



GRSP Society Presentation

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What is GRSPSociety?

The **Global Romanian Students and Young Professionals Society** is an international network of youth primarily from Romania who study or work abroad and wish to contribute to Romania's development from wherever we are.

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■ Main Partners and Supporters:





GRSP Society Activities

- Define and develop projects focused on Romania through GRSP Society Working Groups:
 - Democracy and Civic Participation
 - Education and Research
 - Culture and Arts
 - Business and Finance
 - Public Administration and Public Policy
 - International Migration
 - International Development
 - Romania's Image Abroad



GRSP Society Activities

- Serve as an international networking platform
 - Working Groups
 - Annual Global Conferences
 - ▣ 2008 conference in Budapest - 60 participants from 12 countries
 - ▣ 2009 conference – location TBD
 - Local Chapters (the three B's)
 - ▣ Budapest (founded July 2008 by RHIYS)
 - ▣ Bucharest (founded October 2008)
 - ▣ Boston (founded March 2009!)
 - Selected Locations of Our Current Members: Amsterdam, Athens, Boston, Brussels, Bucharest, Budapest, London, Maastricht, Madrid, Manchester, Milano, New York City, Ottawa, Paris, Vienna, Washington D.C.



A Brief History

- July 2008: Budapest chapter formed by Romanian Hungarian Intercultural Youth Society
- October 2008: Bucharest chapter formed
- November 7-9, 2008: founding conference in Budapest
 - 60 participants from 12 countries
 - constitution adopted
 - 5 member executive board elected
- November 30, 2008: Romanian parliamentary election monitoring with *Asociatia Pro Democratia*
- February 2009: Partnered up with the Romanian Cultural Institute in Budapest for a photography exhibition on places where Romanians study and work abroad
- February 2009: Call for working group members
 - 65+ applications received
- March 2009: Boston chapter formally formed



Who can join?

- Students and young professionals from Romania who live abroad
- Students and young professionals from Romania who have come back to Romania after living abroad
- Individuals and organizations with an interest in Romania



How can I get involved?

- Join a working group
- Join the GRSP Society Boston team
- Help organize the 2009 global conference



Questions?

- Any questions? Comments? Feedback?
- GRSP Society temporary website: <http://grspsociety.org>
- E-mail address: office@grspsociety.org
- Yahoo Group: grspsociety@yahoogroups.com
- Facebook Group, LinkedIn Group
- Thank you and we look forward to working together!