



**ASOCIAȚIA PATRONATUL TINERILOR ÎNTEPRINZĂTORI DIN ROMANIA (PTIR)/ YOUNG
ENTREPRENEURS ASSOCIATION FROM ROMANIA
(YEAR)**

Young Entrepreneurs Association from Romania was founded in 2005 following the model of the Young Entrepreneurs of the European Union – JEUNE, the youth organisation of the European Union. **Young Entrepreneurs Association from Romania** is the only employer organization that represents at national and European level the interests of young entrepreneurs aged between 18 and 40, and it comprises 8 regional structures. YEAR's objectives have a strong social strand, stimulating and promoting entrepreneurship among young people, ensuring their access to information and know-how about the socio-economic functioning of a company, developing policies for young people, in general, and young entrepreneurs, in particular. Between 2011 and 2014, YEAR's President also held the Presidency of the Young Entrepreneurs of the European Union – JEUNE, an organization with over 300.000 members, representing young entrepreneurs across Europe.

Relevant experience:

- Campaign for awareness-raising, training and information for the Romanian young entrepreneurs, through a series of thematic meetings focused on collecting young people proposals and suggestions regarding the legislative framework, economic policies for youth, fiscal facilities for youth, administrative regulations (Ministry of Youth and Sport - "**The first Company**") (2009);
- Improving the cooperation among young entrepreneurs and increasing the quality of support systems dedicated to youth activities (Ministry of Youth and Sport - "**RENTI**") (2009);
- Improving the quality of the youth information system by developing a virtual debate platform aiming to ensure a better understanding of the European citizen concept among the Romanian youth (Youth in Action - "**Young European Citizens in Action – YouEuroCitizen**") (2009);
- **Intermediary Organization** for the cross-border exchange programme "**Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs**" (EYE) (in the following EYE projects: "**OPEN EYE**" (2009-2010), "**GROWING-UP**" (2013-2015), "**GROWING-UP II**" (2014-2016)); (www.growing-up.eu)
- Implementing an integrated program providing information, training, advice, assistance and other support services for the promotion and development of entrepreneurial culture and skills of the new or would-be entrepreneurs in rural areas (Sectoral Operational Programme Human Resources Development - "**Non-agricultural rural**")

- entrepreneurship, a chance for the sustainable development of rural areas") (2010-2012);*
- Creating the *first network of Female Entrepreneurship Ambassadors in Romania*, aiming to support Romanian women to successfully launch and manage their own business (Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme EIP - "**The National network of Female Entrepreneurship Ambassadors - RoNet FEA**" - http://www.ambasadori-antreprenoriat.ro/index_en.html) (2010-2012);
 - Training/ retraining of employees in the food and catering industry for the following positions: baker, pastry-chef and waiter (Sectoral Operational Programme Human Resources Development - "**Vocational education - the first step to success**" - <http://www.primulpasspresucces.ro/>) (2011-2012);
 - Creating the *first network of Female Entrepreneurship Mentors* by selecting 14 successful women entrepreneurs acting as mentors for 42 women entrepreneurs, with the aim of enhancing women's role in the business environment at national and European level (Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme EIP - "**The National Network of Mentors for Women Entrepreneurs - MENTORnet**" - <http://mentornet.ro/>) (2011-2012);
 - Facilitating labor market insertion of students through a series of actions aiming to develop their personal and managerial skills, in order to improve their transition from school to active life (Sectoral Operational Programme Human Resources Development - "**Managerial Simulation - the prospect of a successful career**" - <http://www.expertmanager.eu/>) (2012-2013);
 - Stimulating the economic activity of the Romanian youth by implementing a national promotion campaign for existing entrepreneurship support measures (Ministry of Youth and Sport - "**StartUp ROMANIA**" - <http://startup-romania.ro/>) (2013);
 - Developing the managerial and entrepreneurial competencies of young people by participating in non-formal education activities, as well as by promoting the business culture among them (Ministry of Youth and Sport - "**Entrepreneurship - my future career**") (2013);
 - Increasing the employability of youth aged 18 to 35, by stimulating their economic activity (Ministry of Youth and Sport - "**Entrepreneurship and employability**") (2013);
 - Organising meetings between young future entrepreneurs and important stakeholders in the field (Youth in Action - "**Debutant in entrepreneurship**") (2013);
 - Developing an European common methodology for the non-formal entrepreneurial education applicable in business incubators (Youth in Action Program - "**Non-formal business**") (2013-2014).
 - Operationalize a guarantee scheme for youth who did not graduate from baccalaureate and who do not have a job, from the development regions Bucharest-Ifov, South-West



