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Road Safety for a Better Environment

INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE 2019

RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIORS

“SAFETY IS THE NEW LOOK”

În perioada 01.02.2019 – 15.05.2019, elevii claselor a X-a B și a IX-a B ai Colegiului Național „Nicolae Bălcescu” din Brăila, coordonați de profesorii Adela Dimov și Mariana Cîineanu, au derulat proiectul internațional „Safety Is The New Look Look”, parte a Programului Educațional „Your Ideas Your Initiatives – Road safety for a Better Environment”, International Challenge 2019, Responsible Behaviors(Renault).

În cadrul proiectului au fost analizate cauzele producerii unui număr mare de accidente, cu consecințe potențial dramatice, pe arterele principale din municipiul Brăila. În acest sens, în acțiunile noastre am avut următoarele obiective:

- *am identificat cele mai periculoase străzi, foarte aglomerate în special la orele de vârf, pe care se circulă uneori cu viteză foarte mare;*
- *am sesizat că structura radială a drumurilor din orașul nostru (curbe periculoase de aproape 90°) favorizează producerea accidentelor, în special de către șoferii care nu respectă regulile de circulație, limita de viteză și nu își adaptează conduita specificității drumului și condițiilor meteo;*
- *pe unele artere principale, cum ar fi B-dul Dorobanților, se remarcă o frecvență redusă a trecerilor de pietoni, lucru ce atrage după sine creșterea riscului producerii accidentelor de circulație în special în rândul persoanelor în vârstă, copiilor și persoanelor cu dizabilități, care*

- traversează prin locuri nemarcate și preferă să nu parcurgă o distanță foarte mare pentru a trece strada regulamentară;*
- *lipsesc limitatoarele de viteză de pe carosabil și indicatoarele rutiere de tipul “Reduceți viteza”, iar acest aspect considerăm noi că favorizează rularea autoturismelor cu viteză foarte mare.*

Ne-am concentrat în final analiza pe segmentele de pe B-dul Dorobanților, între străzile Galați și Carpați și străzile G-ral Eremia Grigorescu și Cloșca.

În urma derulării proiectului, propunem următoarele inițiative:

- *trasarea a două treceri de pietoni la intersecția dintre strada Brateș și B-dul Dorobanților și intersecția dintre strada Cloșca și B-dul Dorobanților;*
- *amplasarea limitatoarelor de viteză pe carosabil în curbele periculoase de pe B-dul Dorobanților (exemplu la intersecția dintre strada Brateș și B-dul Dorobanților);*
- *montarea unor indicatoare rutiere de tipul „Reduceți viteza” în punctele unde au fost semnalate multiple accidente de circulație: intersecțiile B-dului Dorobanților cu străzile Brateș, Cloșca, Diana și Albina.*

Proiectul în totalitate se poate vizualiza la următorul link:

<https://www.safety-mobility-for-all.com/school-stories/safety-new-look>

REZULTATELE FINALE ALE CONCURSULUI INTERNAȚIONAL

A opta ediție a Concursului Internațional “Your Ideas Your Initiatives” – “Safety and Mobility for All” s-a finalizat în data de 14 iunie, cu un rezultat de excepție pentru elevii claselor a X-a B și a IX-a B de la Colegiul Național “Nicolae Bălcescu”, îndrumați de profesorii Adela Dimov și Mariana Cîineanu. În urma unei competiții dificile, derulată sub patronatul Companiei “Renault”, 79 de școli din 15 țări, precum Turcia, China, Brazilia, Columbia, Serbia, Rusia, Spania sau India, au dorit să se numere printre câștigători.

Ca și la edițiile anterioare, problemele analizate de elevi au avut un nivel ridicat de complexitate și diversitate. În principal, fiecare școală participantă a derulat campanii de îmbunătățire a siguranței rutiere și a mobilității în comunitate. Anul acesta, din România au participat trei școli.

Proiectul elevilor de la Colegiul “Bălcescu”, intitulat “Siguranța Este Noul Look” a câștigat premiul I, la egalitate cu alte două echipe din Turcia și Spania.

We are very proud to announce the Awarded Schools of the [#Renault](#) Your Ideas Your Initiatives International Challenge 2019!

In alphabetical order:

WINNERS

Açı Secondary School Sarıyer (Turkey) - <https://bit.ly/2JjHykY>

IES Saulo Torón (Spain) - <https://bit.ly/2E4jluD>

National College Nicolae Bălcescu (Romania) - <https://bit.ly/2vUsKAN>

The infographic is titled "Winners" and "Finalists". It features three golden trophies for the winners and a blue ribbon for the coup de coeur. The winners are Açı Secondary School Sarıyer (Turkey), IES Saulo Torón (Spain), and National College Nicolae Bălcescu (Romania). The coup de coeur is DPS International, Gurgaon (India). The finalists are XIV Beogradska Gimnazija (Serbia), Bornova Anadolu Lisesi (Turkey), Colegio Montesorri (Colombia), Instituto Caldas (Colombia), and Shanghai Shangde Experimental School (China). The background is light blue with icons of a bicycle, a road, and cars.

