







#### Issues

Throughout the Union, Roma remain amongst the groups most vulnerable to discrimination. Roma are confronted with racially motivated violence - by right wing groups but also by politically non-affiliated persons, sometimes even by police officials. They face systematic discrimination...(EUMC)

"The Bulgarian/Romanian authorities should demonstrate, at all levels, that the country applies a zero-tolerance policy on racism against Roma or against any other minority or group and that this policy is effectively implemented." ... "institutional discrimination and violence against Roma" (EC Reports 2005, 2006)

#### Issues

Who let the crows out?

"Gypsies are afraid of rabbit's ears. Since I found out I love them very, very much. I hope all Roma to die of anthrax or gassed. Long live our Country and its Genuine Citizens/people!"

www.steaua.ro



























#### **Needs**

**How to Begin Shifting the Dynamic** 

...build a campaign around the general act of discrimination – not discrimination against Roma but discrimination as something that is not only wrong but is also illegal.

Background paper on the WB-OSI Roma Poll





#### Rationale/Opportunities

**UEFA-FARE-Kick it Out Relationship** 





#### **Rationale/Opportunities**

#### **Target Group**

The "Racism Breaks the Game" campaign approaches the issue of racism through sports. The main idea behind this campaign is to disseminate a general anti-racism message (one which has the potential to be supported by a large majority, in contrast with Romafocused campaigns), and to introduce a visible, but not explicit, Roma element. The most popular game in the Decade countries, and in Europe in general, is football. Therefore, associating anti-racist messages with football offers a means to reach a wide audience and achieve for a significant impact.





#### First Step-Steaua Bucharest vs Rapid Bucharest – in UEFA





#### First Step-Steaua Bucharest vs Rapid Bucharest – UEFA

#### **Unite Against Racism**

Dear Mr Lupescu,

...UEFA believes that football should be an instrument for promoting social dialogue, tolerance and fair play, and has been disappointed to see displays of violence and racism, including against Roma/gypsies, in football settings in parts of Eastern Europe...

... also applaud the initiative of organising a match on 5 April against racism and violence in football as part of the countdown to the 2006 UEFA Cup quarter-final second leg match between Steaua Bucharest and Rapid Bucharest. We are pleased to inform you that UEFA plans to send a representative to the event on 5 April.

Best wishes.

**UEFA** 

William Gaillard

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#### **Second Step-Racism Breaks the Game**

#### Promoting social dialogue through sport

Dear Mr Lupescu,

We would like to draw your attention to a common initiative of the Open Society Institute and ERGO (through a programme supported by the Dutch foreign ministry), led by the Romanian Valeriu Nicolae, with the aim of promoting social dialogue through sport....

Best wishes.

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**UEFA** 

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#### Results/Evaluation

Estimated number of viewers 3.000.000

Printed mass media (62 articles)

Radio – audio spot -





#### Redesign

**Involving Nike – Stand Up Speak Up** 

http://www.nike.com/standupspeakup/en/intro.jsp?page=home&l=en



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# Racism breaks the Game Violence destroys lives





### Campanie împotriva violenței pe stadioane susținută de









# ȘI VORBELE UCID!

Presupunând că amenințarea s-ar materializa, atunci nu numai Bănel Nicoliță ar dispărea, ci și Pele, Eusebio, Ronaldo și Ronaldinho... Trezeguet, Thierry Henri, Thuram, Drogba, Eto'o.

Jumătate din marii fotbaliști ai lumii.

Am rămâne cu o lume albă, albă. Înfiorător de albă.

Vezi ce spui!

### Campanie împotriva violenței în școli susținută de











Copiii mici nu fac diferențe de rasă. Copiii mari le fac pentru că așa au văzut în jurul lor: în familie, în grupul de prieteni, printre apropiați. Militează împotriva rasismului! Militează pentru o lume civilizată!



O lume colorată e mai bună decât o lume alb-negru!





















