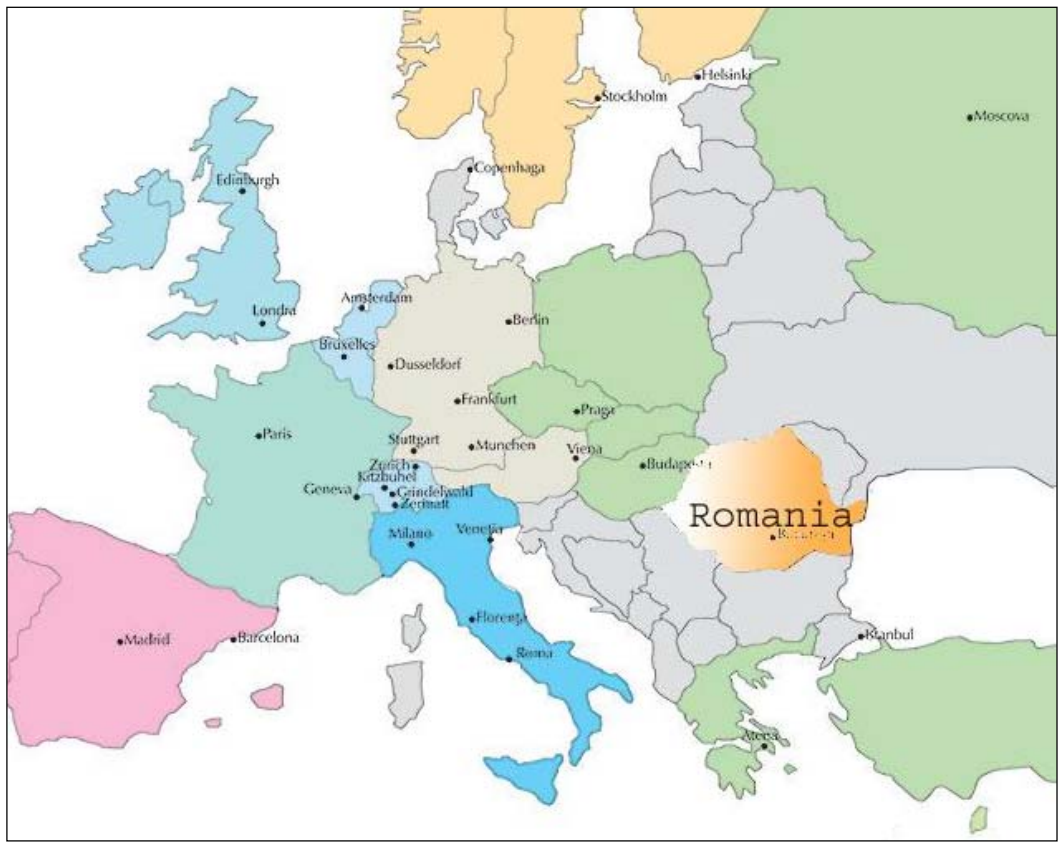
Internet and the Romanian Catholic Church

- short presentation -

About Romania

- Location: Eastern Europe, not in UE
- Catholics are 10%, the majority is Orthodox
- We have 3 rites (Latin, Byzantine & Armenian), and several languages (Romanian, Hungarian, German…)



About Romania

- All Bishops, Roman-Catholic and Greek-Catholic, are joined in the same Bishop's Conference (unique)
- From Romania: Radu Capan (for Catholics speaking Romanian) and Levente Veres (for Catholics speaking Hungarian)

e-Situation in Romania

- Numbers of Catholic websites: dozens, and growing
- Reason for this:
  - Internet access is become much cheaper and needed
  - Organizations, Congregations, Dioceses, Parishes, realize more and more how important is to be also on web
  - Parishes use websites for 1) maintaining relations with ex-faithful now migrants; 2) for presenting projects, searching for funds
- WEBCAT – Yahoo Group for Catholic webmasters

