

Report on implementing the project in 2011-2013

WARNING!

This is a slightly shorter version of the Romanian language report submitted in 2013. We have translated that report at the specific request expressed in December 2014 by the financing agency.

Short global assessment

This report describes the development of the project between 2011 and 2013, with a focus on 2013. For 2011 and 2012, we have already provided detailed reports in the respective years. Overall, the important message is that we have accomplished all activities and fulfilled all self-assumed goals included in the initial application and in the contract. More, we have outstripped all indicators that measure our performance and efficiency.

The 2013 stage of the project meant a labor-intensive period. The main direction were the final polishing of the conceptual framework and its empirical validation. As outcomes, there are numerous presentations in conferences, submitted and published papers and chapters.

The activity faced important obstacles due to the unexpected underfinancing decided by CNCS-UEFISCDI. A big part of the resources that we have planned to use suddenly became unavailable, hindering the evolution of the research. The team members were forced to allot time to other activities, in order to get money to have their ends and their families end meet. On one hand, this deterred the time devoted to the project. On the other hand, while trying to keep the project alive, we have overworked, and the quality of our lives suffered an important deterrence.

Despite all these, the devotion of the team made us to outperform the initial indicators, not only for this year, as we also did in 2012, but for the overall project! To be clear: we have already fulfilled the assumed objectives for the 2011-2014 period (the whole project) and we have done even more. By this, we refer both to academic publishing, vulgarization, the project's website, the collected databases (to become public by the end of the year).

However, there are obvious difficulties to overcome the incertitude related to financing. We never know if and when we will receive the founding; we find out several months after the beginning of the year started that half of the money vaporized; we are required, without any preliminary consultation, to provide reports like this one, way before it was supposed to be delivered, etc.

Assumed objectives and performance indicators

Box 1 describes the academic objectives of the whole project, while Table 1 includes the assumed indicators for 2014. As one may noticed, the task was to continue analysing the theme that we have proposed, and to focus on dissemination.

Box 1. Project's objectives

(SO0) Does international migration contribute to the changing of European societies by increasing similarities between European countries, in terms of social values, participation, and life satisfaction, creating the context for better institutional integration?
(SO1) The first issue to be investigated is if migrants do change behaviours and value orientations, and how.
(SO2) The second part is to see if the presence of migrants does change the host society.

Table 1. Planned of activities and objectives

Year	Objectives	Settlement	Deliverables
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing the conceptual framework Preparing data collection activities 	2012-12-14	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Material intern: studiu de prezentare a background-ului teoretic 2. Două articole finalizate și trimise către publicare 3. Chestionar și metodologie colectare date
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data collecting WVS 2011 Preliminary analyses fro empirical validation Building the database with macro-level indicators 	2012-12-28	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Baza de date 2. Minim trei articole trimise către publicare 3. Baza de date cu informații la nivel macrosocial 4. Minim 6 prezentări în conferințe
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final analyses for (SO1) and (SO2) 	2013-12-30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prezentări în conferințe (minim 5) 2. Minim alte 3 articole trimise spre publicare
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final analysis for (SO0) 	2014-11-12	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prezentări în conferințe (minim 2) 2. Minim 3 articole trimise spre publicare

2011-2012: Short review of activities and objectives

This was already reported in 2011 and 2012. We have reached our goals and overcome the assumed objectives. A summary of the reports provided in 2011 and 2012 includes:

- The goals were accomplished both in 2011 and in 2012..
- In the two months of 2011 for which we were financed, we managed to have an extended internal material (11468 words) to provide the background of all activity. It develops the initial proposal, and was later used in published papers..
- 2011: all preliminary activities for WVS 2011 weredone, including preparing the questionnaire, the sampling frame, etc.

