



Adult and Senior Volunteering in the new EU
Countries
– Romania –



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The presentation is structured in two parts:

1. The general context of volunteering in Romania
2. A qualitative analysis of the situation regarding volunteering among the elderly


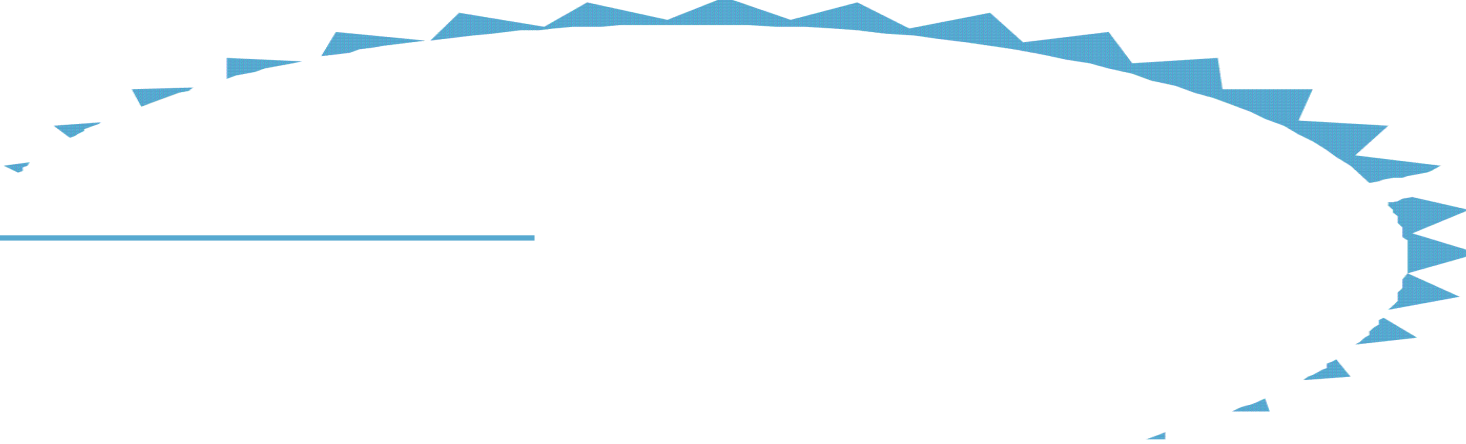
1. The general context of volunteering in Romania

- 88.8% of those who volunteer are young people

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| under 18 years | → | 9,3% |
| 19 - 25 years | → | 71,4% |
| 26 - 35 years | → | 8,1% |
| 36 - 45 years | → | 3,5% |
| 46 - 55 years | → | 3,5% |
| 56 - 65 years | → | 2,4% |
| over 66 years | → | 1,8% |

- The majority of volunteers are students or pupils



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| Student/pupil | → | 58,8% |
| Employed | → | 34,4% |
| Retired persons | → | 3,7% |
| unemployed | → | 1,4% |

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- one of the main recruitment methods is the “one-to-one method”
 - the main reasons for volunteering that came up in the research are mainly addressed to young people (possibility to test a future job, the need to obtain professional experience and improve the CVs)



2. Why elderly people do not volunteer?

- The former political regime → the concept of volunteer is misunderstood
- The non-participative culture
- urban-rural division of the population →
45.1% of the population live in the rural area
- The life expectancy – is lower than in western countries

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- the living standards are lower than in other European countries (EUROSTAT survey)
 - Those who work with volunteer most of the times do not address their message to elderly people their message and the way it is delivered is addressed to young persons →



Conclusion...

Although adult and senior volunteering is low in Romania we believe that the premises for increasing the elderly community involvement do exist and need stimulating.



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