e-Situation in Romania

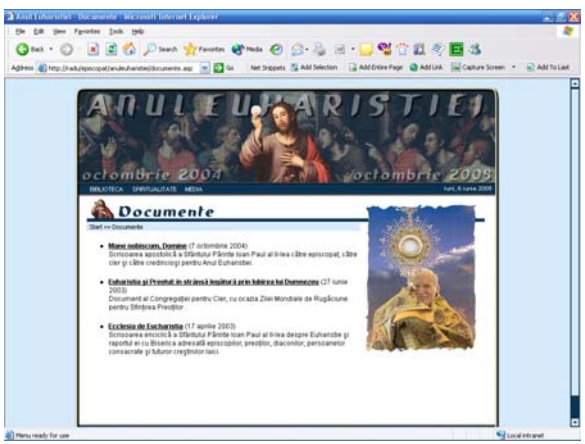
- and yet… Romania has a low number of .RO domains (64.000), comparing with other European countries
- Interest for the Internet is not a general one, proven by the dozens of websites in a Church with hundreds of parishes and Catholic Institutions
- Conclusion: we are still at the begining

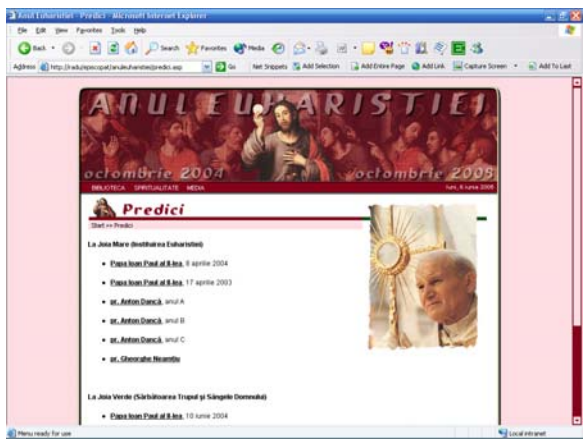
Project examples

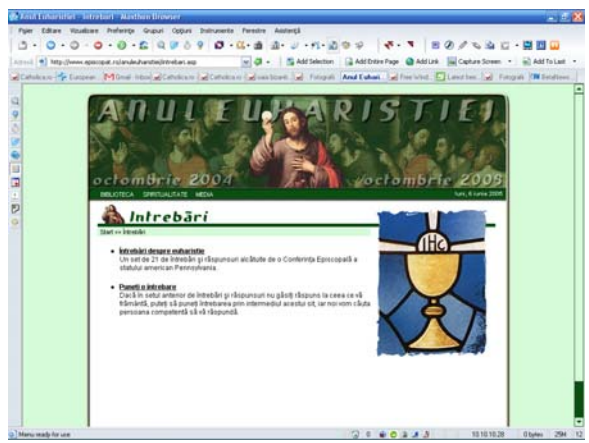
- Romanian Catholic Bishops has asked specifically for some websites, or approved some websites
- Examples:
  - They requested www.diasporacatolica.ro and www.episcopat.ro
  - They approved officially websites as www.catholica.ro, www.catholic.ro, www.profamilia.ro, www.cnet.ro

Episcopat.ro

- Will be the official website of Romanian Catholic Bishops Conference
- For now: www.episcopat.ro/anuleuharistiei

