

## OUR HISTORY

Our ministry began in 1960 in response to the plea of the persecuted church in Russia, pleading for Bibles and support. This focus changed after the fall of communism, to not only meet the spiritual needs of those we serve, but to provide large-scale support:

Our material support of food, clothing and medicine goes hand in hand with emotional and support, as well as vocational education opportunities, which enables our beneficiaries to work toward the goal of self-sufficiency.



## WHY IS OUR HELP NECESSARY?

Years of Communist suppression wreaked havoc and the legacies of neglect still remain. Behind the façade of development and the catch-up with Western Europe, most are living in grinding poverty. Hunger, poor living conditions and no future, this is the harsh reality facing families, children, the disabled and the elderly.

Mission Without Borders has three sponsorship programs:

- **Sponsor a Family**
- **Sponsor a Child**
- **Sponsor Vocational Education**

This brochure outlines the programs having a profound effect on the poorest people of Eastern Europe- families, Children in Homes, the disabled and the elderly.



## FAMILY-TO-FAMILY SPONSORSHIP

It is a harsh reality: parents crippled by poverty forced to relinquish their children to the care of a Children's Home. It is hard to comprehend how much pain and sorrow this causes. Hundreds of thousands of children are forced to grow up without the constant love and care of a family. Many are traumatised by this abandonment for life.

This cycle of poverty-driven child relinquishment is broken by helping the families: practically with food, clothing, medicine and school supplies; emotionally and spiritually; as well as working with each family to build capacity for self-sufficiency. We want children to be able to stay in loving homes and Family-to-Family Sponsorship enables families to stay together.

***"I am so happy that I can stay with my Mum and Dad. Thank you for helping us!"***  
Madalina, 9, from Romania.



SPONSOR A FAMILY

## CAN DREAMS COME TRUE?

### Sometimes they can...

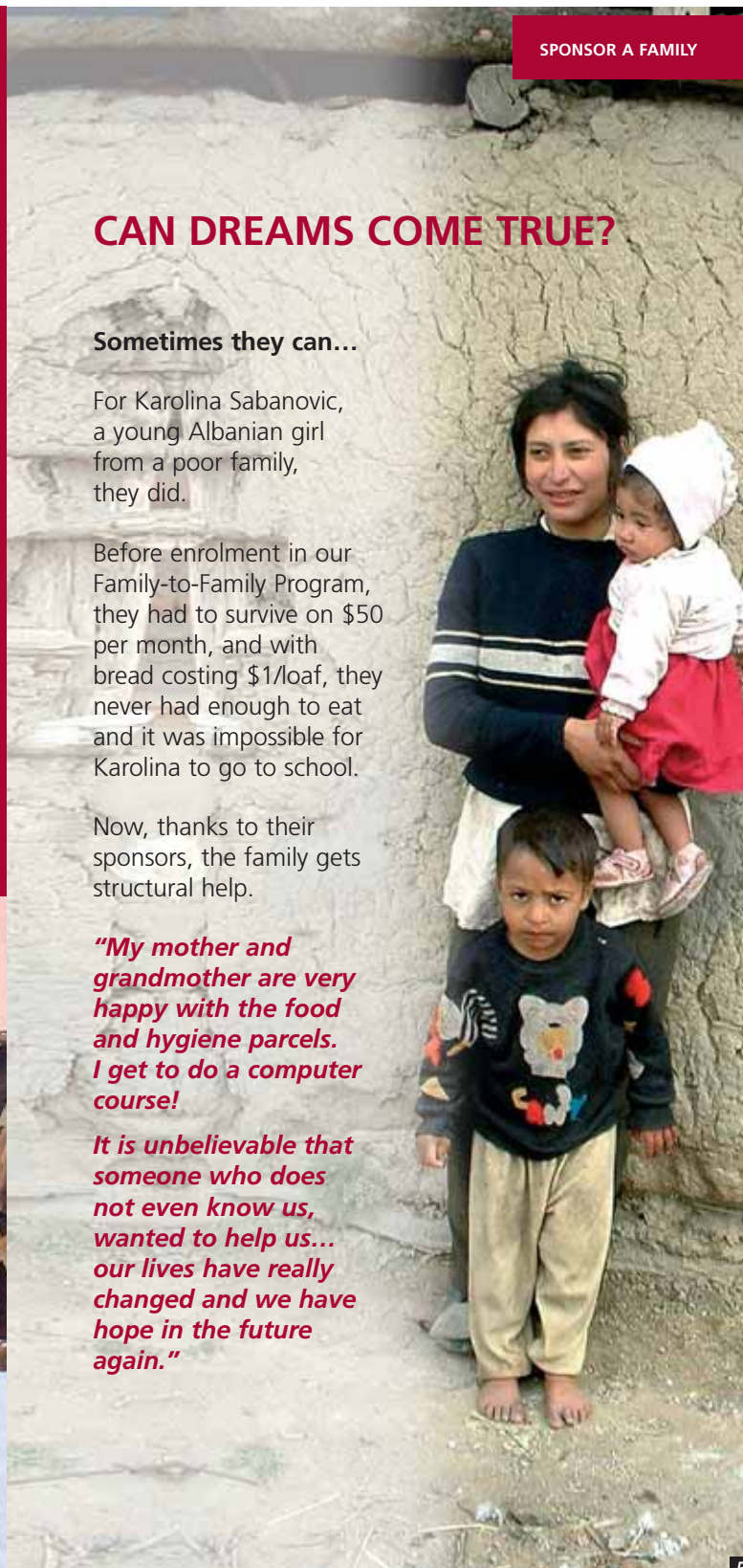
For Karolina Sabanovic, a young Albanian girl from a poor family, they did.