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Short presentation of the project Your Ideas Your Initiatives - Sustainable Mobility

Because I am a geography teacher, I participate with enthusiasm in this international initiative which aims to involve young people actively in activities through which they could effectively understand the great challenges facing society. Students study the educational materials offered by this project on the Internet and on the school website about sustainable development, circular economy, cities of the future and safe streets. They analyze the participation of

students from our College from previous years. The aim is to involve young people and carry out an analytical activity, familiarize students with topics about creating a friendly environment and creating a community that builds a sustainable future for future generations and the invitation to reflect on individual and community habits and lifestyles. Students learn that their actions can change the



environment in which they live. The activities carried out are posted on the project site at the end of the activity.

For me, the role of coordinating teacher of this project means to collaborate with school teachers who want to get involved in this project, to present this project to local authorities, to promote activities that represent me: to ride a bike, to walk and to understand that it depends on the activity of each of us what we see around us. The interesting element of this project is the method of development, called IVAC: Investigating a problem, Creating a vision of that challenge, Actions that help to achieve results and Changing the way we approach that challenge to create a friendly environment!

In previous years we carried out this project during the School differently program and it was very useful for the students of our school!

I thank the students who get involved in the project activities every year and we hope to attract in the future the involvement of other schools in the city in this initiative!

Geography teacher

Mariana Doina Ciineanu

Promoting travelling by bus

My name is Andreea Dincă and I am student at C.N.N.B. Braila. Last year I participated in the project „Your ideas your initiatives” and my team won. It was a wonderful experience, we worked hard and we inspected the streets of our city, which made us very happy and we enjoyed the results.



Due to the fact that the distance between my house and my high school is a little big, I go by bus every day. The buses are new and spacious, have conditioning air for hot days and warm temperature for winter days. The bus trip is fairly comfortable in the most of days. During travel I like the most to look out the window and listen my favorites songs or I talk to people I know which are traveling with me.

The only disadvantage is that the buses are very crowded at some rush hours in the morning when the people go to work and we are going to the school. However, I think that each person must be understanding with the needs of those around and show respect to the other humans.

I spend an hour a day in the bus and I had to get used to the way the bus runs and I even made new friends. Furthermore, by traveling with the bus we manage to reduce fuel consumption, because we must become aware of the consequences of actions which are non-compliant with the environment.

Promoting travelling by bus

Hello, I am Robert Ionescu and I want to tell you that last years experience in the project “Your ideas your initiatives” helped me very much and I’m very pleased with what I’ve done.

When you’re a teenager, specifically a student, you have both advantages and disadvantages, like in any other stage of life. For example, as a student you’re not obligated to work to sustain yourself and your only care is to study to get good grades. One disadvantage that most students have is transport to and from school. While you are a student you do not have the minimum age for getting you driving license in order to drive to school or you get your license in the last year of school. Some students are driven to school by their parents, some walk to school and others take the bus or tram. I’ll be telling you about going to school by bus.



Personally I feel like the bus is the safest out of all the means of transport and it’s pretty clean. However, a pretty big disadvantage is their capacity because in my town there’s multiple types of busses. Depending on their route they have a certain size. For example if the route passes through the

main streets, the bus is big and if it drives through secondary streets it’s smaller. Unfortunately, in the morning, when I have to go to school every type of bus is full regardless of its route. Also, some busses have a really long waiting time. A lot of times, I was late to school because of their schedule and long waiting time or because I simply could not fit inside given the fact that it’s always crowded, and I had to wait for the next bus. Another problem: elderly people that crowd the buss in the morning because they want to go shopping in the same time period students go to school. And last but not least, people that don’t shower and use the bus. When the. Bus is really crowded and someone smells bad, everyone will feel it. You almost want to get off the buss but you can’t because you have to go to school.

This is all I have to say about going to school by bus. A tip for avoiding all of the things mentioned above: go to school early.

Promoting walking

Before I move on to the actual subject, I want to introduce myself. My name is Razvan Tarachiu, I am 16 years old, I am from Braila, a student of the “Nicolae Balcescu” National College.