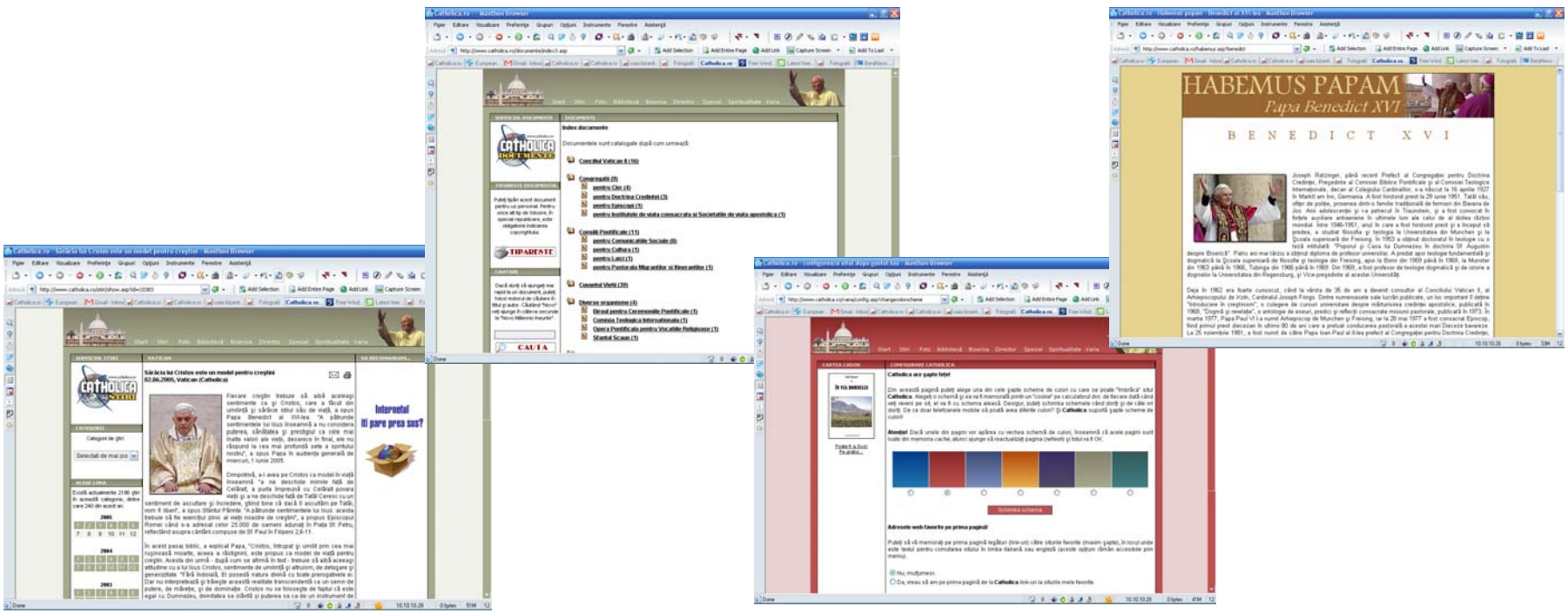






Catholica.ro

- A News Agency – in Romanian and Italian
- Services online & by email



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