- 2011: the two available PhD positions were advertised, we have received applications and recruited new colleagues. Three voluntary members joined the team
- 2011> two papers were submitted for publication (both were accepted in 2012).
- In 2012, main activity was to work on finalizing the conceptual framework. Several methodological papers and preliminary analyses were submitted to publication, preparing the 2013-2014 activities. .
- 2012, publications: 2 ISI papers, 1 BDI paper, a book in English. 6 other submitted papers. This was more than double of the assumed objective and proved our productivity under conditions of adequate financing.
- 2012: three presentations in international conference, a seminar organized by our team (with 8 presentations; seven out of them are currently already published or submitted to publication).
- 2012: data collected in the WVS 2012 Romanian wave. The database is deposited in the ASEP/JDS data archive in Madrid. Public dissemination will start in 2014.
- 2012: contribution to a supplementary database (SER 2012) which includes, at our request, variables important to reach the objectives SO0 and SO2. Again, this doubles the assumed objective.
- 2012: the database with macro-level indicators is prepared as list of sources, made public through our website.

2013> activities

The focus was on the SO1 and SO2 objectives. We showed that the two major explanations of value change due to contextual influences are complementary, not concurrent. We have also provided partial support for theories like assimilation, transnationalism, acculturation, etc. One may find more details in the published papers or in the Romanian version of this report. The basic idea is that migrants live in a double cultural-contextuality, given by the culture of the country of origin and the one in the host society.

Table 2. Impact of the dual cultural contextuality cultural on immigrants' values, attitudes, and behaviors

Domain	Impact of the culture > country of origin	Impact of the culture > host society	Stage
Life satisfaction	✓	✓	accepted
Political participation (vote)	✗**	✓	Conditionally accepted
Civic participation (associations)	✓	✓	Published
Social trust	✓	✓	Under revision
Confidence in institutions	✓	✓	language proofing
Gender values	✓	✓	Work in progress
Work values	✓	✓	Work in progress
Schwartz's values	✓	✓	Not a product of our team

* preliminary data, to be presented in November 2013, in the a conference in Moscow.

** the relation is not the expected one.

Table 2 indicates the domains in which we directed our activity and the stage that we have reached. Some of the papers are already accepted or published, as the last column indicates. We have also pointed to a paper developed outside the team, by a colleague from another research group, with which we come in contact. All these papers provide the empirical validation for SO1.

For SO2, for the moment only the paper on social trust provides information.

We have also started to analyze social remittances in a manner similar to the one in which we have studied the double contextuality of immigrants, and we have good insights to complement SO1 and SO2 in such manner that we can answer SO0.

Several papers are investigating issue that will be useful in later analyses. Voicu, Tudor, Deliu, Șerban (2013) is the result of searching for an independent variable able to capture the contexts in which immigrants live, and reflects the way in which they are later conceptualized in Voicu & Comșa (2013)¹. Similarly, Claudiu Tufiș's 2012 book is essential for the understanding of the dependent variables in Voicu & Tufiș (2013), and Voicu & Comșa (2013). The same role is played by the book chapter Comșa & Tufiș (2014). Constantin (2012) and Voicu & Constantin (2013) prepare the dependent variables for Voicu & Voicu (2013) and for M.Voicu & A.Constantin (2013). Vlase & Voicu (2013), and Voicu & Vlase (2013) allowed a better understanding of the immigration as process.

These examples contribute to sketch a pyramidal structure of our research products. When preparing the main analyses, we explore these results and publish them as papers. The end product is reflected in the texts included in table 2.

Our website reports on all these products, hosts the newsletters for vulgarization. There are 623 e-mail subscribers, plus the ones that use the RSS-feed, or get information from our GooglePlus and Facebook channels.

2013> performance indicators

For 2013, the minimal standard comprised 5 presentations in conferences and 3 submitted papers. For the whole project (2011-2014), the assumed indicators comprised 11 submitted papers, a book, and 13 presentations. Table 3 shows that we have outperformed these indicators, publishing much more, having almost three times more presentations etc.

¹ The references are the ones in the list of outputs of the project.