Before enrolment in our Family-to-Family Program, they had to survive on \$50 per month, and with bread costing \$1/loaf, they never had enough to eat and it was impossible for Karolina to go to school.

Now, thanks to their sponsors, the family gets structural help.

***"My mother and grandmother are very happy with the food and hygiene parcels. I get to do a computer course!"***

***It is unbelievable that someone who does not even know us, wanted to help us... our lives have really changed and we have hope in the future again."***



## FAMILY-TO-FAMILY SPONSORSHIP

**ALBANIA** has extremely high rates of infant mortality and a chronic shortage of Medical and clinical facilities. This coupled with crippling unemployment mean our assistance to families is life-saving!

In **BOSNIA**, the war has devastated families who were previously able to care for themselves. Our Family-to-Family program is not only a huge help practically, but the care our coordinators bring begins to heal some of the wounds of the war.

**MOLDOVA**, the poorest country in Europe, struggles with extreme poverty, and families desperately need our help to survive and move ahead to a self-sufficient future.

As **ROMANIA** closes down many of their Children's Homes, many children have returned home to families incapable of providing for their needs. Our Family-to-Family program has never been more vital.

In **UKRAINE**, desperately poor families in Chernobyl-affected areas struggle with poor health, are incapable of safely growing their own food for their families and endure crippling unemployment. Our Program assists families in their day-to-day needs, while also providing vocational training to ensure they have skills for a self-sufficient future.

### LIFE-GIVING SUPPORT

Practical Help goes hand in hand with emotional and spiritual encouragement. Many families describe our support as life-changing and life-giving. Emotional encouragement heals wounds, families are counselled about healthy relationships, children love participating in our Bible Correspondence Courses, are thrilled to attend a Summer Camp, and these benefits help the self-esteem of a family to realise they are precious to the Lord and worthy of a future!



## SPONSOR A CHILD THROUGH OUR 'CHILD RESCUE INTERNATIONAL' PROGRAM

As statistics prove, there are 300 Children's Homes housing 100,000 children in Ukraine alone, with Homes incapable of providing for their daily practical needs, let alone the love and care only a family can provide. This critical state of care is also at crisis point in Moldova and Romania. The Homes rely on our daily support for food, clothing, hygiene items, medicine and also love the emotional and spiritual support we bring.

**Please let them know they are not forgotten, or unloved. That somebody, somewhere, cares enough to share their love in a meaningful way.**

Your Child Sponsorship will make a huge difference! Your sponsorship will provide for the needs of your child as well as provide for the needs of the Home in which they live.