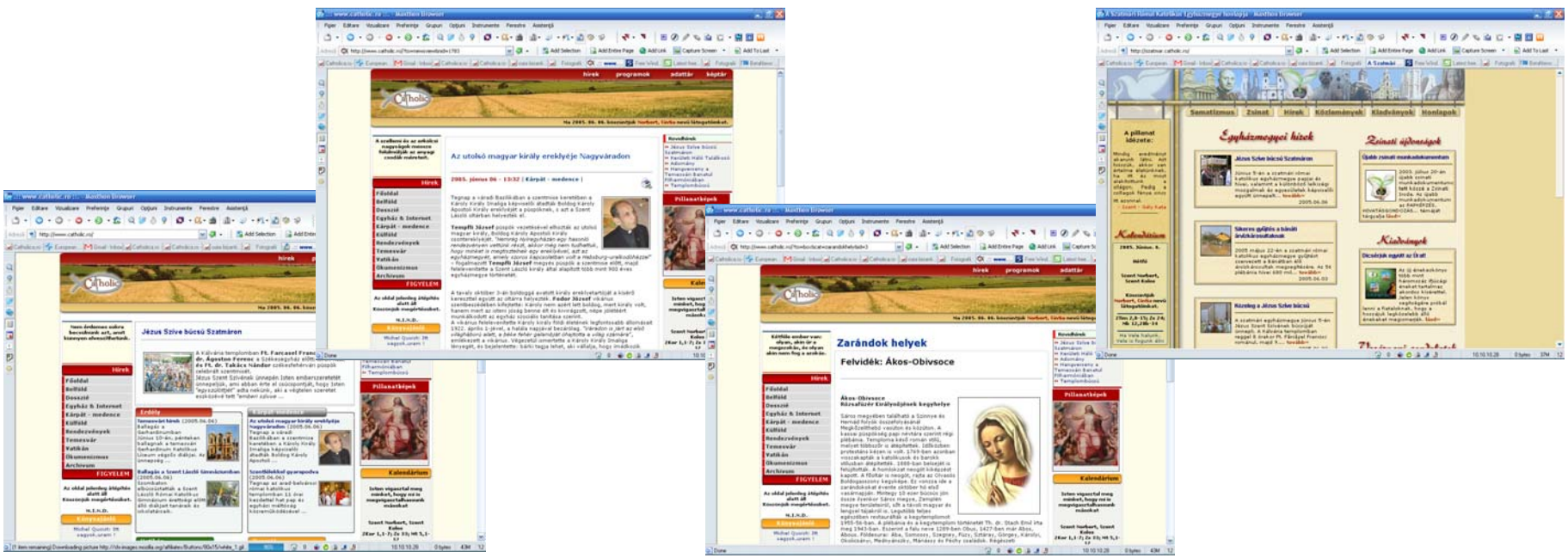
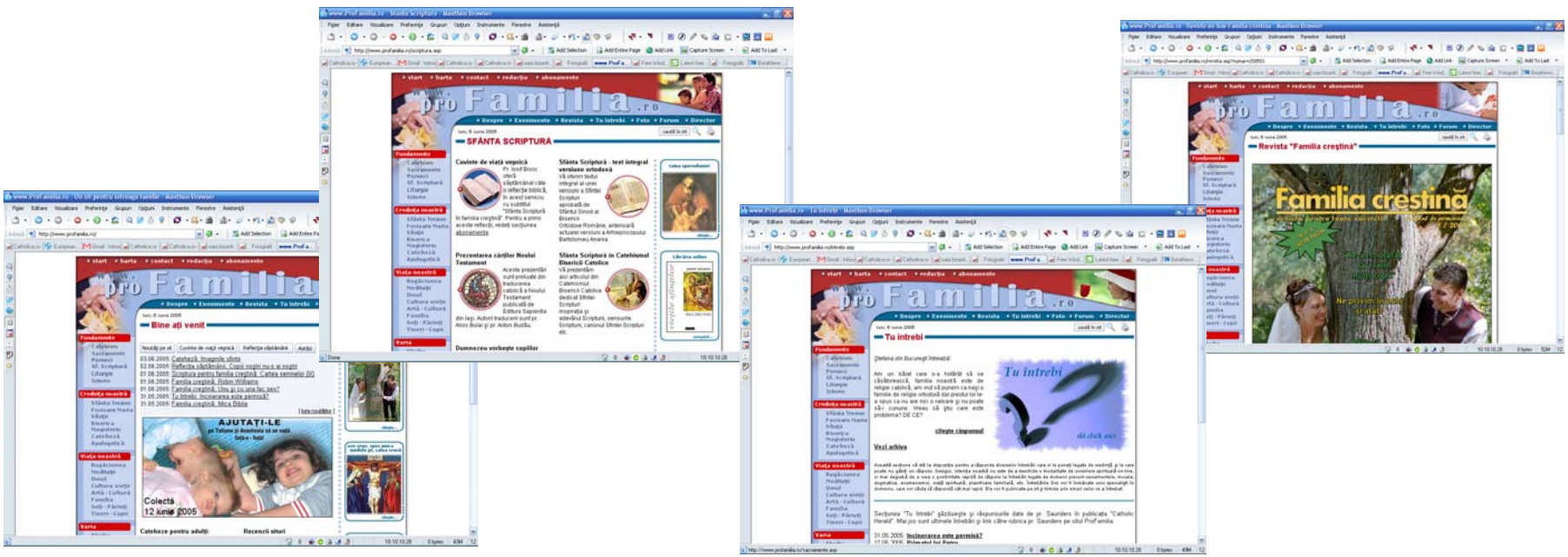
- A News Agency – in Hungarian and German
- Services online & hosting for Hungarian Catholics communities from Romania



