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- The Grant Program "Electrica puts Romania in a different light" has designated the winners of the 2019 edition

BUCHAREST, October 22, 2019 – Electrica has designated the winners of the fourth edition of the Grant Program "Electrica puts Romania in a different light" and will invest in total EUR 50,000 in initiatives targeting changes in areas such as: health and social services, education and culture. Over 80 projects were registered in the competition, initiated by teams from 27 counties, of which five have been selected for funding. The winning projects will have an impact on more than 25,000 direct beneficiaries.

The projects that have received funding are:

**Light Up the Hope** – the project coordinated by the Little People association aims to implement, directly in hospital, a psychosocial support program that will provide children with various forms of cancer with a daily therapy plan.

**Light in recovery therapy** – the purpose of the project implemented by the KinetoBebe association is to provide children with intellectual disability, ADHD, cerebral palsy, emotional disorders, autism, school stress disorder or virtual autism access to pediatric recovery therapy of Snoezelen type. This therapy, based on light, sound, vibration and touching certain objects, contributes to the development of stimuli and facilitates the installation of a state of well-being and relaxation. Monthly, over 600 children between the ages of 2 and 16 will benefit from this type of therapy, in one of the 3 pediatric recovery centers in Bucharest.

**Tactile network** – carried out by the Association for Urban Development, the project aims to expand the online catalogue of tactile images with a section designed to help people with visual impairments discover and understand what electricity is, how it can be produced, how it is transported and what it is used for.

**Travels of Hope** – the purpose of the initiative carried out by the HOSPICE Casa Speranței foundation is to diversify the portfolio of activities in which patients who suffer from incurable diseases and benefit from palliative care can take part in day centers in Bucharest and Brașov. The virtual reality infrastructure will thus be developed in the two centers, with specific applications for children. At least 100 persons will benefit from this therapy and at least 2,000 conventional and virtual therapy sessions will be carried out.

**Light and well-being** – the project carried out by The Institute Foundation aims to draw attention to the benefits of design made with light, also called light design, which can be used in both public and residential spaces and contributes to increasing the level of social optimism and individual well-being.
The grant contest „Electrica puts Romania in a different light“ was carried out during August 27 - September 24, 2019, on the online platform www.electrica.ro/CSR/program_granturi. The first phase of the program was intended for the submission of projects, while in the second phase their eligibility was verified. In the end, following an objective assessment, projects that will benefit from funding have been selected.

Full information about the regulation, the grant policy and the projects funded is available at the address: www.electrica.ro/csr/program_granturi/.