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EDUCAȚIE ECONOMICĂ

ROMANIAN CENTER FOR
ECONOMIC EDUCATION



CREE is proposing you

A Partnership For The Effective Economic Education

under these magic, winning words:

Learn, Compete and Benefit



Mission

CREE aims to help improve the economic education of the younger generation of Romanians in order to develop a way of thinking and behaviors that define market economy.

Values

- For life skills and knowledge built up in economic education process.
- Active, cooperative, competitive student learning through early, continuous, progressive, effective economic education promoted and delivered in Romanian schools.
- High standards for programs, curricula, content, learning strategies and activities, education materials delivered, as well as for organization management and leadership, outcome evaluation and progress monitor, accountability.
- Full accession for teacher community to high valuable, professional, effective economic education tools, through networking, interaction, exchange, sharing, participation.
- Key role to play in the national process of the economic education improvement, through outstanding quality solutions, highest professional standards, great impact contributions in the most needy teaching components.



Purpose

To learn - because through education we mean to support younger Romanians get the strength to face the challenges, the win-oriented mind and the know how.

To compete - because we want to help them get prepared to succeed within the competitive environment of the market economy and the value-based selective society.

To benefit - because the economic education we promote is mostly pragmatic, focused on gain and success in the real life.





Activities

CREE develops:

- national content standards and curricula.
- reference materials on economic education: textbooks, lessons, learning strategies, evaluation tools, guides, surveys, etc.
- field tested educational materials that can be used in classroom teaching on economic content, at different levels.
- teacher training activities and programs.
- pre-service teacher training activities and programs focusing on economic university students.
- a national network of regional and local centers for economic education that can engage teachers and potential partners and also distribute the benefits of its activities throughout Romania.
- national programs to stimulate competition and performance in the economic education field among teachers and students through contests, awards, distinctions, and scholarships.
- international exchange with organizations and individuals involved in economic education.



Benefits

As a consequence of the CREE programs in which economics teachers get involved, their students get far more able to:

- Properly understand how the market economy works.
- Make at their best the needed decisions as employees, managers, investors, consumers, owners, tax payers, citizens, and successfully act within the competitive environment of the market economy.
- Effectively use the mechanisms of the market economy as well as of the free, democratic society, and get able to help those function correctly, get strengthen and improved.
- Get progressively connected to the global economy development, while contributing to and taking advantage from its advancement, both individually and through the communities they naturally belong.



Success

The goal of CREE team is to provide higher-standard instruments and models needed in economic education.

The secret of the remarkable things that CREE has achieved in the last three years is dedicated, hard work with durable effects.

The good luck of CREE team has been the enthusiasm with which its effort has been encountered by the economics teachers throughout Romania.

To them we all owe the good thing that the effective economic education has multiplied into the way of thinking and acting of thousands and thousands of younger Romanians.



Assets

Straight and significantly, the assets that CREE has grown over the last three years are:

- 12 qualified trainers
- 11 teacher training seven-day workshops and 14 three-day workshops with 426 participants totally
- 700 more teachers who have been provided with active strategy teaching materials
- 82,000 K-12 students who benefit of effective economic education in the classroom
- 400 students who participated in the economic literacy survey
- Economic education curricula at all pre-university levels - K-4, 5-8, 9-12
- 60,000 hits to CREE web site, the most attractive section being "The Electronic Library"
- 7 publications with 115 economics lessons at higher teaching standards, and various other teaching tools: economics glossary, content standards, lesson writing guide, etc.





Strategy

In order to accomplish its goals and objectives CREE focuses on the economic education dedicated to the younger generation, impacts the field of teaching, and considers both curricular and extracurricular activities.