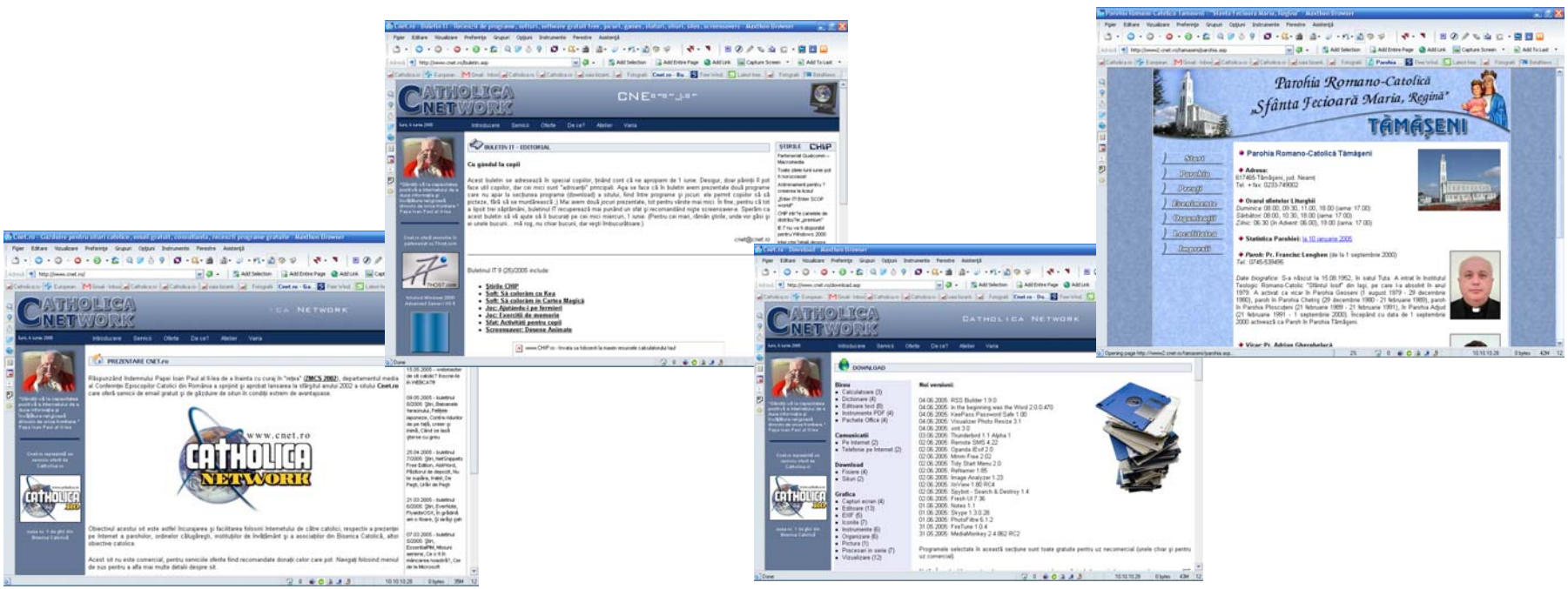
ProFamilia.ro

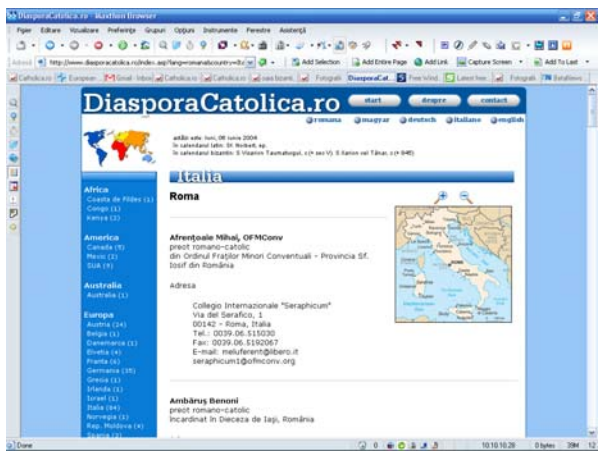
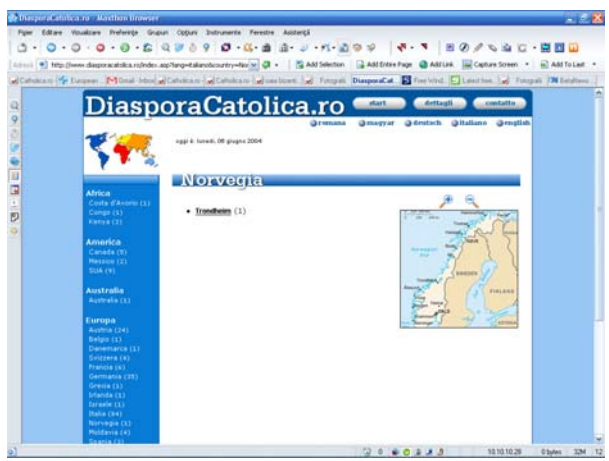
- Dedicated to families, for formation and information
- A big library, a variety of information



Cnet.ro

- Hosting solution for Catholics parishes, institutions, congregations
- An IT education resource



DiasporaCatolica.ro

- A directory of Romanian communities outside Romania (diaspora)
- In several languages