Table 3. Academic publications 2011-2013, with a detailed view over 2013

	Papers		Books in Romania	Book chapters		Conferences			
	ISI	BDI		Outside Romania	ISI	BDI		Outside Romania	
În 2013	Published & accepted	3	5	1	1	1	10	9	2
	Conditionally accepted	2			1				
	Under review	4							
	About to be submitted	4							
	Total 2013	14	5	1	2	1	10	8	2
Total publish.+accept. 2013	5	5	1	2	1	9	8	2	
Total published 2011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total published 2012	2	1	1	0	1	3	4	8	
TOTAL	16	6	2	2	2	13	12	10	
Total already published or accepted	5	6	2	2	2	13	12	10	
TOTAL published / accepted, without „conditionally accepted”	15 papers, 2 books (from which: 11 papers and a book in 2013).					35 presentations (from which: 19 in 2013)			
Total deja publicate și acceptate, incluzând „conditionally accepted”	7	6	1	2	2	10	8	11	
Performance criteria 2013	3 papers					5 presentations			
Performance criteria 2011-2014	11 papers, a book					13 presentations			

All these work was done with an underpaid personnel. In 2014, it will be tough, if not impossible, to motivate the team to work in the absence of the financial incentives included in the contract (including the ones postponed from 2013) and well-deserved considering the current productivity.

Annex: List of publications and presentations in conferences for 2013

Publications

Published ISI papers

1. Bogdan Voicu. 2013. [Participative Immigrants or Participative Cultures? The Importance of Cultural Heritage in Determining Involvement in Associations](#), *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s11266-013-9355-8> [JCR Impact factor (2012): 0.881]
2. Ionela Vlase, Malina Voicu. 2013. [Romanian Roma Migration: The interplay between structures and agency](#). *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2013.809133> [JRC Impact factor (2012): 1.169]

Accepted ISI papers

1. Bogdan Voicu, Marian Vasile. Do “Cultures of Life Satisfaction” Travel? A Cross-European Study of Immigrants, *Current Sociology*. [JCR Impact Factor (2011): 0.741]

Conditionally accepted ISI papers

1. Bogdan Voicu, Mircea Comşa. Immigrants' Participation in Voting: Exposure, Resilience, and Transferability, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. [JCR Impact Factor (2012): 1.085]
2. Mălina Voicu, Andreea Constantin. Measurements of attitudes towards gender roles in cross-cultural surveys, *Social Indicators Research* [JCR Impact Factor (2012): 1.264]

BDI papers (published/accepted)

1. Bogdan Voicu. Cross-country comparisons of student achievement: the role of social values, accepted by [RISE - International Journal of Sociology of Education](#).
2. Marian Vasile. 2013. Sănătatea percepută, calitatea serviciilor publice de sănătate și satisfacția cu viața, forthcoming in [Calitatea Vieții](#) 4/2013
3. Bogdan Voicu, Monica Șerban, Alexandra Deliu, Elena Tudor. 2013. Acquiescence effects in measuring attitudes towards immigrants: The case of Romania. forthcoming in [Calitatea Vieții](#) 3/2013
4. Horațiu Rusu. 2012. [Measuring Social Solidarity. Some Research Notes](#), *Social Change Review*, 10(1): 71-90.
5. Andreea Constantin. 2012. [Gender beliefs measurements. How a slightly different wording of the same question changes the story](#), *Social Change Review*, 10(1):37-46.

Books (accepted)

1. Marian Vasile. *Introducere în SPSS pentru cercetare socială și marketing. O perspectivă aplicată*, Iași: Polirom

Book chapters (international publishers) (accepted)

1. Mălina Voicu, Claudiu Tufiș. 2013. [Religion and Social Participation in Postcommunist Europe](#), pp. 203-217 in Joep de Hart, Paul Dekker, Loek Halman, *Religion and Civil Society in Europe*, Dordrecht: Springer.

Book chapters (international publishers) (conditionally accepted)

1. Mircea Comşa & Claudiu Tufiș. Reassessing the effect of economic conditions on support for democracy: Evidence from the 2009-2013 Romanian Election Study panel. In Hermann Dülmerr, Ingvill Mochman, Mălina Voicu, eds., *Values, Crisis, and Democracy*, Leiden: Brill.

Book chapters (Romanian publishers) (published)

1. Bogdan Voicu, Horațiu Rusu, Mircea Comşa. 2013. Atitudini față de solidaritate în România,, pp. 17-44 in Lucian Marina, ed., *Ocupare și incluziune socială*. Cluj-Napoca: Presa Universitară Clujeană.
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ISI papers (accepted for review)

4 papers. We do not publish their title online, to protect the blind-peer-review process.

Articole în curs de finalizare și trimitere la jurnale [neincluse în Tabelul 3]

4 papers. We do not publish their title online, to protect the blind-peer-review process.

