



MOBILITY PROJECT REPORT OF STUDY TRIP



«CREATION OF AN EXCHANGE NETWORK AMONG VOLUNTEERS» ROMANIA – AUSTRIA

- **Number of participants:** 1 in a group
- **Age of participant:** 58
- **Country of origin:** Romania (Bosca)
- **Date:** 14 to 18 May 2009



→ **Aims of study trip:** To attend the annual, transnational meeting held in Graz, in Austria, to enable creation of a network between Austrian and Romanian volunteers. Investigation and training in Austrian best practice, relating to the various ways of supporting the poorest people.

→ **Activities you have taken part in locally:**

Attendance as an interpreter at the transnational meeting of conferences from Styria and their Romanian partners. Attendance at the working meeting of the Hitzendorf Conference in Austria. Exchanges about projects by the Bosca conference in Romania with Austrian Vincentians. Visit to a nursery school in Hitzendorf for deprived children.

→ **How has this study trip influenced their work as volunteers?**

With the help of Romanian Vincentians, this volunteer has considered establishing cooperation in future between Romanian and Austrian conferences. The sharing of their respective experiences has encouraged the Romanian Vincentians to renew their own work as volunteers in Bosca. They therefore invited some Austrian members of the Hitzendorf conference to attend a meeting in October 2009 in Romania at Targu Frumos. This will demonstrate their firm intention to continue to exchange experience and best practice between the two conferences. They also plan to write a report for the Union of Vincentian Associations of Romania, which will take place on 13 and 14 June 2009 at Campulung Muscel. The Romanian Vincentians thus hope to encourage other older people to act, offering them a cross-border vision of voluntary work.



→ **Testimony:** « It has really been a great pleasure for me to take part in this meeting, because I found it very interesting to exchange the respective experiences of Austrian and Romanian Vincentians. I am ready to take part in other actions for the Mobility Project. »