

National Union of County Councils of Romania UNCJR

Presentation

- National Union of County Councils of Romania (UNCJR) is a non-governmental organization, which brings together the County Councils of Romania, based on their free will, as juridical persons exerting their authority in accordance with the law, on the established administrative - territorial limits.
- UNCJR represents the interests of County Councils both individual and as associations or as unions, by regions or considering their common interests, in the relation with the Parliament as well as with the Government.
- UNCJR is acting in order to promote and apply the regional development principles, to support the sustainable development at local and regional level - from the economical, social, cultural and environmental point of view, to support the community participation to the decision making +process, to develop cooperation programmes, to reduce the social and economic differences between counties and regions by promoting regional development programmes.

Working Commissions

- Development, urbanism, territorial planning, environment and communal management;
- External relations, financing programmes, partnerships, co-operation between local communities;
- Institutional management, local and regional development programmes;
- Legal affairs and child protection;
- Public relations and media, business, NGOs and SMEs.

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UNCJR's European Office

Since February 2004, the National Union of County Councils of Romania opened a permanent office in Brussels, its key objective being to represent the Association's interests to the European institutions and actors.

Through this initiative, the political representatives of County Councils decided to respond to a legitimate need of well-trained and well informed employees within Romanian public administration.

The UNCJR's European Office main tasks are:

- **to assist** the members of the national delegation to the Committee of the Regions;
- **to promote** European values and partnerships as a key tool of integration;
- **to provide relevant information** to association's members in a direct and rapid way;
- **to promote, support and represent** the interests of UNCJR's members to the EU institutions and actors;
- **to host the members' delegates** for short periods of practical and theoretical training;
- **to contribute to the understanding of the EU agenda** as well as of different policies and programmes affecting local and regional communities;
- **to develop partnerships** with different European actors: local government associations and entities, NGOs, academic field, privates companies, etc.

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