

MINORITIES GROUPES OF GALAȚI

The Greeks lived in Romania millenia ago in VII-VI centuries BC. The Hellenic Community was founded again on 9 April 1990 having as main goal the development of the old preoccupations especially education, preserving and promoting the culture and customs of our ancestors which is represented by the young Greeks in all areas of activity. The Hellenic Community has a rich cultural activity, organizing in every year the Festival of Hellenism from Romania. Their headquarters from downtown can be admired from Eminescu Park. Also they organize free Greek language courses.

The existence of Jews in Galati in distant times is related to the fact that this settlement existed as a port to the Danube, at “the end of the Siret River Road” which made trade between Poland and the Ottoman Empire. The Jews were concerned, since the beginning of the settlement of their religious life. Their synagogue is a towering Temple and its construction started in 1878.

Italians are an ethnic minority from Romania, counting 3.331 of people, according to the 2002 census. The Italians who have a common origin with the locals, have found for them a place everywhere in Romania, living in perfect harmony with the locals. Their headquarters in Galati are yet in construction and they are located in the central area. His work is based on the initiation of programs and projects aiming at integration of interethnic life through the help of the Department for Interethnic Relations within the Government of Romania. This concern is to engage a large number of members in various activities of and to preserve the national identity, the traditional specific, the language and the culture.

Russians Lipovans from Romania are believers of old rite. The customs of -Russians Lipovans are closely related to religious holidays. Their Datebook remains unchanged, the Julian calendar, delayed by 13 days. Until today the Russians-Lipovans have kept the habit of carrying the sign of the cross in almost any activity which they do. In Galati the last census says that they are in number of 102 members.

The Democratic Union of Hungarians from Romania is a politic organization, founded to represent the interests of the Hungarian Community. In 2007 the Union became a member of the European Popular Party. The Hungarian Community has 126 members in Galati, a very nice establishment in which they meet monthly to discuss political problems and organize travels and various events.

The German democratic forum, participates in different activities organized by the City Hall of the Municipality and the County Council, such as the Raising of the flag of Romania, the Heroes Day. Through the formation of a course for learning the German language in the Forum, led by Ms. E. Palmer, they could create a children choir, which also functions today. Every Thursday the Germans and German culture lovers gather at the place where new and interesting things always happen.

The Turkey Muslim Community was revised in 1990, then it was transformed in UDTR-GALATZI. The community managed in everything it did to conquer a prominent place in the hierarchy of minority communities from our country and from abroad too.

From the beginning they aimed to contribute to the preservation of their spiritual identity, religion and language. The collaboration between our community, the local administrative institutions and also the cultural institutions achieved a high level.

They organized international symposions "of love-poet Yunus Emire", "Nasratin Hogeia universal spirit of humor", "Turkish Culture and civilization in the Lower Danube."

In Galati there is a sizable community of Ukrainians who come from villages from The Danube Delta. Their organization was founded in 2000 with over 1000 members. In 2004 they erected the statue of Hetman Ivan Mazepa. In 2009 they celebrated 300 years after the death of Hetman. The community has a rich cultural activity, collaborating often with V.A. Urechia Library for various events.

The Gipsy Alliance from Galati County wants to form some groups of intellectuals among the Gipsy to promote their social, economic and cultural priorities. They aim at preserving their cultural identity through artistic and cultural activities. For this they participate in European projects in schools, students learn in their native language and also there are even competitions of this kind. The community includes 10100 people.