Alba – Telephone/fax 058/755 827 Fax 058/755 828

6. RADIO VEST DEJ - 97,9 MHz, Address: str. Tomis bl. D17, sc. B, ap. 29, 4650 Dej – județul Cluj –Telephone/fax 064/432 129

7. RADIO VEST HAȚEG - 88,0 MHz, Address: str. Tudor Vladimirescu nr. 9, Bloc 30 B, sc. A, ap. 16, 2660 Hațeg –județul Hunedoara - Telephone/fax 054/ 770 959, 054/ 770 427

8. RADIO VEST MARGHIȚA - 95,8 MHz, Address: str. Înfrățirii nr 9 , sc. B, ap. 22, 3775 Marghița – județul Bihor –Telephone/fax: 059/ 360 901

9. RADIO VEST SEBIȘ - 102,5 MHz, Address: Hotel "Sebiș", etaj IV, b-dul. Victoriei nr. 7 B, 2825 Sebiș –județul Arad Telephone/fax 057/420 606; 057/422094

10. RADIO VEST ZALĂU - 90,3 Mhz, Address: Cartier Brădet, bl. P6, sc. A, ap. 1, parter, 4700 Zalău –județul Sălaj Telephone/fax: 060/618 109

Radio Vest Timișoara, Romania, is one of the few profitable radio stations in the country.

The station, with an Contemporary Hit Format, has a 37% share of the total audience in its coverage area, according to the latest Romanian ratings.

In the all-important 21 – 44 age group, no other station comes close to Radio Vest's dominance.

Radio Vest estimates that it will cover two-thirds of Transilvania, with a total population of well over one million potential listeners.

Further, it will dominate that geographic area that has the highest purchasing power.

Cash Flow for 1998 is estimated at approximately \$150,000 for the full twelve months.

The Radio from Your Heart
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PROBITAS 2001 - A CHANCE FOR ALL

The Project PROBITAS 2001 is an initiative of West Foundation for Regional and Euroregional Journalism sustained by Radio Vest Company and West FM Network.

The Project PROBITAS 2001 consist in six professional ten days meetings during the 2001 summertime between six young journalists and/or students in journalism from the western Romania and Serbia with the aim to promote the mutual knowledge and cooperation, the interest in pragmatic journalism, orientated by the true values of freedom and democracy towards the economic, social and cultural life of the local, regional and Euro-regional communities, the stimulation and cultivation of the practical abilities and skills, of the concrete journalistic initiatives, in contact with reality, the improvement of the dialogue between Romanian and Serbs communities on one side, and the future journalists, on the other side.

The Project intends to bring up young journalists' responsibilities in front of instructive process, in front of journalistic profession and the pragmatic assumption of the deontological principles of journalistic profession.

One of the main objectives of the Project is the creation of a suitable background for the development of interdisciplinary and inter-operative journalistic activities – multimedia and of research context favorable to regional and Euro-regional exchange experience in journalistic domain. For this it will be create an appropriate background useful to the correct understanding and approaching of the common problems from ex-communist countries and the possibilities of some journalistic actions having the same purposes for the settlement of these problems.

The six meetings will take place in the town of Sebis (Arad county - 150 km from Timisoara) at the Center for Regional and Euro-regional Journalism (branch of West Foundation for Regional and Euro-regional Journalism) which will ensure the best conditions for the Project activities.

Every ten days meeting has a daily schedule (the same for all 6 periods/series), the concrete result of activities beeing for the the young participants to produce together:

- a 60 minutes radio programm focused on the common problems of local, regional and Euro-regional communities in Romania and Serbia;

- a printed „news paper” (six issues) wich will illustrate the common effort of the participants to improve their journalistic skills and the mutual knowledge.

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who we are

West Foundation for Regional and Euro-regional Journalism is a non-governmental, non-partisan and non-profit organization, established in 1999, by four Romanian journalists with a large experience in the field. Members of the Board: Marian Odangiu – President George Schinteie – Vice-president Violeta Ficard – Executive Manager Mădălina Lăcătușu – Financial Manager Andrei Burdușa – Member Ilie Stepan - Member

The West Foundation for Regional and Euro-regional Journalism is sustained by Radio Vest Company and is active in ten urban and non urban areas in the western side of Transilvania such as Timisoara, Beius, Blaj, Campia Turzii, Cugir, Dej, Hateg, Marghita, Sebis and Zalau.

West Foundation for Regional and Euro-regional Journalism assist the journalists interested in regional and Euro-regional cooperation by providing administrative, financial, and technical support and by establishing "network programs" that links the civil society and different non-governmental organizations with the goal to stimulate the regional and Euro-regional co-operation and relationship.

West Foundation for Regional and Euro-regional Journalism wishes to contribute, through the accomplishment of its programs, to the reform of the Romanian society in four essential fields: des-centralization, collecting, processing and free spreading of information in order to open new communication channels between regional and Euro-regional communities, stimulation of the intra and interregional co-operation, development of the local and regional potential.

Consequently, such projects and coherent programs aiming at eliminating the existing regional gaps and imbalances, projects and programs based especially on the idea of des-centralization, stimulation and development of the local and regional potential, appear as the sole viable alternative for the changing of the present status of poor areas.

Such projects require a new perspective based on the idea that the regional imbalances may be diminished and even eliminated, through a policy based on unity and coherence. However, such a policy can not be exclusively oriented from the *center* towards the *periphery*, but should spring from within these very regions.

A first step in the activity of those objectives is the setting up, in the small and average towns, of pilot centers for the collecting, processing and spreading of information, in order to open new communication channels and eventually, to improve the assessment and conditions of the investment policy.

Conceived not only as institutionalized means of stimulation of the intra and interregional co-operation, but also as premises of Euro-regional development, these pilot centers are meant as catalysts of the free spreading of information from the poor areas towards the center.

The pilot centers also play the role of educational centers, which will mainly attract, by means of crystal-clear instructive program, the young population, who will benefit *ad locum* not only by means of information briefing and/or vocational training, but also direct and active involvement in the development of the investment policy in the area. In the short and in the long run, the centers will develop the premises for training program, in order to diversify the local labor market, without dislocating the young population.

The Foundation is continuing its efforts to support initiatives in fields of great interest for the Romanian public as civil society, independent journalism, publishing and libraries, regional tourism, arts and culture.