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The Opening Ceremony of UNESCO's ACADEMY OF YOUNG WOMEN -The fight against Xenophobia, Extremism and Aggression



The National Commission of Romania for UNESCO opened on August 23, 2017, at the Romanian Cultural Institute, the pilot edition of the UNESCO Academy of Young Women, in which young people from over 10 states - Italy, Slovenia, Turkey, Serbia, Bulgaria, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, France, Greece, Cyprus, Romania – were invited to take part. The event was part of the UNESCO's Academy of Young Women's project "The fight against Xenophobia, Extremism and Aggression"



Welcoming speeches of our invitees at the official Opening Ceremony



Daniela Popescu, Project coordinator of the Academy and the President of the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations (EFUCA) was the moderator of the Opening Ceremony, in the opening speech she highlighted the importance of Academy as a promoter of sustainable development goals.

“Feminine issues, alongside youth issues, are considered global priorities. Because of this, in September 2015 The United Nation adopted a set of goals to end poverty and ensure prosperity for all, as part of a new sustainable development agenda. Gender Equality became the fifth sustainable development goal. Moreover, their latest project He for She was created in ordered to complete their mission to eliminate any kind of gender discrimination. Furthermore, The European Commission dedicated 2017 as the year focused to combat domestic violence and any type of actions against women. In addition to the topic, The Academy for Young Women is intended to be a lasting manifesto to help strengthen the role of women in a just world in which the concept of gender equality should be built.”



“The world needs to experience and enjoy excellence without the prospect of violence, pain and aggression; for this, we all need recognition and appreciation. That is why, through this event, which centres on a theme that impacts our daily lives, we wish to promote clear feminine values and effective means to do so.”

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"Culture and violence have nothing in common. They do not like each other. They reject each other. And yet, this is what we are talking about. Violence exists, facts and figures unfortunately prove it, and we need solutions for this problem. The first condition is to identify the problem, then define and become aware of it in the most diverse environments. Culture must be a bridge through which violence is replaced by beauty and discrimination is replaced by collaboration. It may seem like a fantasy, but it can become a palpable reality. "

Liliana Țuroiu, President of the Romanian Cultural Institute:



"The phrase " academy " wants to give this event the attributes of perennality, continuity and consistency to promote the global fight against xenophobia, extremism and violence against all women. "

Ani Matei, Secretary General of the National Commission of Romania for UNESCO

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“The topics of the UNESCO Academy follow the mandate put forth by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted at the UN level, underlining the importance of education as a means of promoting a culture of peace, tolerance and diversity, being a tool for promoting human rights and gender equality.”



Monica Gheorghiuță, Secretary of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (for global bilateral affairs)



“The fight for women equality is a priority in today's society. In recent years, progress has been made on women's civic, professional and sexual rights. From a legal point of view, it can be said that women are equal to men, but there is a gap in transposing this law, which is why I consider the work of the UNESCO's Academy of Young Women to be very welcomed.”

H.E. Mrs. **Michèle Ramis**, Ambassador of the French Republic in Romania

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“I emphasize once again the necessity of implementing and promoting through all means available the role of the young woman in a world based on equality!”

**Mrs. Maria-Ekaterini
Papachristopoulou-Tzitzikosta**
*President of the Greek National
Commission for UNESCO*



“This project can be a platform for dialogue and solidarity between young women, with beneficial effects in improving the social status of women in Romania.”

Mrs. Monaliza Cîrstea, Secretary General – National Agency for Equal Chances between Women and Men. Ministry of Labour and Social Justice

56 ROUTE#againstviolence

After the speeches, all the participants in the event had the opportunity to appreciate the contemporary design works exhibited by the artist Carmen Emanuela Popa.



“Exhibit 56 Route is a feminist manifesto that denounces aggression under the most diverse forms, intolerance and violation of emotional intimacy.

