



## Let's make progress together!

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The "Theodor Balan" Secondary School in the urban area of Suceava County in northeastern Romania is involved in several different projects.

In order to extend previous successful projects with the students, parents, teachers, businesses and local government representatives in science symposiums for civic projects within the concept of sustainable development, the school is continuing to develop various successful programs. "The battle" continues both in nature and in the classrooms, in order to preserve the environment and to discover new resources.

To raise awareness about the importance of existing resources even at the level of individuals there is a constant concern for keeping up to date on what already exists and is well known, but at the same time to remove "barriers" and discover new horizons and resources.

Scientific activities held in our school are an effective way to educate students and the community to which they belong.

In our community, we discovered sources of drinking water polluted by nitrates from fertilizers used in agriculture. In order to inform and educate people in the area, our teachers have organized several educational activities. Its purpose was:

-Knowledge of the importance of water for the environment and human health.

-Reducing water pollution.

Students have informed their families' about sustainable development acquired at school. In this way, the school manages to educate and change people's ideas.

The ways and methods of adults' learning were practiced within a Grundtvig training course "It's never too late learning to learn" in February 2014, in Florence, Italy. The GIFT 2014 was a great occasion for the teachers and students, the county's educational department and the participants at the National Colloquia of Physics to discover new materials provided at the Conference and the latest news and topics in the world of science.

The theme trips at the physics laboratories of "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University in Iasi, Romania were important attractions for our students in the last three years due to the interesting experiences and its minerals museum. In order to be aware of the importance of animal and vegetable resources the students also visited the Botanical Gardens and the Natural Science Museum in Iasi.

Our city and capital county, Suceava, hosted the International Astronomy Olympiad, and students wanted to know more about the stars. Equally popular among our students were the trips organized within the national event "Night of the researchers" at the astronomical observatory and planetarium in Suceava where they were fascinated by the stars, equipment and the new discoveries in the study of the cosmos.

We keep in mind Henry Ford's words: "Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.