

Case Study

CoderDojo Romania & Moldova

1. Tell us a little bit about your group?

CoderDojo Romania & Moldova is regional a group of Dojos that aim to catalyze the initiation of other local Dojos across Romania & Republic of Moldova by helping eachother find potential local Champions, Mentors and Organisers. Once found, we continue to support these Champions, Mentors and Organisers in starting a new Dojo and then continue with supporting them via promotion, advice, events and resources.

Dojo list:

Timisoara	Bucuresti Nord	Iasi
Arad	Oradea	Mosnita-Noua
Lugoj	Lipova	Chisinau (Moldova)
Dumbravita	Cluj	

2. What reasons did you have for starting your Dojo Group?

Bucharest Nord was the 1st Dojo to set up in Romania. A bit later, Timisoara set up camp and that's when it began to get active and dynamic. A lot of new Dojos were started by Mentors from CoderDojo Timisoara that were inspired by the Dojo and started it in their hometown (eg. Oradea). Others were started by friends of Mentors involved in CoderDojo Timisoara, including ones abroad, in Chisinau (Republic of Moldova) and Szeged (Hungary). CoderDojo Bucharest Nord assisted an initiative group to spark the Iasi implementation.

People involved:

Radu Ticiu	Diana Macau	Irina & Viorel Sfetea	Adrian Pica
Ramona Sabau	Andrei Cosmin Munteanu	Radu Szasz	Monica Niga
Adrian Stepan	Adelina Popa	Ada Lungu	Vlad Isac
Anton Breaur	Alin Danila		

3. How do Dojos become members of your regional group?

We don't have a legally formalised group yet. Anyone is welcomed to be part of our group. We know each other and everybody is welcomed to join us and will receive all the know-how and support we can offer. We've started a process to figure out how to create all of this under a "CoderDojo Romania" so it will be easy for anybody to start a Dojo and get in touch with us to get know-how and help. We already have organized network offline get-togethers, we have planned for organizing in 2015 a Coolest Projects type of event and also held in August 2014 a SummerCamp with 45 kids and 15 mentors and organizers as participants representing 5 Dojos.

4. Is your regional group of CoderDojos set up as a charity, non-profit or other?

Our group is not yet formalized, we are in the process of formalizing CoderDojo Romania as a Non Profit Organisation. It's a natural process, following the initial support offered by CoderDojo Timisoara. We are informally communicating via e-mail, social media platforms and google groups. We're setting up formalities soon. Until now, we're a bunch of friends, helping other friends to make this awesome thing happen. We are currently working on becoming a registered non-profit organisation.

4. How is your Dojo Group organised?

We are a pretty new network, currently we do not have a specific selection process for selecting the leader. We held a CoderDojo Romania Network meetup where we discussed various aspects of formalizing and setting up the formal rules to secure a proper functioning organisation such as election process, board structure and role, terms, succession mechanisms. All these will be finally adopted and statuated in commonly agreed bylaws.

Information provided by CoderDojo Champions Radu Ticiu & Andrei Munteanu