



THE ROMANIAN VILLAGE IS READY TO RECEIVE REFUGEES

On February 24, the Ukrainians felt the earth slipping from under their feet. In the face of an unexpected, violent and indiscriminate attack, they reacted as best they could - the men stayed home to fight, and the women, children and the elderly fled. Many of the refugees have reached the border with Romania, and we, as our grandparents and ancestors taught us that we should do. I waited for them with food and offered them sleeping places with clean bedding. We can, however, do more, in the event that the conflict will not allow them to return home soon: we can put the land back under their feet, literally, giving them the chance to make a living in our villages.

The LEADER Federation, which brings together probably the most resilient Local Action Groups in Romania, puts at the disposal of the Romanian Government 200 rural communities from all over the country that can integrate emigrants from Ukraine in the short and medium term.

In the short term, rural communities can take in refugees to be housed either in the rural population or in places organized by town halls. In the medium term, we urgently request a partnership with the Romanian Government, in order to create together the tools necessary for the integration of emigrants from Ukraine as an active population in the Romanian rural communities.

It is nothing new for the communes on the border in Botoșani: in recent years, many Ukrainians have applied for residence here in order to obtain Romanian citizenship, and the war has accentuated this trend. In the commune of Vârful Câmpului, located near the Siret customs, with Ukraine, 300 Ukrainians have applied for residence since the beginning of February.

In small communities, people are more aware of the problems of others, the authorities are closer to the citizens, and decisions are made faster. Maybe it's time to look for solutions where eternity was born again.

In the last ten years, in Romania, the LEADER program has supported those involved in rural areas to analyze the potential of their own region and has proven to be an effective and efficient tool in terms of implementing development policies. The LEADER program is today the only bottom-up territorial approach as a programmatic form for resources all the more so as it is supported and implemented through public-private partnership structures.

Local Action Groups in Romania represent approximately 93% of the rural population: 8,456,952 inhabitants out of a total of 9,113,095 inhabitants, plus approximately 12% of the urban population: 1,288,048 inhabitants out of a total of 10,531,255 inhabitants.



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