

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



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It was also the year in which we managed to get our paperwork in order and elect a new Board of Directors, during which we established and implemented clearer safety and conduct rules for TransCore members, but also drew a line and decided that we would either grow or close our doors, as the association's activities were growing unsustainably relative to the number of staff and the few active volunteers at the start of the year. We have quadrupled our number of volunteers and are constantly looking for people to join us.

As usual, TransCore served as a frontline point of contact and information, with trans people using our guides to find information about transitioning, and our social media pages serving as an information hub. This year, 158 people contacted us via social media and email: 54 needed help finding a healthcare professional or sought medical advice, 34 needed other advice related to transitioning, 4 wrote to us to ask for financial assistance, and 2 to receive help finding accommodation. In addition, 11 people wrote to us for general emotional support and 52 contacted us for other reasons, such as finding the Q Haus centre or asking questions about events, out of curiosity, or even sending inappropriate messages.



Projects and funding

The Gender Alliance for Equality in Europe (in partnership with MozaiQ)

Our project funded by the Gender Alliance for Equality in Europe in partnership with MozaiQ was a central pillar of our work, but unfortunately came to an end in July 2025. It supported trans and LGB people in developing their professional skills. This year we used RON 54,534.15 of the total funds. Trans people are among the most vulnerable groups in Romania, facing high rates of discrimination, social exclusion and difficulties in accessing employment. The lack of a safe environment in which to develop their skills makes integration into the labour market impossible. Through this project, we aim to fill this gap through counselling, practical support and concrete opportunities.

Among the project's notable achievements over the past two years are:

- Our first employee: Ioana Fotache, Executive Director, allowing more time to be dedicated to the association
- Organising six events in Braşov for the LGBTQIA+ community, including educational and social sessions, Braşov Pride, LGBT History Month in Braşov and a Christmas event
- Providing 43 individual career counselling sessions for queer people, with a focus on professional support (CV writing, interview preparation)
- Facilitating 4 internships for trans volunteers, offering them training opportunities in areas such as social media, social work and executive secretarial work.
- Sponsorship of 7 professional courses for trans young people in UX/UI, graphic design, nail art, Blender and Social Media Management.
- Organising two Rainbow Breakfasts, meetings with employers in Braşov aimed at raising awareness of the needs of trans people and building links with local businesses to support local employment.
- Career Day, a day each month when career advice was offered on request at Q Haus, and events were held with specialists from various fields who were invited to Q Haus to talk about their fields (IT, Marketing, Psychology and Medicine) and offer advice to participants.
- For Trans Visibility Day, Simina Popescu, author of the graphic novel Leap in 2024, and David Cuka, a trans photographer from Albania in 2025, were specially invited.

Projects and funding

International Trans Fund (ITF) Grant

We enjoyed another year of support from the International Trans Fund (ITF), the funder that made Q Haus possible in 2022. In 2024, the ITF awarded us a grant of USD 49,857 for the period September 2024 to August 2025, which enabled us to continue expanding our impact. Of this amount, we have used RON 126,249.98 this year.

A community space like Q Haus is more than just a physical place, it is a refuge where trans people can be themselves, without fear of discrimination. For many, it is the only place where they find support, friends and vital resources. Trans people have a greater need for therapy due to systemic trauma and constant microaggressions, and this grant has enabled us to provide direct and ongoing support.

