

## Report on the Workshop for the setting-up of the HOREA SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF

Although initially two meetings were planned with the parents of Horea schoolchildren (see Agenda in Annex 1), in the end, three meetings took place in November 2007 (see Annex 2 for list of participants).

Besides facilitating discussion, the RWCT Association facilitator provided samples of PTA mission, vision and values (Annex 3), as well as other sample materials and relevant excerpts from the law governing the setting-up of non-governmental, not-for-profit organizations in Romania (Annex 4).

In **Workshop 1** (Nov 13, 2007), organized with the support of the Horea school management, few parents attended, and those who did were in the stage where they needed to hear arguments for and against setting up a PTA. This took up most of the time, which is why the agenda could not be followed. The President of the Parents' Council in this school, Mr. Lazar, attended, and was very convincing in his arguments he made for setting up the Parents' Association.

In **Workshop 2** (Nov 15, 2007), which was attended by significantly more parents, as well as the school director, we returned to cover the agenda of Workshops 1 and 2, which is why the meeting lasted over 1 hour more than planned, and moved a bit further than the planned agenda: we decided to draft the bylaws (see Annex 5 for Draft 1), and agreed on a simple strategy for registration. This meeting, however, was not attended by the Parents' Council's president, which is why those present wanted to postpone some major decisions, such as how to raise the money necessary for the registration.

In **Workshop 3**, which aimed to discuss the second draft of the bylaws some of the parents who attended Workshop 2 did not show up; however, new parents, as well as the president of the Parents' Council attended this meeting. The form of the Bylaw which resulted from this meeting is presented in Annex 6. The simple strategy that was agreed was for Mr. Lazar to take responsibility for the actions, contact a lawyer, send the application to the Ministry of Justice for the reservation of the name, and inquire at the city Council if the Association can be registered on the school premises. Mr. Lazar is going to contact the missing parents (representatives of the class councils, and share his plans with them).

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