Conferences

ISI

- i. Bogdan Voicu, Ionela Vlase. High-Skilled Immigrants and Social Integration in Times of Crisis. A Cross-European Analysis, *ECSR European Consortium for Sociological Research 'Developments in Social Inequality and Social Cohesion' Conference*: 14-16 October 2013, Tilburg University, Tilburg, Netherlands.
- ii. Claudiu Tufis. Trust and Substitutes of Trust in the Romanian Postcommunist Society. *2013 APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition*, Chicago, SUA, 29 august - 1 septembrie.
- iii. Alexandra G.I. Deliu. Where to, Where from? The Narrative Construction of Social Spaces in Migration, *ESA 11th Conference: Crisis, Critique and Change*, Torino, 28-31 august 2013.
- iv. Horațiu M. Rusu, Andrei Gheorghiuță. Social Solidarity in Distorted Times: Unfolding the Romanian Case, *ESA 11th Conference: Crisis, Critique and Change*, Torino, 28-31 august 2013.
- v. Alexandra G.I. Deliu. Distinctive Patterns of Transnational Migration from a Romanian Village, *ESA 11th Conference: Crisis, Critique and Change*, Torino, 28-31 august 2013.
- vi. Bogdan Voicu, Marian Vasile. Do 'cultures of life satisfaction' travel?, *ESA 11th Conference: Crisis, Critique and Change*, Torino, 28-31 august 2013.
- vii. Bogdan Voicu, Claudiu D. Tufiș. "When in Rome ...": Contextual determinants of international migrants' confidence in political institutions, *The 5th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA)*, Ljubljana, Slovenia 15-19 July 2013.
- viii. Mircea Comșa & Camil Postelnicu. Vote buying and voter intimidation in Romania: estimates based on the crosswise model and the item count technique, *The 5th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA)*, Ljubljana, Slovenia 15-19 July 2013.
- ix. Mălina Voicu, Andreea Constantin. Attitudes towards gender equality among immigrants: exposure or transferability?, *The 5th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA)*, Ljubljana, Slovenia 15-19 July 2013.
- x. Claudiu Tufiș, Cultures of trust and cultures of distrust, *The 5th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA)*, Ljubljana, Slovenia 15-19 July 2013.

Others

- i. Bogdan Voicu. On values change under the influence of international migration, *LCSR's 3rd International Annual Research Conference: "Cultural and Economic changes under cross-national perspective"*, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, November 12-17, 2013.
- ii. Horațiu Rusu, Andrei Gheorghiuță. Cheltuieli publice și solidaritate socială în România, *Conferința Anuală a ULBS de Sociologie și Asistență socială*, desfășurată la Universitatea „Lucian Blaga” din Sibiu, Sibiu, 11-12 octombrie 2013.
- iii. Bogdan Voicu, Mircea Comșa. Immigrants' Participation in Voting: Exposure, Resilience, and Transferability, *EUROLAB user meeting*, GESIS-Leibnitz Institute for Social Sciences, Köln, 11 October 2013.
- iv. Mircea Comșa, Claudiu Tufiș. Reassessing the effect of economic conditions on support for democracy: Evidence from the 2009-2013 Romanian Election Study panel. *Values, Crisis, and Democracy*, GESIS-Leibnitz Institute for Social Sciences, Köln, 26-27 September 2013.
- v. Bogdan Voicu, Marian Vasile. Do 'cultures of life satisfaction' travel?, *joint EVS/University of Montenegro workshop "The Future of Values Studies. Methodological and substantive issues"*, Bar (Montenegro) 13/14 September 2013.
- vi. Bogdan Voicu, Mălina Voicu. Political participation and gender beliefs: An analysis of 41 countries, *3rd LCSR Summer School on "Multilevel Confirmatory Factor Analysis (MCFA) and Multilevel Structural Equation Modeling (MSEM) in MPLUS"*, August 18-30, 2013, St. Petersburg, Russia.
- vii. Horațiu Rusu. Determinanți ai solidarității în România, *Conferința națională a SSR, "Provocări sociale: instituții valori, tendințe"*, desfășurată la Universitatea Alexandru Ioan Cuza din Iași, 16-18 mai 2013 cu o lucrare intitulată.
- viii. Mălina Voicu, Bogdan Voicu. Political participation and gender beliefs: An analysis of 41 countries, *joint conference of the World Values Survey Association and Arab Barometer, „The Rise in Public Engagement: The Region and the World”*, 17-21 March 2013, Doha.
- ix. Bogdan Voicu. Priming Effects in Measuring Life Satisfaction, *GESIS Forschungseminar*, Köln, 6.03.2013.
- x. Monica Șerban (2013). Linking the East and the West of Europe: Romanian migration to Spain, *International Conference Les arpenteurs du temps: recompositions spatiales, sociales et politiques dans les Balkans contemporains*, CERI Science Po, Paris, 23 ianuarie, 2013

