

## **ACC SUCCEEDS AGAIN EXPANDING COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN EUROPE**

The Association for Community Colleges (ACC), European NGO based in Aabenraa, gave another step in the idea of expanding community colleges all around Europe with the success of the Transylvania Community College, that has allowed 50 young people from 22 states in Europe to know better the social and political environment of the region, promoting at the same time the idea of dialogue and mutual understanding for the people in Europe through Community Colleges.

The fantastic results of the Transylvania Community College, that took place between the 24<sup>th</sup> of June and the 8<sup>th</sup> of July in the Romanian city of Odorhei, were possible thanks to the own effort of the ACC Transylvanian Committee, supported by the board and the main office in Denmark, who where the organizers and that showed the whole Europe the enthusiasm of the 156 members of the European NGO, present in 30 countries.

During those 14 days, the participants in the Transylvania Community College, among them three young Danes, attended lectures and discussed about the local situation and the enlargement of the European Union to the Central and Eastern Countries, having an important answer from the social groups of the region and a wide media coverage.

Actually, the course was not just an educational meeting, because it fomented the active spirit of the participants and allowed too the birth of new projects of Community Colleges in several countries of Europe, that gives the ACC the guarantee that its based in the non-formal adult education idea will reach more young people all around Europe in a short time.

The ACC is the central place where all the projects and ideas are coordinated under the supervision of the chairman John Petersen. The city has become already a European referent for the idea of Community Colleges, the model of non-formal adult education inspired by the Scandinavian idea of the Folkehøjskole, that the ACC is adopting to promote the European spirit.

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