## THIS CHILD CAN TRUST AND DREAM AGAIN...

*"I was always angry and fought with the other children... When I was in bed at night, I often had a stomachache, even when we did have enough to eat. Now I know that I was very sad that my parents had brought me to a Children's Home when I was three. The people of Mission Without Borders talked to me about this and I cried for the first time... The letters and presents from my sponsor make me very happy and I have changed a lot since then. I would like to do a mechanic's course and now, I can! Thank you!" Bogdan, 13 from Romania.*

SPONSOR A CHILD

## PROVIDING CHRISTIAN LOVE, CARE AND OUTREACH

Our staff and volunteers visit the Homes regularly to bring the children love, friendship and the gospel message of the Father's love.

Each child receives a Children's Bible, and when old enough are encouraged to participate in our Bible Correspondence Course.

Children residing in Homes are not only starved of the love a family, but have suffered grief and trauma. Our workers are committed to encouraging the children to deal with their grief as well as learn about healthy relationships, which will prepare them for their lives beyond the Children's Home.



## VOCATIONAL TRAINING – A TICKET TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Have you ever wondered how you could make a lasting difference in the life of an orphan, a child from a poor family, or even breadwinner of a family?

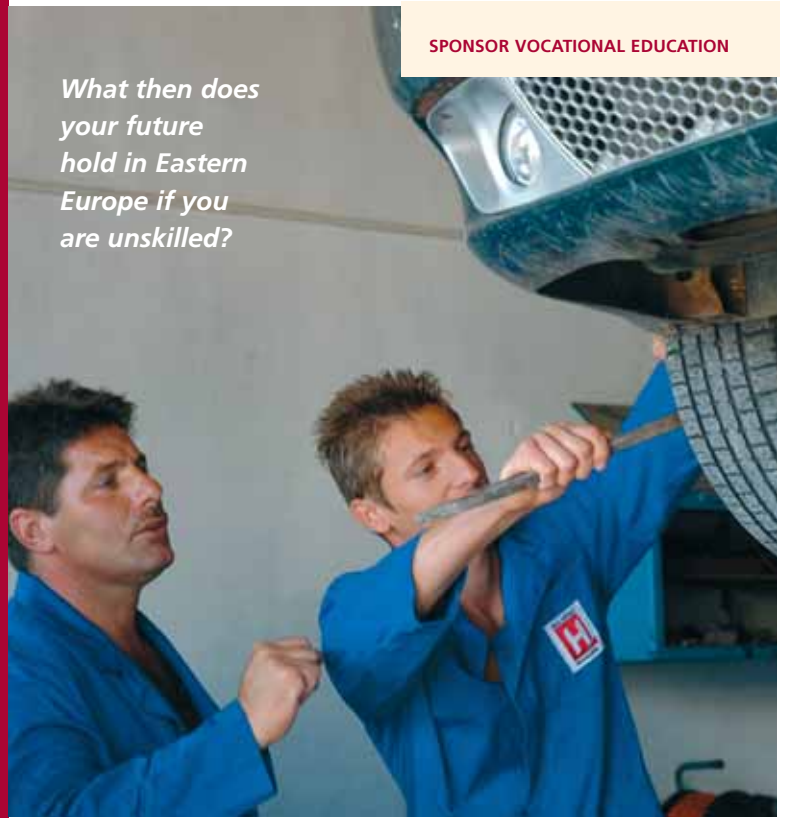
Without a doubt, the best way for people to provide for themselves is through employment or their own business. One of the best ways to secure this employment opportunity is to ensure you have the skills necessary for the occupation. What then does your future hold in Eastern Europe if you are unskilled?

**Thousands of children reside in large Children's Homes across Eastern Europe and face this crisis. Terrified of graduation, more than half will fall prey to homelessness, crime, prostitution or human trafficking- unless they can leave with skills that will assist them in securing employment or provide the foundation for further studies. In addition, countless families are left languishing without hope or opportunities. What is Mission Without Borders doing to meet these needs, these crisis' head on?**

The staff of Mission Without Borders, in partnership with the staff of the Children's Homes and local churches, are highly dedicated and passionate about Vocational Training. United with the same goal, they want to send children into adulthood with independence and self-sufficiency. Showing great initiative, they are providing numerous opportunities for education and training.

SPONSOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

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## WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN ESTABLISH MORE OPPORTUNITIES

The Directors of the Homes know they cannot adequately feed, clothe and care for the children without our help, but they are just as worried about the future of these children once they graduate. Many vocational opportunities are up and running and many more can be established with your support!

Vocational Training projects throughout our field countries are places where gifts and abilities are discovered and fostered. You have the opportunity to commit to changing the lives of children who only need a helping hand, someone who believes they are worthy of investment.

## GREAT POTENTIAL TO EXPAND

Projects up and running include: ■ **carpentry**  
 ■ **agriculture** ■ **beekeeping** ■ **sewing**  
 ■ **cooking** ■ **hairdressing** ■ **computers**  
 ■ **English classes** ■ **car mechanics**, with great potential to further diversify and expand.



## OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Our scholarship Program is another facet of our educational support of children. We are committed to supporting young people who desire to continue their studies after they graduate, whether that be at a Vocational High School, or tertiary study in a college or university. Poverty excludes so many children from further study, partner with us to ensure a child can reach their potential.

You may choose to make a regular contribution to our general Scholarship Program, funding the studies of multiple students throughout our field countries or you may choose to fund the entire scholarship of a particular student at University.

By doing this, you will provide the means for a student to pursue their studies in areas such as Medicine, Law or Economists – which will ensure their self-sufficiency for the future.

## HOW DOES SPONSORSHIP WORK?

- You can register yourself as a sponsor with us by sending in the attached form, through our website [www.mwb.org.au](http://www.mwb.org.au) or by contacting us.
- As a new child or family sponsor, we will send you a sponsor pack with a photo of a child/family as well as information about them and the town/country they live in.
- As a child/family sponsor you will receive a yearly update on their progress.
- You may write up to four times per year to your child/family. This is a wonderful encouragement! We will take care of the translation.
- While we encourage surprising your sponsored child or family with a gift once in a while, the cost of postage of your gift to Eastern Europe must be met by you. The cost of airmail postage is exorbitant, so as an alternative we will provide opportunities, such as at Christmas, for you to purchase a gift that will be bought and packed in our field countries and delivered to your child/family in time for Christmas.
- As a Vocational Education Pledge Partner we will send you a pack outlining the program, current vocational projects up and running and your choices of support: such as course costs and individual or collective scholarship support.
- As a Vocational Education Pledge Partner we will inform you four times per year on the projects changing lives!
- You will have the option to receive our monthly and yearly publications which will inform and encourage you about the overall ministry of Mission Without Borders.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## GIVE THEM FAITH: BECOME A SPONSOR

### SPONSOR A FAMILY

For \$35/month you will join with 3 other sponsors to provide a family with a complete package of support, including food, clothing, hygiene items, Summer Camps for children, an opportunity to participate in our Bible Correspondence Courses, vocational and educational opportunities, and a coordinator who will provide spiritual and emotional encouragement as well as work with them on a plan for self-sufficiency. You may choose a family from our programs in Albania, Bosnia, Moldova, Romania or Ukraine. Surprising your family with a personal card, photo or gift is a wonderful encouragement to them as they struggle with poverty and work hard to attain self-sufficiency.

### SPONSOR A CHILD

For \$40/month you will be linked with a child residing in a Children's Home in Ukraine, Moldova or Romania. Your support will provide food, clothing, medical care, school supplies, Summer Camps, trips and parties, emotional and spiritual support, including our popular Bible Correspondence Course, for both your sponsored child as well as assisting all children in their Home. Surprising your child with a personal letter, photo, card or gift are wonderful ways to show you care. Any gifts will become treasured possessions to children who often own nothing of their own.