Although I also participated last year in a project like this, I insisted on taking part in this year's project as well, because the previous one was successful. Everything was of course coordinated by our teacher. If last year the project was about safety on the streets, well now the theme is different, namely the promotion of mobility. I want to mention that all students who took part in this project managed it exemplary, considering that it was the first experience of this type. Some educational institutions in Romania have advanced technology in classrooms, some containing computer labs, biology and the list goes on. Unfortunately other schools can not afford this luxury. Teenagers like us, encourage walking to school or not only on foot, or by bike or why not by electric scooter for example. We can all agree that it is more efficient that way, meaning you save time first and foremost, most important of all, it does not pollute. I walk to school, maybe because I'm pretty close. And by this I encourage others to do as I do. There are many advantages, one being mentioned above and so you help nature to breathe or more important for you at least, you exercise, which is very important. Nothing compares to an early morning walk inhaling fresh air, which helps oxygenate the brain. But with the advantages, come the disadvantages. Fortunately they are few, almost not at all, but they can be prevented only if we are vigilant on the street and respect the traffic rules.



Well, that being said, I hope you lead a healthier lifestyle from now on.

Promoting driving

Hello, my name is Pislaru Adriana-Georgiana and I am a student at Nicolae Balcescu National College, 10th. Last year I participated in this interesting activity "Your ideas your initiatives" and I thought it would



be exciting to do it too this year.

I am lucky and maybe unlucky to go to school by personal car. I will present my points of view for which I use the car to go to school.

The car is a vehicle that helps us get to the desired place in a shorter time. I

live quite far from school, as a result my mother takes me to school by car. I consider that going by bus or other means of transport is a waste of time in which I could rest or I could even recap what I had to learn that day.

Having classes in the morning, when the vast majority of people go to work, take children to kindergarten or other reasons, the street is crowded so there is traffic that makes you think if you get to the first hour or not.

The car is also good for avoiding congestion on the bus. The area where I live is not favorable for buses, the bus station being very far away, but they run hard and do not always arrive according to the schedule displayed in the station. Even if I think the bus is not the best way to get to the place you want, others see it as a good option.

Of course, I think that the car is the best way to go anywhere, not just at school. If I was the right age to get my driver's license, to use it, I would use it with great pleasure every day regardless of its advantages and disadvantages.

Promoting travelling by tramway

My name is Neculae Andreea Diana. Last year I was involved in a project called „Your Ideas, Your Initiatives”, where I was pleasantly surprised by the imagination and the creative spirit of the children from our high school „Nicolae Balcescu”. Communication was one of the most important aspects of our collaboration. This year the theme of the project will be different. Discussions will be held on transport.

Without the transport the world would be practically impossible due to the long distances that exist. One of the many branches of transport is the tram.

Walking by tram can be one of the safest methods of transport, but depending on the conditions they provide, people can be very satisfied or very disappointed. In our country, the conditions are not always so pleasant.

People’s behavior, smells, space and the cleanliness are the factors that create a very bad opinion in generally.



I am one of the students who usually go to high school by tram. There are mornings when I enjoy walking to school because there are places where I can sit, there are no crowds of people and you can breathe and also there are days when the crowd and the smell bring you down and you regret that you left by tram.

I would like that the tram ride to be always beautiful, maybe it’s time for a change.

Promoting cycling

My name is Eduard Mihaiu and I'm a student at Nicolae Bălcescu National College in class 10B. Last year, I really enjoyed being involved in this project on which I contributed with drawing some future ideas for our city, Brăila. The main drawing that I did was about cycling. A big problem and a disadvantage about our city is still the fact that there are only a few to none bicycle tracks. It first started last year in a warm day of April when I decided that I should go to school by bike because it's way healthier than going by public transport. From my home, to get to the school I have to cross through a main street which is very intense in terms of the traffic. I really enjoyed feeling the breeze of the fresh air but protecting my life is way more important. According to the traffic rules, if there is no bicycle track, we are required to pedal in the street along with the cars. In Romania, drivers are considered to be really reckless and not they not even pay attention to us, the cyclists, on the side of the road. This is the reason I sadly had to stop using my favorite way of transportation, but let's talk a bit about the advantages of going to school with a bike.



Firstly, as I said earlier, it is very healthy. I didn't imagine that if you ride a bike back and forth to school, you can burn up to 600 calories. In my case, I was arriving faster with the bike than with the bus due to the time that you lose while waiting in the station. After I stopped using the bike, I didn't give up on not going to school with a public

transport, but instead of using a bike I started walking to school. Although I have to wake a little bit earlier, I'm very pleased with this way of going to school.

That being said, I hope that we, together, can make a change to our beloved city, thank you!

It was a pleasure to participate in this project!

I hope you liked our work!

We liked this initiative and for sure we will participate again next year!

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