

Project title:

Security Olympics

Main theme:

Individual and community security.

Project purpose and outcome (in two sentences):

The purpose of the project: developing children's skills in knowing and using safety solutions/systems.

Project outcome: for seven years over 3000 children visualize a safer life.

Project submitter (Member State):

The Crime Analysis and Crime Prevention Service, the General Police Department of the City of Bucharest.

Project leader:

The Crime Analysis and Crime Prevention Service, the General Police Department of the City of Bucharest

Project partner(s):

Partners:

Bucharest School Inspectorate

Over the years there were other partners involved in the project: National Library of Romania, Noriel, Sun Piazza, the Foreign Affairs Ministry Publishing House.

Security Olympics started as a contest seven years ago. An average of 500 children takes part in the competition every year. An experience of seven years enables us to believe it is as a normal and useful approach as the other school contests (Romanian language, Mathematics, Foreign languages), provided nowadays society when safety is one of the valuables of the modern human being.

Project description:

Security Olympics is the only practical contest which has as a main purpose and promotes team work: child-parent-teacher. This competition is aimed at children from all educational cycles. In 2018, the project is also addressed to preschoolers.

Children made over 100 safety layouts every year (houses, cars, playgrounds, schools, malls, games). They also created over 100 detective stories written by children published in four tomes (which they signed and gave to the contestants), dozens of posters and photos on crime prevention.

The safety features and the fact that children have and use a proactive behaviour were most important for the contest judges.

Kids acquired the ability of identifying personal and community safety features as well as to use them when needed. For example, when designing model houses they have learned about the importance

of interphone and public lighting. They have studied the role of a zebra crossing, they have learned about the role of zebra and light in traffic. While designing their own model cars they thought of antitheft mechanical and electric systems.

In 2019 the competition will consist of: designing the layout of a safe mall, creating detective stories (tome no. 5), launching a public information campaign to prevent alcohol and drug use while driving. We hope EUCPN will support us to turn it into an international contest, too.

Objectives project:

Project Goals

1. To identify vulnerable situations in different life contexts
2. To promote the partnership between students-parents-teachers as an element for increasing civic responsibility
3. to develop practical skills in designing individual and communitarian safety solutions

Project outcome:

The project results have been analyzed both in qualitative and quantitative terms.

Talking about quality, solidarity and cohesion have been promoted as the teams of students are guided by teachers and parents. The number of teams that signed up for the contest increased every year so the project is popular. Moreover, parents and educators supported the teams in producing and displaying their projects. They combined synergistically knowledge from several different areas of school curriculum (Geography, Mathematics, literature, Art).

The project had the effect of increasing self-esteem and respect for the others' work, as children are the main supporters of distinguished projects. Children from the social protection system have enlisted their projects as well. They also won prizes and their success was an important motivational element to overcome a possible traumatic situation.

From the quantity point of view in 2019 the project is implemented for the eighth year. Over 3000 children and 2000 teachers and parents took part in the competition until now.

Their pieces of work can be a source of inspiration for real estate developers, car producers, games designers, tourism agencies, local administration, the police, etc, as the projects have a realistic execution.

Start and end project:

The project started in 2011. It is resumed every year.

Timescales and milestones dates:

October 1st - start of the contest with the support of the Bucharest School Inspectorate

December 1st - projects enrollment deadline

February 15th - submission of works to the organizers (via e-mail: projects, layouts photos)

February 28th - the appointment of the semifinalists by a jury of safety specialists

March 15th - public voting on Facebook "creative thinking" (it counts 50%)

March 20th - the designation of the finalists (the arithmetic mean between the grades given by the specialists and the public)

March 25th – Romanian Police Day - the public presentation of the works and the prize winners, the local stage

June 15th-16th 2019 – national stage for the first time

June 17th – award national winners

Funding (total budget and type of funding (e.g. ISEC, EUCPN Fund,...)):

The annual budget, estimated at around 4000 euro, is supported entirely by educational partners, parents and educational facilities.

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