Oltenia, South Muntenia and South-East, in order to facilitate their access to the labor market (Sectoral Operational Programme Human Resources Development – partner in **"YOUth Guarantees!"** - <http://ro-ro.facebook.com/pages/Garantii-pentru-TINERi/1506805426213792>; www.garantiipentrutineri.eu - site under construction; www.yoof.ro) (2013-2015);

- Facilitating labor market integration and increased employability of the population in rural areas corresponding to development regions S-E, S-W and N-E, by providing access to information, counseling and professional training and entrepreneurial assistance to people looking for a job, unemployed, inactive people and people employed in subsistence agriculture (Sectoral Operational Programme Human Resources Development - **"START for you!"** – <https://www.facebook.com/pages/START-pentru-tine/1469507756627473?sk=timeline>; www.startpentrutine.ro – site under construction) (2014-2015);
- Facilitating the transition from school to active life, increase employability and improve personal and professional skills for students from the Bucharest-Ilfov region, by providing access to information, counseling and professional orientation services for 360 students enrolled in the national education system and organizing and conducting practical training for a number of 250 students (Sectoral Operational Programme Human Resources Development - **"Practice of excellence for career success!"** – www.practicadeexcelenta.ro – site under construction) (2014-2015);
- Facilitating the transition from school to active life of 7,000 students enrolled in the national education system - through a series of counseling activities, vocational guidance and innovatory actions that will lead to the development of entrepreneurial skills and work skills necessary for their insertion on the labor market (Sectoral Operational Programme Human Resources Development – partner in **"SIMPRACT-Transition from school to active life through practice and creation of simulated enterprises"**) (2014-2015);
- Reduction of gender inequalities existing in Romanian society by encouraging participation in the labor market and the development of women's entrepreneurship in all 8 Development Regions of the country (Sectoral Operational Programme Human Resources Development - **"National Network of Female Entrepreneurship Mentors - MENTORNET 2"** – <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Reteaua-Nationala-a-Mentorilor-Antreprenoriatului-Feminin-Mentornet-2/1533132370231519>) (2014-2015).

Other relevant activities:



- Active involvement in the **development, implementation and monitoring of Governmental Ordinance 6/2011 on stimulating the establishment and the development of micro-enterprises by young entrepreneurs;**
- National launching of the **innovative business incubator concept - StartUp Romania (2012);**
- Official partner of the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sport in the implementation and deployment of the **BUSINESS PLAN Competition for simulated enterprises;**
- Regular organization of the **Club for Youth Excellent in Business** and the **Young Entrepreneur's Day in the European institutions;**
- Founder member of the **Technical Working Group for Youth** within the Sectoral Operational Programme Human Resources Development (SOP HRD);
- Organizing **"JEUNE"** elections for the period 2014-2017. **"JEUNE" (Young Entrepreneurs of the European Union)** is an organization representing young entrepreneurs across Europe **(April 2014);**
- As an observer member of the **Monitoring Committee for the National Rural Development Programme 2007-2013**, YEAR contributed to the improvement of the award criteria for **Measure 121 - "Modernization of agricultural holdings"**, May-July 2014 session ("For selection criteria number 4, we propose granting the score also for agricultural cooperatives established under Law no. 566/2004, with subsequent amendments, which apply in their own name.") **(May 2014);**
- Participation as partner at regular events held in the **Romania HUB** on entrepreneurship, start-ups, support for SMEs **(since June 2014);**
- Organizing the event **"Startup Roadshow - Secrets of a Successful ICT start-up"** that promotes IT entrepreneurship among the youth and examples of good practice. The event is the initiative of the European Commission and the European Young Innovators Forum (EYIF) to organize workshops in 10 European cities (Poznan, Paris, Berlin, Prague, Athens, London, Madrid, Bucharest, Lisbon and Budapest) (<http://younginnovator.eu/startupeuroperoadshow/>) **(June 2014);**
- Organizing the meeting to promote non-formal methodology applied in the business incubator Impact Hub Bucharest. The meeting was attended by YEAR's partner organisations: FIVOSZ, JEUNE **(June 2014);**
- Organizing various conferences launching or closing projects. (**"YOUth Guarantees!", "GROWING-UP II", "National Network of Female Entrepreneurship Mentors - MENTORNET 2" , START for you! etc.);**
- Participation in events and workshops. (**"Eurosfat 2014: Romania two agriculture", "Reducing administrative barriers and improving the regulatory level", "Erasmus for**



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young entrepreneurs - your way to a successful application", "European Café Debate: Together for Europe" - on "Encouraging free enterprise Erasmus for young ", "The European Information Days", "The National Forum of SMEs 2014" etc.).

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