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### "Mori, ţigane!"

Eşti sigur că un fotbal fără Pelé, Eusébio, Ronaldo Ronaldinho, Thierry Henry, Trézéguet, Thuram, Drogba Eto'o sau Bănel Nicoliță ar fi un fotbal mai curat, sau un fotbal mai lipsit de viață?

Mai multe înjurături înseamnă mai puțin fotbal.

#### Vezi ce spui!









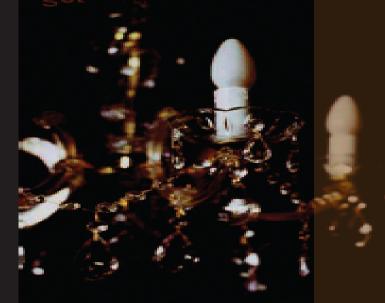
www.soros.org

www.ergonetwork.org









#### FII MAI BUN, FII CINSTIT, FII SUPORTERUL UNUI MECI MINUNAT!

Promovând dialogul social, antiviolența și antirasismul prin intermediul fotbalului

Ambasadorul Elveției vă invită la un cocktail, ocazie cu care Ambasada Elvetiei și organizația ERGO- European Roma. Grassroots Organisation iși vor prezenta projectele în contextul campionatului EURO 08 din Austria si Elvetia.

Fiti alături de noi Vineri, 28 martie, ora 18.00, la resedinta Ambasadorului Elvetiei. Str. Atena nr. 12.

#### BE BETTER, BE FA∤R, BE A SUPPORTER OF A BEAUTIFUL GAME!

PROMOTING SOCIAL DIALOGUE, ANTI-VIDLENCE AND ANTI-RACISM THROUGH FOOTBALL

> THE AMBASSADOR OF SWITZERLAND INVITES YOU TO THE PRESENTATION BY THE SWISS EMBASSY AND THE EUROPEAN ROMA GRASSRODES ORGANIZATION (ERGO) OF THE PROJECTS ORGANIZED IN THECONTEXT OF THE EURO OB IN AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND AND TO THE COCKTAIL WHICH WILL FOLLOW. PLEASE JOIN US DN FRIDAY, MARCH 28, AT 6:00 PM AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE SWISS AMBASSADDR, STR. ATENA 12





### Symposium on "Football: Instrument of Social Integration and Intercultural Dialogue?" on May 27 in Bucharest

We are delighted to invite you to the symposium "Football: Instrument of Social Integration and Intercultural Dialogue?" on May 27 in the Athénée Palace Hilton Hotel in Bucharest. This symposium takes place in the context of the EURO 08 in Austria and Switzerland. It will bring together experts and selected guests from Romanian government, politics, sports, media etc. We will work together with a number of institutions, among them OSI and the UNDP.

The topic of the symposium is the following: It is commonly believed that sports in general and football in particular foster direct social interaction, cooperation and teamwork beyond religious, ethnic and other social ties. Football can be an "ideal place for bringing people from all walks of life together" and help to "overcome barriers of race, religion, gender, disability, and social background" (Magglingen Declaration 2003). But is this really the case?

Yours sincerely,

The Ambassador of Switzerland

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Valeriu Nicolae

Open Society Institute



#### **Press Release**

On 20th of April, in Bucharest, the Italian Union Sports for All, Open Society Institute and European Roma Grassroots Organisation organize in Bucharest a 4 km run against racism and discrimination.

Partners: Agenţia Naţională pentru Sport, Federaţia Română de Atletism, Primăria Municipiului Bucureşti, Federaţia Română Sportul pentru Toţi, Direcţia pentru Sport A Municipiului Bucureşti, Inspectoratul Şcolar al Municipiului Bucureşti, Asociaţia Municipală de Atletism Bucureşti, Policy Center for Minorities and Roma, Agenţia Naţională pentru Romi şi Consiliul Naţional pentru Combaterea Discriminării.







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