Key principles:

- Educate the educators
- High-rate multiply effect toward students
- Partnerships with major players in economic education area
- Network development throughout the country

Partners

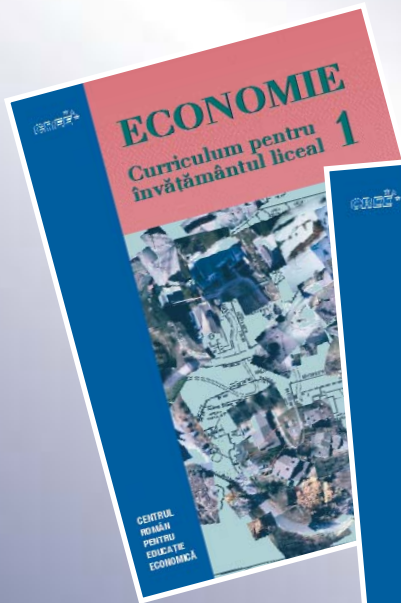
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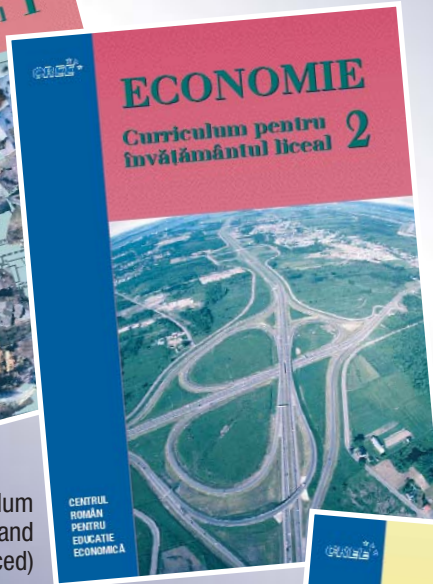
- National Council on Economic Education (New York, NY, USA), which provides the most significant support - fund, education material, organization development means.
- The Romanian Ministry of Education with which CREE develops programs based on a Partnership Protocol since April 2002.
- Teacher Re-training House in Bucharest, with which CREE runs a joint 4-year program of teacher training.
- Six other teacher re-training houses and county school inspectorates throughout the country.
- Universities - such as ASE, SNSPA, University of Cluj, with which CREE develops jointly education projects.



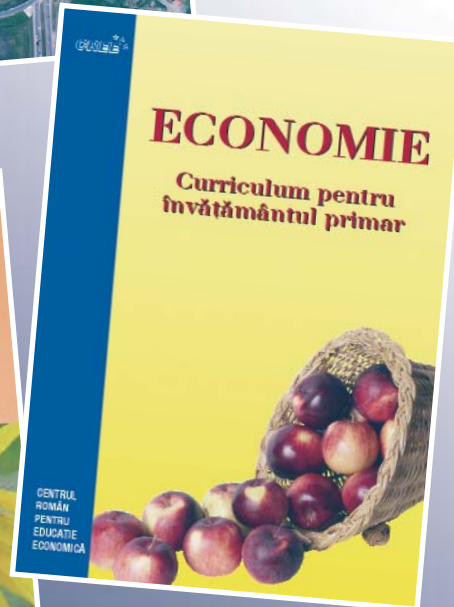
Publications



High-school curriculum
– Part 1 (basics) and
Part 2 (advanced)



Middle-school
curriculum



Primary school
curriculum



The awarded works in
the Teacher Contest:
Best Economics Lessons
- 2002, 2003, 2004



Projects

- Pilot the Economic Education Curriculum for Primary School (1-4)
- Develop the Financial Education Curriculum for Primary School (1-4)
- Develop the Entrepreneurial Education Curriculum for High-school (9-12)
- Expand the CREE network to 8 regional centers for economic education.
- Increase up to 15 the number of long-run partnerships established with universities, county school inspectorates and teacher re-training centers based in major cities.

Why would you wish to become a CREE partner?

Because the benefits of the effective economic education are ultimately reaching everyone – you included in your capacity of either parent, consumer, employee, employer, tax payer, or citizen.

How can you become a CREE partner?

By supporting CREE projects in the field of the effective economic education, according to your wish and available resources.

Would you like to learn more about CREE programs?

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