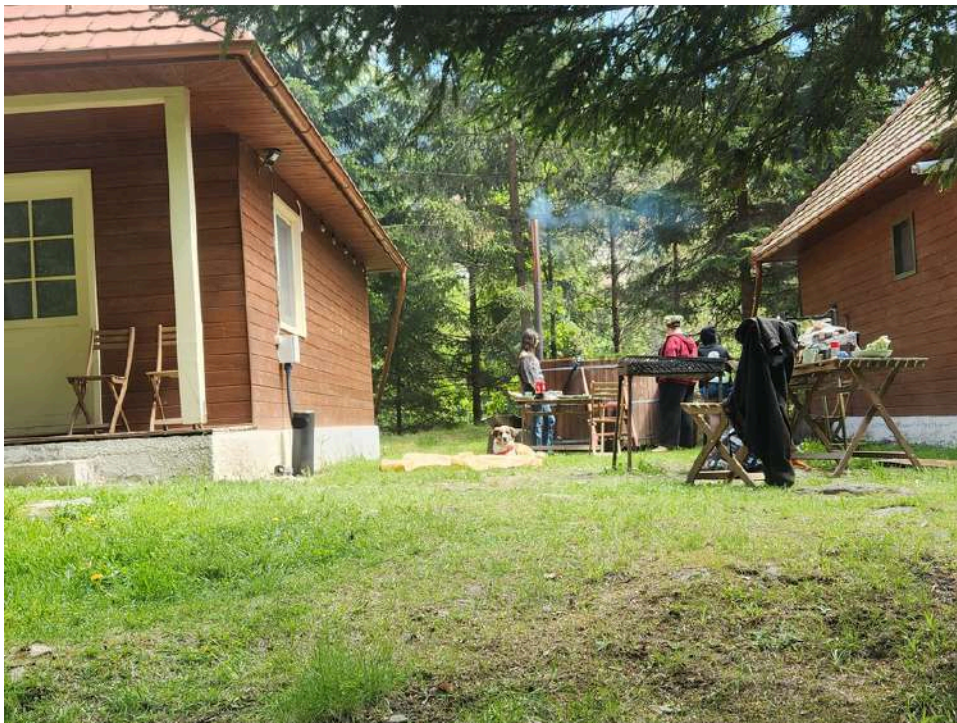
This funding:

- Ensured the continued operation of Q Haus for another year.
- Helped us to hire a part-time community support worker.
- Covered operational costs and expanded the services offered to trans people.
- Enabled the funding of 241 therapy sessions for 14 beneficiaries.
- Kept the support group and affiliated events going, which were attended by participants.
- It supported us in organising small and large events that keep the LGBTQIA+ community in Braşov alive.

Projects and funding

French Embassy Grant

A grant worth EUR 6,810 was secured in collaboration with MozaiQ and the Accept Association, to whom we are deeply grateful. This grant supported our participation in international conferences and was an important step towards strengthening collaboration between LGBTQIA+ organisations in Romania. It also enabled us to organise the first team-building event with Q Haus participants in Băile Tuşnad and a hike on Tâmpa alongside trans people from across the country.



Projects and funding

Organisational Development Grant through the Alliance for Gender Equality

A grant of EUR 14,080 from the Alliance for Gender Equality in Europe was allocated exclusively for internal development. We started as a small initiative group, and this funding helped us to strengthen our organisational foundations by restructuring the board, reviewing our documents and consolidating the team. It enabled us to organise an Activism Camp in Râşnov, which we used to bring our team (scattered across the country) together, as well as to recruit new volunteers and consolidate our organisational growth strategy. It also included therapy for TransCore staff, board members and volunteers, all of whom are themselves trans people with various systemic vulnerabilities.



Projects and funding

TGEU (Transgender Europe) Grant

TGEU provided us with EUR 22,500 between June and November 2025 to help us increase our presence and visibility at a national level and to encourage the growth of local trans communities. The aim of the project was to empower five people in five cities (Timișoara, Cluj-Napoca, Brașov, Bucharest, Iași) as local community organisers and to provide opportunities for fun, free and accessible events for trans people within their local context. Throughout the summer, we held meet-ups in the park, where we played badminton and table tennis. Then in October, we met up for board game and art events. The project culminated in Trans Remembrance Day events on 22–23 November, when each city hosted an event supported by a local organiser, a local artist and a trans-friendly psychologist, where we commemorated our brothers and sisters who have passed away, whilst also exploring our own feelings about belonging to a vulnerable community.



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Braşov Heroes

We were one of the 15 causes selected to raise funds as part of Braşov Heroes, alongside the Braşov Community Foundation. To raise the RON 44,800 needed to keep Q Haus open for another year, we spent three months campaigning locally, appearing on Radio Braşov and handing out leaflets at Mall Coresi, inviting locals and local businesses to donate, and encouraging people to run for us in an obstacle course. Together, we managed to raise RON 6,020, which allowed us to keep Q Haus open for three months on a limited budget.

Although it may not seem like much, those three months were truly appreciated!



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Services provided to the European Clinical AIDS Society

In 2024, we were commissioned by the European Clinical AIDS Society in collaboration with TGEU to translate and distribute a survey on HIV knowledge and prevention measures within the trans community in Romania. We received EUR 1,200 for this service, of which EUR 700 went to our partners at the Sens Pozitiv Association. The survey took place between January and February 2025.

Community activities 2025 in brief

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- We funded 398 therapy sessions for trans people.

