

# Concept of furniture delivery to Romanian orphanages – organized by EGEA Tübingen

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## **Prerequisite:**

The student administration Tübingen-Hohenheim plans to refurnish a part of their dormitory rooms in Waldhäuser-Ost. During this process new furniture shall replace the old.

## **Basic idea:**

Due to good contacts within the EGEA network (European Geography Association for Students and young geographers), the idea was born to provide the used but intact furniture to Romanian orphanages. With the promise of support from the University Directorate of Tübingen, this project shall be put into action. It is important that the refurnishing can proceed without any delay. Additionally, it is essential that the furniture attain to the relevant, previously selected institution in Romania. The student administration has no storage possibilities for the provided furniture and therefore the task from our side will be to create storage possibilities in form of rented furniture containers.

Respective EGEA members of Romania are helping us in the search for appropriate facilities on site. The following criteria shall allow the selection of the most relevant institutions:

- A good and efficient organizational structure of the orphanages
  - Especially local orphanages, that have proven themselves over the years and have helped the people in need
- Non-profit orientated orphanage
  - It is important that the organizations are charitable and directly help the persons in need, without unnecessary interconnected processing as well as other unnecessary costs
- The organizations must be open for a monitoring by EGEA after some time
  - After some time, we aim at examining whether the furniture still serves the envisaged purpose. The organizations must be open for this.
- Willingness to help us with all their available forces
  - The required relevant documents must be sent to us in time (such as permits, customs)

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## **Procedure:**

The student administration has set a time frame from mid / late April to the end of 2013 for the refurnishing of the dormitory rooms. The respective containers for storage must be available by the start of the refurnishing. The student administration can refurnish four rooms each day. They will load the reusable furniture into the containers according to available capacity and, together with the appropriate papers, a forwarder will ship the load to the orphanages in Romania.

Regarding the corresponding demand, we assume that a transport must be organized every two to four weeks to Romania.

## **Collaborations:**

- Student Administration Tübingen-Hohenheim (Studentenwerk Tübingen-Hohenheim): provision of furniture and spaces for solidarity events; financial assistance will be explored and negotiated separately
- EGEA Bucharest / Timisoara / Iasi: search for suitable organizations; these are searched by the criteria mentioned above
- Student Council Assembly of Tübingen (“Fachschaftenvollversammlung”): infrastructure, contacts and helpers
- WHO village council (student self-administration) (“Dorfrat WHO”) + “Kuckuck” (student bar): infrastructure, contacts and the organization of events

Further collaborations are welcome, appreciated and will be actively pursued by us.

## **Costs:**

### **Storage:**

Rent of two 20ft furniture containers for a period of at least nine months – including delivery and pick up at about € 2,900

### **Transport:**

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10 transports are targeted with a calculation per transport of € 1000; the share of the expenses will be highest at this position approximately €10,000

## **Overall:**

Overall the costs will be ranging up to 13,000€.

## **Funding:**

Since this whole project pursues a purely humanitarian background and therefore none of the persons or institutions involved personally receives a financial gain, the costs are primarily perceived to be enormous. It is important to mention that each donation and any profit provided by respective events solely and purely will be dedicated for the project's purpose. This will be transparent and can be controlled and recognized by the donors at any time. Invoices of expenses will be collected accurately and will be archived for some time after the project.

To cover the costs, following concepts are considered:

- Due to the fact that the student administration Tübingen-Hohenheim will save the disposal costs of the old furniture through this project, it would be very useful if the student administration would at least cover a part of the project's costs.
- The collaboration partners are demanded to actively engage themselves, e.g. collecting donations and promoting the project. Furthermore, the partners have already expressed solidarity by providing their active help, e.g. their infrastructure and available contacts.
- We are anxious to please our collaboration partners. Donations continue to play a major role. With respective notice of the project the organizers are hoping for more monetary grants.

These and further actions are possible in all areas of the project and we are confident that we will succeed in the project's funding.

## **Furniture:**

The considered furniture is an entire set consisting of:

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**A desk – measurements: Length 140 cm, Height: 72 cm, Depth: 60cm**



**A shelf system – to be screwed to the wall; it will be delivered with the appropriate brackets**

Measurements:                      6 x length: 78cm, depth: 20 cm, diameter: 2 cm

   2 x length: 78 cm, depth: 30 cm, diameter: 2 cm



**A bed drawer with mattress –**

Measurements bed drawer: length: 200cm, width: 90 cm, height: 28cm

Measurements mattress:    length: 200cm, width: 90cm, diameter: 12 cm

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### A chair



The photos are illustrative. The furniture all corresponds roughly to the furniture pictured above.

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