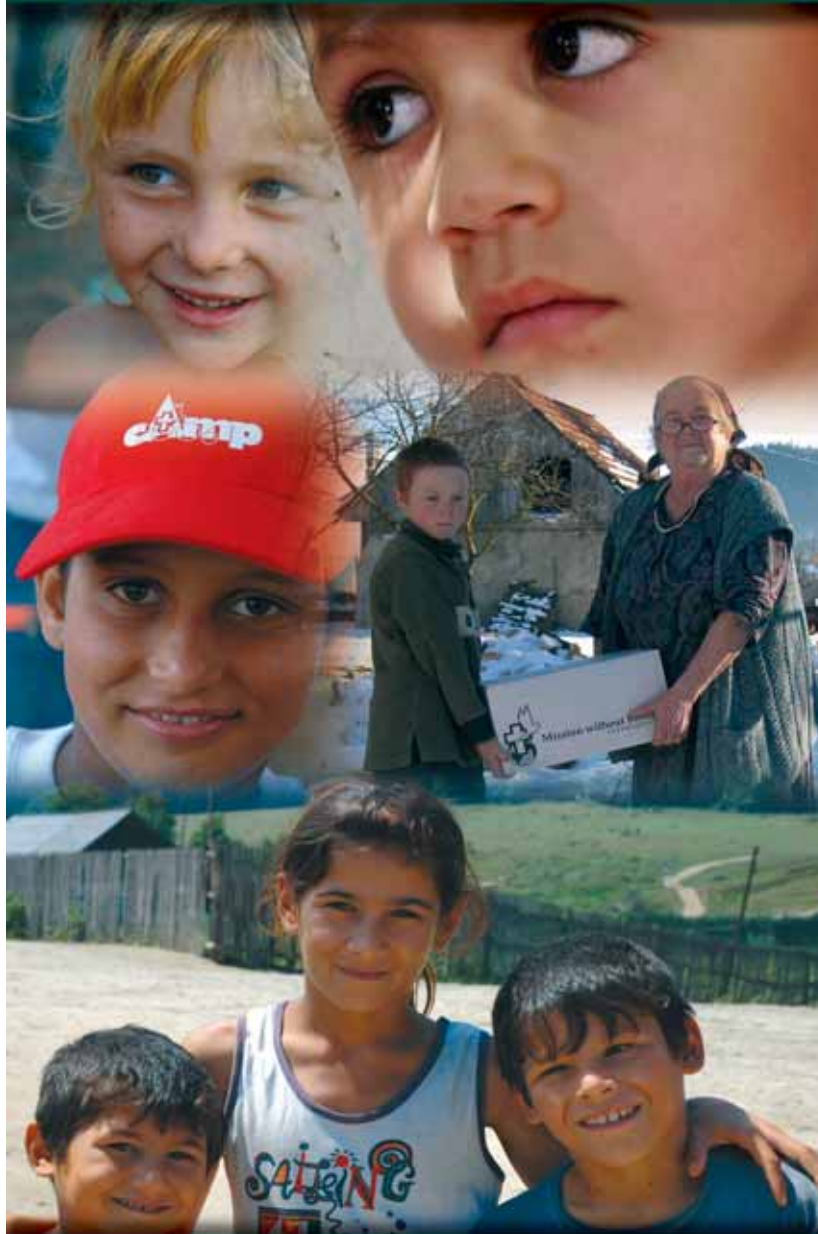
### SPONSOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

As a vocational pledge partner you commit to donating a sum every month, for example \$20, \$50 or \$100. These funds are used by our field countries to finance their current vocational projects, with resources and materials, as well as allow the projects to further diversify and expand. You will also have the opportunity, from time to time, to contribute to large project development.

Alternatively, you can become a Scholarship Partner – funding the studies of tertiary students at university – either individually or collectively. If you elect to fund the entire scholarship, of a young adult completing tertiary study, you will receive a personal thank you letter from your Scholarship student, a precious token showing how your involvement is changing their life!