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- We hosted a fortnightly support group that attracted 99 participants, as well as themed events with psychologists.

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- We hosted 67 community events in Braşov, attended by a total of 315 people. Whether themed or not, Q Haus was open for 207 days out of 365.

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- This year, Q Haus was visited 1,014 times by 263 people, both during regular visits and at organised events.

Community activities 2025 in brief

05



- We sponsored 4 vocational courses for trans young people.

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- We spoke to 158 people online to provide information, help and support.

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- We provided financial assistance to cover rent and medical costs for 4 trans people.

International presence

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As we have done every year since 2020, we contributed to the drafting of the TGEU Trans Rights Map, ILGA Rainbow Map and ILGA Annual Review.



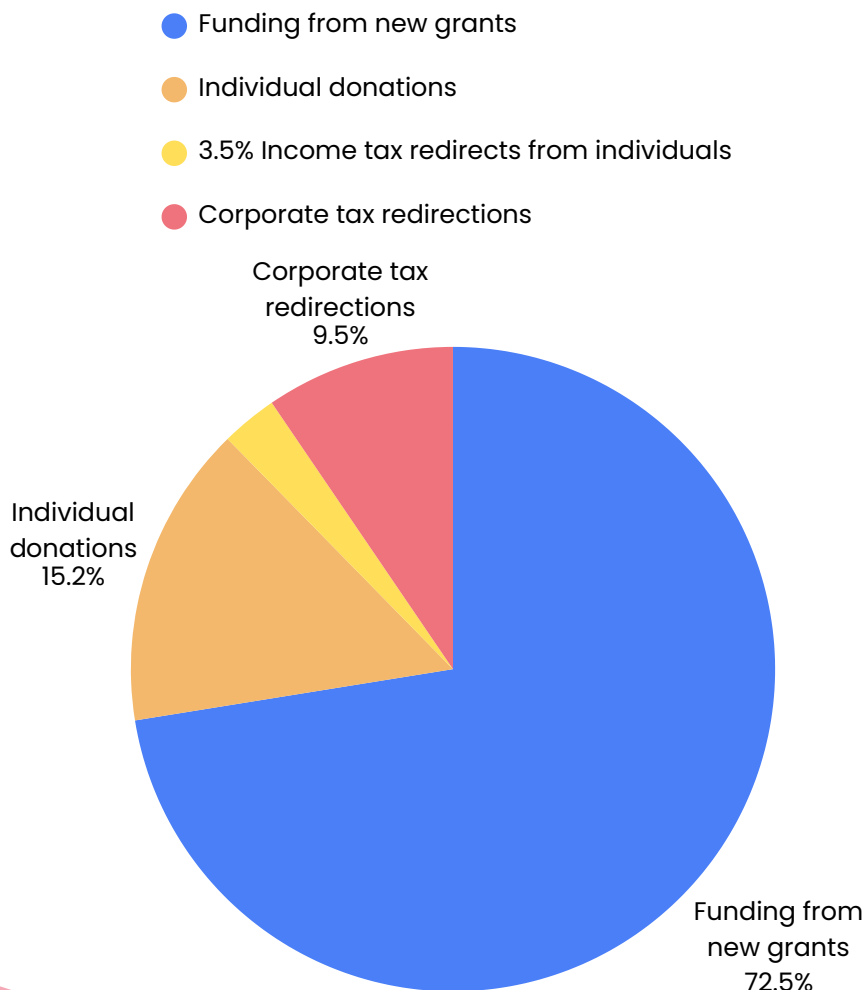
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In addition to these contributions, we wanted to expand our international network and applied for membership of the international organisations ILGA and IGLYO. We also attended the annual ILGA-Europe meetings in Vilnius and the IGLYO General Assembly in Zurich. We are delighted to announce that we have established formal links which we hope will develop into partnerships in the future, so stay tuned.

2025 financial summary

- Total new funding: RON 114,255.00
- Total funds used: RON 378,597.222
- Funders: Gender Alliance for Equality in Europe, International Trans Fund, TGEU, French Embassy, European AIDS Clinical Society,
- Donations and redirects: RON 23,980.45 from individual donations, RON 4,455.78 from 3.5% income tax redirects from individuals, and RON 15,000 from corporate tax redirections.

Special thanks: Although we have been turned down by the banking services that would make a recurring donation campaign on the website possible, we would like to thank O.C. for their monthly donation! It means a lot to us.



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Thank You!

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