56 Route symbolize the fight against violence, non equality between people and against rule of force, in every aspect.”

Carmen Emanuela Popa, plastic artist

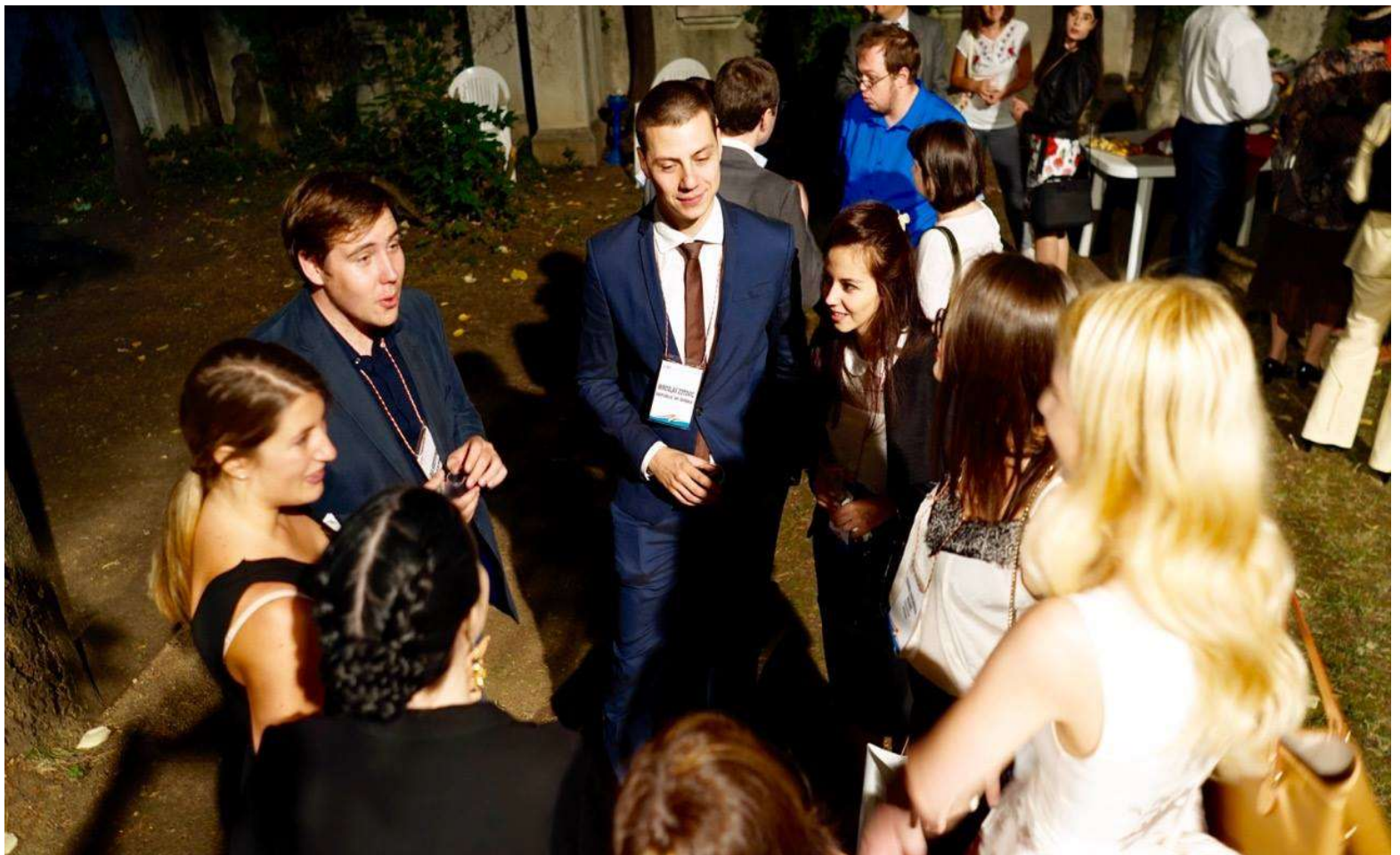


After event cocktail reception

At the end of the opening ceremony and the inauguration of the exhibition 56 Route of the artist Carmen Emanuela Popa, the guests and the participants could take part in a dinner in the garden of the Romanian Cultural Institute, offered by the National Commission of Romania for UNESCO.



This was a wonderful opportunity for all the participants to know each other and to have fresh energy and ideas for the start of UNESCO Academy of Young Women the next day.



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