

THE COMENIUS PROJECT

THE MANAGEMENT

Our managers team has 3 members: teacher **Carmen Popa** – manager, teacher **Gabriela Comandașu** – assistant manager and teacher **Maria Rotilă** – projects coordinator. Here at “Henri Coanda” College we discover



and develop aptitudes, we encourage competition, we form critical thinking and we offer real opportunities to choose a career. “Henri Coanda” College wants to become



a reference school in the training of the young in order for them to acquire solid theoretical knowledge in the newest fields on the work market, in the European community.

It also wants to become a small community in the large one, ordered, careful, based on mutual respect and self discipline, a community with a very well defined personality.



THE COMENIUS TEAM



Ana-Maria Voicu, Comenius team member – „The project itself was and remains a unique experience at this level, because you meet people who come from each country with pieces of their existence, allowing us to look for other cultures and civilizations and give us to see in the mirror our own beautiful and specific place, where we belong: Romania”.



Alina Negru, Comenius team member – „I personally think that any Comenius project turns into a real opportunity for teachers to broaden the scope of cognition, regardless of discipline of study.”

I am **Oana Bucur**, a teacher and a Comenius team member. During the past years more and more schools have come to understand the importance of participating in Comenius 1 projects. The main purpose of these projects is to bring students from different countries and cultures together in an attempt to get students acquainted with various different ways of viewing the world.

The reason students are drawn to this type of projects is the fact that they are met by the possibility of understanding cultural and linguistic European diversity and they also have the possibility of acquiring the necessary skills for personal and professional growth. From my conversations with them I have come to realise that the reason why they were interested in this particular project was the fact that they could find out more about the democratic process from different countries with very different backgrounds when compared to our country. They were particularly interested in the way in which the young population could get involved in these democratic processes and their role in the development of democracy.

I have to admit that I was partially motivated by the same reasons as my students were. Taking into consideration the fact that we do not have a long history in being a democratic country I thought that this might be a good opportunity for both us and our students to come into contact with different people from different countries with a longer democratic tradition than ours. I have previously participated in another Comenius 1 project and I realised on that occasion that both students and teachers have a lot to win from participating in these projects. The winning is both professional and personal. On a professional level, teachers can exchange ideas with the other participating teachers about different approaches to teaching, and get new inputs on how to reach and collaborate with students. The personal growth is also important because teachers acquire new information and experience different things which lead to personal development.

My name is **Alina Costin**. For seven years, I am a French teacher in „Henri Coandă” College. I am a member



of the Comenius team. I love my work because it is about being close to those who are the future of the world: young people. I think teaching foreign languages it is a pleasure and an opportunity to learn more about other cultures and civilizations. It is also the pleasure of reading a book in the language it was written, and the possibility to travel without a guide, just a map in your hand, anywhere you want in the world. When I'm not at school, I love spending my time with my dog, Phillip. I also enjoy reading and some of my favorite writers are: Mario Vargas Llosa and Haruki Murakami. I also love Origami, but right now I don't have much time for this, as I have just started my doctoral studies. This is not my first international project, but it is my first multilateral Comenius. I think these projects are great because they help people share ideas about so many subjects. And I am also glad pupils and teachers will get to travel, and learn about each other by meeting us. And democracy? Although we hear this word so many times a day, it is not something we can easily define. Sometimes, it is so familiar, that we forget it is not something everyone can enjoy...That is why I find it necessary for pupils to learn about democracy in action. I became part of this project because we can do things better when we are together. As a foreign language teacher, I enjoy being in a multicultural environment and I believe this project will give me the opportunity to have this beautiful experience.



I am **Andreea Gherasă** and I am very content to be one of the members of the Comenius project „Finding my voice - Democracy in action” initiated and coordinated by my colleague, teacher Iuliana Clima-Caraghin. First of all, it is a real opportunity for all of us, to take part to a project Comenius whose keywords are citizenship, democracy, tolerance, teamwork, project staff of student communication. How can we teach democracy, which is an apprenticeship and not a single discipline? How to define, in terms of civility, the ability to dialogue and at the initiatives taken by students? We need to weld the teaching teams in each institution to rethink the teaching practices, to engage students as citizens in the life of the institution, develop tolerance and empower. To be better integrated into the school system, we want them to build their draft guidance on solid ground, from an awareness of their academic problems, efforts to remedy them within a framework proposed by the school. Through this project, we hope to open school at the notion of European citizenship and the values of the democracy in European Union, which include tolerance, equal opportunities, civic spirit. Sharing practices of European schools will test for

common solutions, while understanding the specificities of each system. Comparing the democratic institutions of different European schools, we wish to test various methods to encourage active student participation in school life for successfully carrying out their career plans and develop a spirit of openness and tolerance of openness and tolerance.



