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### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

**Subject:** Performance reference for Hygeia Foundation – CREST Resource Centre Program

**Soros Open Network Romania - SON** - is a virtual network of organizations, aiming at becoming a compelling network with unremitting impact on the sustainable development of the Romanian society in the spirit of the open society values.

Created in the beginning of 2000, **Soros Open Network Romania (SON)** gathers today twelve nongovernmental organizations active in various fields such as: education, child's rights, cultural policies, rural assistance, economic development, health services and policies, minorities, community safety and mediation, legal reform, democracy and regional cooperation, European integration, equality of opportunities for men and women.

Center for Rural Assistance is one of the NGOs member of SON.

In its financing lines FSD Romania has approved and sustained 2 projects implemented by Hygeia Foundation - CREST Resource Center, starting with 1998. These projects fitted in the criteria of the Foundation and succeeded in achieving our objectives regarding civil society- and community development and the involvement in this field of local actors: governmental, nongovernmental and those from the business sector.

Hygeia Foundation - CREST Resource Centre demonstrated the ability to comply with the conditions and requirements of the grants financed by FSD Romania.

Hygeia Foundation - CREST Resource Centre satisfactorily complied with all reporting requirements, both financial and programmatic, for the grants we financed. This includes timeliness and thoroughness of its reports and the reliability of the information contained therein.

To the best of our knowledge, Hygeia Foundation - CREST Resource Centre has a satisfactory record of performance on any projects in which we were involved, including the extent to which targets were met and the project beneficiaries were satisfied with Hygeia Foundation - CREST Resource Centre performance.

To the best of our knowledge, Hygeia Foundation - CREST Resource Centre has a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics in implementing any projects in which we were involved.

The results of the Hygeia Foundation - CREST Resource Centre determine us to sustain them in the development and the extension of their programs and to recommend them for strategic partnership building with other organisations with similar profiles or with complementary objectives from the country and abroad.

Sincerely,

Ioana Popescu  
Executive President