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## “Mind Mosaic” captures minds of Teiu pupils

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*Snow and fun were on the minds of most kids in the countryside during the winter holidays; but for those in the village of [Teiu](#), county of [Argeş](#), there was much more on the agenda. Their school, “Vladimir Streinu”, was already a member of the “e-winter holidays” project. Now, they also get to be a part of “[Mind mosaic](#)”, an international educational programme about fundamental human rights and citizenship, funded by the European Commission.*



“Mind Mosaic” is a pilot educational program which takes place in five European countries during the school year 2009-2010: Estonia, Ireland, Greece, the Czech Republic and Romania. This teaching tool brings arts to the table and uses painting to discuss fundamental human rights and the problems of citizenship. “Mind Mosaic” is a way to transform a collage created by pupils in the five countries in a mosaic made from ceramic tiles by professional artists. The mosaic will be placed on a wall, so that everybody can see it.

“We have involved not just pupils from the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, but also those in primary school who study civic education. Mind Mosaic is an interdisciplinary activity. It takes place both during civic education classes, where children discuss the Charter of Fundamental Rights, and during a workshop where all pupils are welcome. They have shown great enthusiasm and they’re already hoping for a new edition next year”, Mirela-Emilia Pandrea, school principal, says.



The organisers of the “Mind Mosaic” project will decide the winner after February 14<sup>th</sup> 2010, when the pupils will submit their artwork. The most creative ones will get 1,000 Euros which will be used to create the mural painting that will decorate the winning school, the principal of “Vladimir Streinu” explains.

“This pilot programme is financed by the European Commission and is taking place in 300 schools. The

objective of Mind Mosaic is to make children aware of the European Union Charter of Fundamental Rights. The Charter is a fundamental document for European citizens. We’re trying to inform pupils, especially young ones, about their own rights. The European Commission supports this project because young people really need to be aware of those rights, and school is the best environment to do that”, Mirela-Emilia Pandrea explained.



The “Mind Mosaic” pilot project is being implemented nation-wide by Association Inscribe and the Generation Europe Foundation and the [Institute](#) of Education Sciences.

Its basic premise is that all European citizens have no less than 50 fundamental rights, regardless of their place in society: child or adult, female or male, employed or unemployed, law-abiding citizen or convicted offender, member of a majority or of a minority.

The pupils of the “Vladimir Streinu” School watched a PowerPoint slideshow about citizens’

rights and read about all of them, and then tried to show what they had understood through art. The pupils made drawings that were later posted on the two “Charters of Citizens’ Rights” the organisers provided.

The film with all their work will be sent to Brussels, along with the two charters. Although this pilot is aimed at pupils aged 13 to 15 who study “Citizens’ Rights”, the pupils from the primary school in Teiu were also involved, and they showed as much enthusiasm and put in as much hard-work as their older colleagues.