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ISI papers

1. Bogdan Voicu, Monica Șerban. 2012. Immigrant participation in voluntary associations across Europe, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 38(10): 1569-1587. [JCR impact factor (5 years): 1.424]
2. Mălina Voicu, Ioana Alexandra Rusu. 2012. Immigrants' membership in civic associations: why are some immigrants more active than others?. *International Sociology*, 27(6): 788 – 806. [2011 Impact Factor: 0.734]

Books

Claudiu Tufiș. 2012. *Learning Democracy and Market Economy in Post-Communist Romania*, Iași: Institutul European Press.

Bogdan Voicu. Measuring Child-Rearing Values in the EVS and WVS. A Research Note, accepted by *Social Change Review*

ISI Conferences

- i. Bogdan Voicu. Immigrants and social trust: Mind the cultural gap? *ECSR/EQUALSOC Conference: Economic change, Equality of life and Social cohesion*, Stockholm University, 24-26 September 2012.
- ii. Bogdan Voicu. Participative immigrants or participative cultures? The importance of cultural heritage in determining involvement in associations in 47 European societies, *interim conference of RN35 Sociology of Migration at European Sociological Association*. 3-4 September 2012, CERI, Science Po, Paris.
- iii. Malina Voicu & Andreea Constantin (2012): Measurements of attitudes towards gender roles in cross-cultural surveys. Internal and external validity. Social justice and democratization - *The Second International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology*. Buenos Aires, 01-04 August, 2012.

Other conferences

- i. Bogdan Voicu. Immigrants and social trust: Mind the cultural gap?, conferința *European Values Study*, Laussane, 16-17 noiembrie 2012.
- ii. Malina Voicu & Andreea Constantin (2012): Attitudes towards gender roles in Europe: Modernization and social institutions. *European Values Study Workshop*. Lausanne, 16-17 November, 2012.
- iii. Monica Șerban (2012). From outside to inside the EU: an overview of Romania's policy choices to address emigration, *The 4th International Conference The migratory bridge between Russia and of the Central Asia countries: actual questions of social and economic development and safety*, Institute of Social-Political Researches, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, 6-7 November, 2012;
- iv. Monica Șerban (2012). Coming into an emigration country: Romanian case, *Seminario Internacional Contratación en origen, migración temporal y circulación migratoria*, Centro de Ciencias Humanas y Sociales, Instituto de Economía, Geografía y Demografía, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC), Madrid, 25-26 October, 2012;

Presentations of the team within the Predeluț workshopului, 12-14 October 2012

- i. Bogdan Voicu, Monica Șerban, Alexandra Deliu, Elena Tudor: *Acquiescence effects in measuring attitudes towards immigrants: The case of Romania*
- ii. Mircea Comșa: *Effects of out-migration on voter turnout in CEE*
- iii. Horațiu Rusu: *Social Solidarity and Euroscepticism*
- iv. Marian Vasile: *A candy is sweeter in poor countries. Life satisfaction and social comparison, a multilevel analysis*
- v. Malina Voicu & Andreea Constantin: *Measurements of attitudes towards gender roles in cross-cultural surveys*
- vi. Claudiu Tufiș: *Confidence in institutions*
- vii. Paula Tufiș: *Status Attainment Patterns in European Societies*
- viii. Bogdan Voicu – *Participative immigrants or participative cultures? The importance of cultural heritage in determining involvement in associations in 47 European societies*

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