

Annex II - Description of The Secondary School in Giarmata

The community of Giarmata



Giarmata is a rural community composed of two villages (Giarmata and Cerneteaz), totalling around 7.000 inhabitants, which has its administrative headquarters in Giarmata, the larger settlement among the two. The community has a long history and has been hosting a mix of cultures and ethnicities for a long time. During the XVIII century it has been under the control of the Austrian Empire and populated with German colonizers, which made Giarmata a strong rural centre of the Swabians in Banat. Nowadays, the inhabitants are mostly Romanians, with a small minority of Roma (about 2%). The community has been growing constantly in the last few years, with many inhabitants of Timișoara choosing to move here because of its closeness to the city (15 km from Timișoara) and the affordable prices on housing market. This has somehow loosened the fabric of a formerly close-knit community, where the neighbours used to know each other very well and followed the same cultural normative. Now, the landscape is an interesting mixture of old and new architecture, where you can easily spot typical „German” houses (many of them built in the XIX century) neighbouring newly built, modern, sleek villas. This mixture of architecture reflects in the mixture of cultures and behaviours of the inhabitants, with some of them having access to the top of the line technologies (cars, energetic autonomy, mobile devices of all sorts), while others still going about their lives as they did a few decades ago (growing their own animals, working their land etc.).

The Secondary School in Giarmata

The **Secondary School in Giarmata**, currently enrolls around 130 pupils, with very different social and economic backgrounds. Many of these children come from disadvantaged families and are at risk of early school leaving.



This is why, the newly appointed management of the school has been seeking ways in which they can make the school activities more attractive for pupils that are at risk of school dropout.



Also, the local authorities have invested in building a new school, with modern facilities, located just beside the „old” school, in a mixture of new and old, which is specific to the community.

Indicative examples of extracurricular activities implemented by the Secondary School in Giarmata for and with its pupils

Sporting events, competitions and networking with pupils from other schools



Environment protection campaigns and tree planting events



Holiday celebrations and fundraising events