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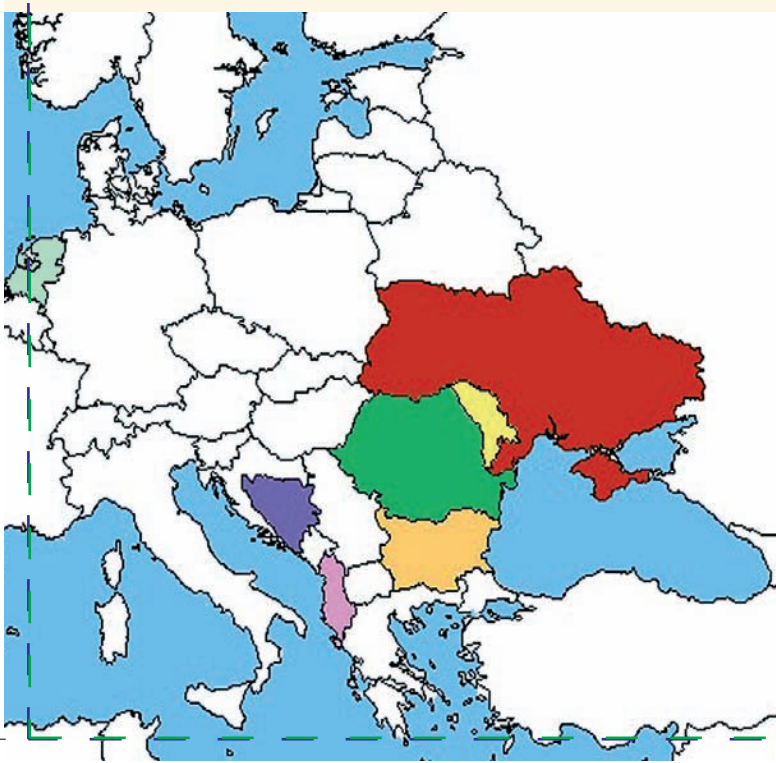
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## WHO ARE WE?

Mission Without Borders is an international Christian organisation dedicated to serving the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those suffering the affects of poverty or persecution. We serve the most vulnerable people in the poorest countries of Europe – Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine. One of the largest humanitarian organisations in Eastern Europe, we work in partnership with local churches and governments to relieve the desperate poverty plaguing children in Children's Homes, families, the disabled and the elderly. By involving those we serve, we recognise the dignity of the individual and help build capacity for self-sufficiency.

We serve people without regard to their religious or ethnic background.

Our Australia office is located in Sydney.



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**Please make cheques payable to: Mission Without Borders**

- I would like to receive information about establishing a direct debit
- I would like to sponsor a family through your Family-to-Family Program** from
- Albania  Bosnia  Moldova  Romania  Ukraine
- Please debit my credit card for \$35 – for the first payment
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- I would like to Sponsor a child through your Child Rescue International Program** from
- Ukraine  Moldova  Romania  Boy  Girl
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- I would like to support your Vocational Education Program**
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- Please contact me with details of an individual student I can sponsor for their entire scholarship needs** (\$1000 minimum)

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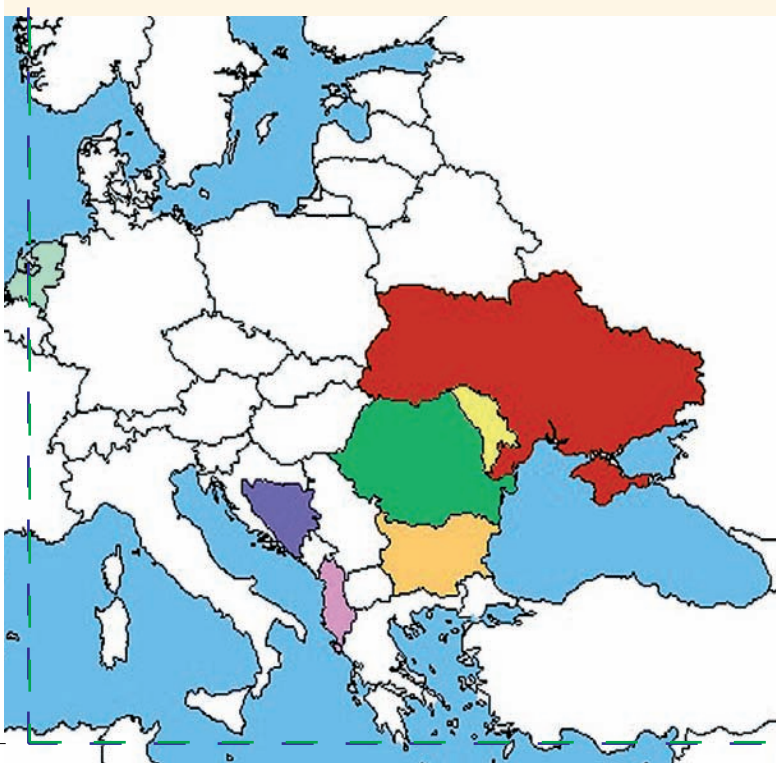
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