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The CEDEFOP Study Visit in Sibiu (Transylvania, Romania) concerning multicultural education involved eight people from various European countries (England, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Norway, Turkey) for a week. It involved several school visits and discussions with educational officers, head teachers, teachers as well as pupils and representatives from the various nationalities / communities present in the County.

Cedefop study visit Sibiu, Romania

MULTICULTURALISM IN AND THROUGH EDUCATION

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

GROUP	CEDEFOP SIBIU
TITLE	MULTICULTURALISM IN AND THROUGH EDUCATION
THEME	MULTICULTURALISM & EDUCATION
CITY, COUNTRY	SIBIU, ROMANIA
TYPE OF VISIT	STUDY VISIT



MAP OF PRESENT-DAY ROMANIA

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THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP AND THEIR VARIOUS COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

In conclusion, all group members from all seven countries were more than satisfied with their study visit in Romania. The way Romania deals with intercultural education has certainly proven most interesting, and many contacts were taken with local minority representatives, teachers, education officials and schools alike. Meeting people from all over Europe was very enlightening too, and we believe many fruitful projects will be able to come out of this week. The presence of a teacher from Turkey gave the week a particular and interesting dimension too, since participants were not only from Western European countries.

The organisation of the visit by the Romanian host was optimal, and the team was able to meet representatives from all communities, linguistic and religious, as well as pupils, teachers, officials.

Romania evokes many representations in Western Europe, some of them proved to be correct, many proved to be completely incorrect. In terms of dealing with multiculturality, the rest of Europe could certainly learn a lot from the Romanian example. It is to be hoped that the same spirit of open-mindedness will also prevail when the country is chosen by migrants from outside the EU as a consequence of its increased attractiveness.

(These are excerpts of the group report.)

[Link to the complete group report :](#)

http://studyvisits.cedefop.europa.eu/assets/upload/supervisors/evr/EVR_445_RO_en_.pdf

During the study visit Bernd Schüssele, member of the German TICKLE team, had a lot of opportunities to inform about the TICKLE project.



(TICKLE dissemination in Sibiu, Romania)