My name is **Doina Drăghin** and I am a teacher of French in „Henri Coandă” College. I am a member of the Comenius team. I wanted to take part in this project in order to see how democracy works in countries with some experience in the field of democracy. I want it to compare to what is happening in Romania. I also want to contribute to improve our democracy and I need patterns in this respect. I also wanted to take part in this project to discover new things, to meet other people, and even to improve English knowledge.



I am **Filofteia Iliese**, a French teacher. I am a member of the Comenius team. Why I decided to join this group? First, because the subject of this exchange is „the democracy” and our country has not a long experience in this matter. We need to know different democratic systems and other point of view. Then, because our pupils have the possibilities to make friends, to see other countries, to meet other civilizations and other cultures. At last, because the group could put into practice the best ideas of this exchange and the knowledge of English.



Hello, my name is **Simona-Alina Briciu**. I am a member of the Comenius team. I am a teacher of Romanian language and literature in „Henri Coanda” College from Bacau, Romania. I choose to be one of the members of team involved in the project “Finding my voice in democracy”. I was always interested about this topic – democracy - because represents a political form in which governing power derives from people and with these two main characteristics: equality and freedom. So, I really believe I can help my students to be fully aware of the importance of living in a democratic society and to become “voices”.

Hi! My name is **Raluca Vasilca**, I’m a teacher in „Henri Coanda” College Bacau. I am a member of the Comenius team. I’m a teacher of Romanian language but I like also

foreign languages, history and philosophy. I’m in this college since 2009 and I liked to be a member in the extracurricular activities team. When I heard about the Comenius project I was very curious and glad to be a part of the team and I’m sure that will be an interesting experience for all involved.



I am **Marcela Trifan**, a Comenius team member. I would like to participate in activities that involve shaping students’ attitudes towards cultural and social values. This is one reason for my involvement in this project.



I am **Beatris Anghel**, a member of the Comenius team who had a Comenius individual mobility for Malta. People need to live in freedom. Citizens should have the right to their opinions and behavior and also, to enjoy personal safety, home and property in their possession. They must be able to exercise freedom of express themselves and the right to choose their leaders and decide on matters of public interest. In every day life, it is not easy to achieve that because the land of freedom of expression may face values of democracy: religious beliefs, political views of some citizens. The correct understanding of what democracy means, especially for teenagers and for me, a teacher working with them, is very interesting. I would like to hear views and observe how they understand democracy, because freedom and justice are values that have always dreamed of and generations of people had hoped.



My name is **Ana-Nicoleta Grigoreanu** and I am an IT teacher in College “Henri Coanda” Bacau. I am a member of the Comenius team. I chose to take part in this project to bridge over the gap between us and the participants from abroad and transmit the young generation’s echo all over the world.



My name is **Cătălin Gărgăun** and I am an IT teacher in College “Henri Coanda”. My participation in this project is the opportunity of sharing new ideas and unique experiences about culture and democracy.



My name is **Carmen Cupaş**. I join this project because democracy is a form of government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised directly by them or by their elected.

The students



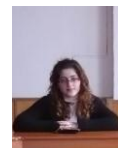
My name is **Mădălina-Elena Stoleru**. I’m 17 years old, eleven-grade. I won the opportunity to be in a mobility, for England and Ireland. My grandmother is Niculina. I am living just with her. With my friends... I like to do a lot of things. We just have one project in progress. We are making one movie with us, with all our activities. The project about democracy is one of them. We love to take pictures, to paint, to watch cartoons. We love to meet new people and to make new friends.

Hi, my name is **Ioana Gabor**. I’m 17 years old, eleven-grade. I won the opportunity to be in a mobility, for England and Ireland. I live in Bacau, Romania. My family is my dad, my mother, my sister and me. I have a lot of friends, but best friends are few. Every time we meet we go out for a little walk in the park or for a juice. We never get bored because we have different subjects to discuss: our friends, what happens to us in everyday life, our passions, little talks. I decided to get involved in this Comenius project because I know I will have the opportunity to meet new people,



because I like to socialize with other teenagers from another country and to demonstrate to others that people from Romania are not how they think they are, but better, much better.

Hello! My name is **Amalia Radu**, I’m 16 years old, eleven-grade. I won the opportunity to be in a mobility, for England and Ireland. I am from Romania and I am a student in „Henri Coanda”. I like to chat with people having other tradition, other culture, other language. I like to know more about democracy in other countries and about other childrens. I like school, I like Romanian Literature, English and French. English and French will help me to communicate with other person and to be in a Comenius project. This is me!



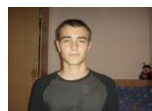
My name is **Andrei-Alexandru Andriescu**, eleventh-grade, 18 years old. I am a candidate for a mobility. My family is my mother, my father, my grandmother and my cat. I like movies, music, parties, I

like chatting and walking. I joined this project because I want to socialize, to meet other students, to see the differences in culture, education and democracy.

My name is **Maricel Andronic**, I am 17 years old, eleventh-grade. I am a candidate for a mobility. My family is my father, my mother and Simon, my big brother. My hobbies are: playing guitar, taking pictures, playing football, listening to music. I am a free person who likes new things. I joined this project in order to see how democracy is understood in other European countries. I'm glad to be involved in this project.



I am **Gabriel Cireșică**, 16 years old, tenth-grade. I am a candidate for a mobility. I live with my mother and my father. I like to ride with my byke, walk a lot. I like to find out about the history of a country, about the democracy and i really want to visit a new country and to see how students and teachers are ...and how the people are... and that's it.



My name is **Mihaela Duman**. I am a candidate for a mobility. I am seventeen years old and I am tenth-grade in „Henri Coandă“. I live with my father and my nefew. I like Romanian literature, Maths and IT. I like walking in the park, watching movies at cinema. I get involved in this project because I would like to study democracy in other countries.



Hello! My name is **Codrina-Mihaela Mezat**, I come from Bacau. I am seventeen years old and I am eleventh-grade in „Henri Coandă“. My family is me, my mother Tatiana and my father Doru. I like walking in the park with my friends and sometimes in the weekend I go shopping with my mother or my best friends. I want to be in the democracy project because I like freedom and justice.



My name is **Laslău**. I am 17 years, I am eleventh-grade. I am person with a lot of am the only child of my but I have a lot of am very shy, I like to music all day and walk in the park with my friends. I do not like people who gossip and are goose, that's why I want to be involved in the democracy project.



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My name is **Alexandru-Dumitru Tudor**. I am 18 years old and live with my grandfather. I involved myself in this project for new experiences and to know more.



My name is **Costel-Bogdan Cojoc** and I'm 17 years old. My family is my grandmother. My hobbies are playing football, walking with my friends in the park and swimming.

I'm a person who is not afraid trying something new and also interesting. I joined this project because I want to see how democracy works in other countries to compare.

Hello! My name is **Florian Gologan**, I am 17 years old and I'm eleventh-grade. My family is of my mother and my father. I like riding my moto and studing democracy.



My name is **Anca Gherghiceanu** 17 years old and I'm eleventh-grade. I am a candidate for a mobility. My family is of my mother, my father and my brother. I like walking, going to disco and playing games. I want to know what democracy means, that's why I want to be involved in the Comenius project.

My name is **Ana-Daniela Beța**, I am 17 years old, eleventh-grade. I like spending time swimming and going out with my friends, walking and having fun. I live with my parents and I have a younger brother. I want to get involved in the project because it allows students to discuss a variety of issues related to democracy - at home and abroad. The project for democracy is encouraging these topicss and the activity outside the classroom.



My name is **Gabriela Sandu**. I am seventeen years old, eleventh-grade. I am a sensible and sociable person. I like dancing hip-hop. My family is my mother, my father, a sister and three brothers. Democracy is, for me, a form of organization and political



leadership of the company by consulting the readiness, interests and aspirations of the country's progress.

My name is **Loredana Duma**, I am seventeen years old, eleventh-grade. I like playing ping-pong. My family is my mother, my father, three sisters and a brother. The family means a lot to me. I like democracy because make the country progress.



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Master's Degree in Communication and Language Sciences - Modern Methods Techniques of Communication
I have worked in various types of research teams