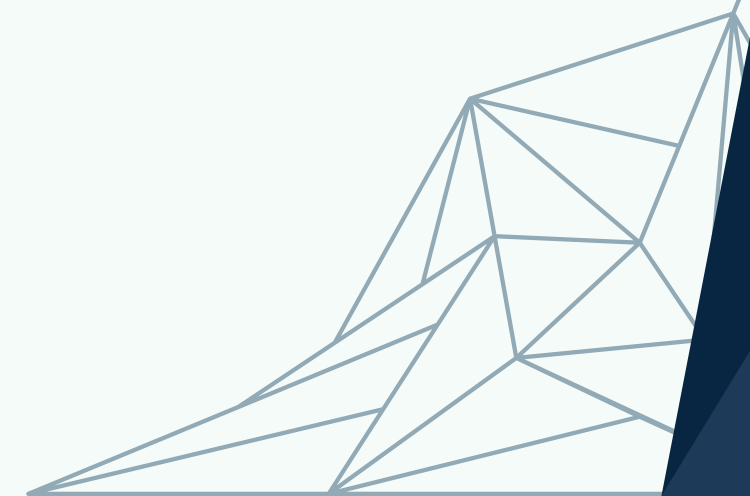
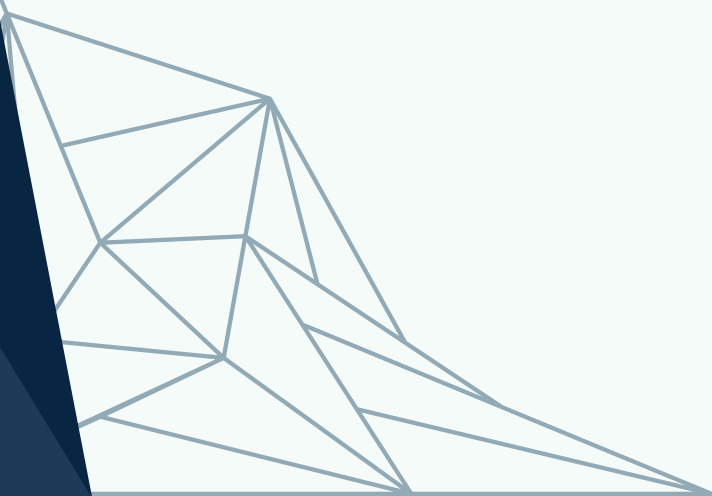
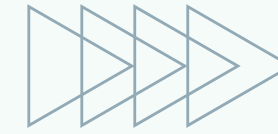


# **ROMANIA: MAJOR HISTORICAL EVENTS OF THE 21ST CENTURY (2000–2026)**



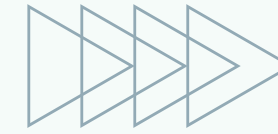
# 1. ROMANIA JOINS NATO (2004)



Romania became a member of NATO on 29 March 2004. This marked a major turning point in the country's foreign policy, strengthening its security and international partnerships.



# 2. ROMANIA JOINS THE EUROPEAN UNION (2007)

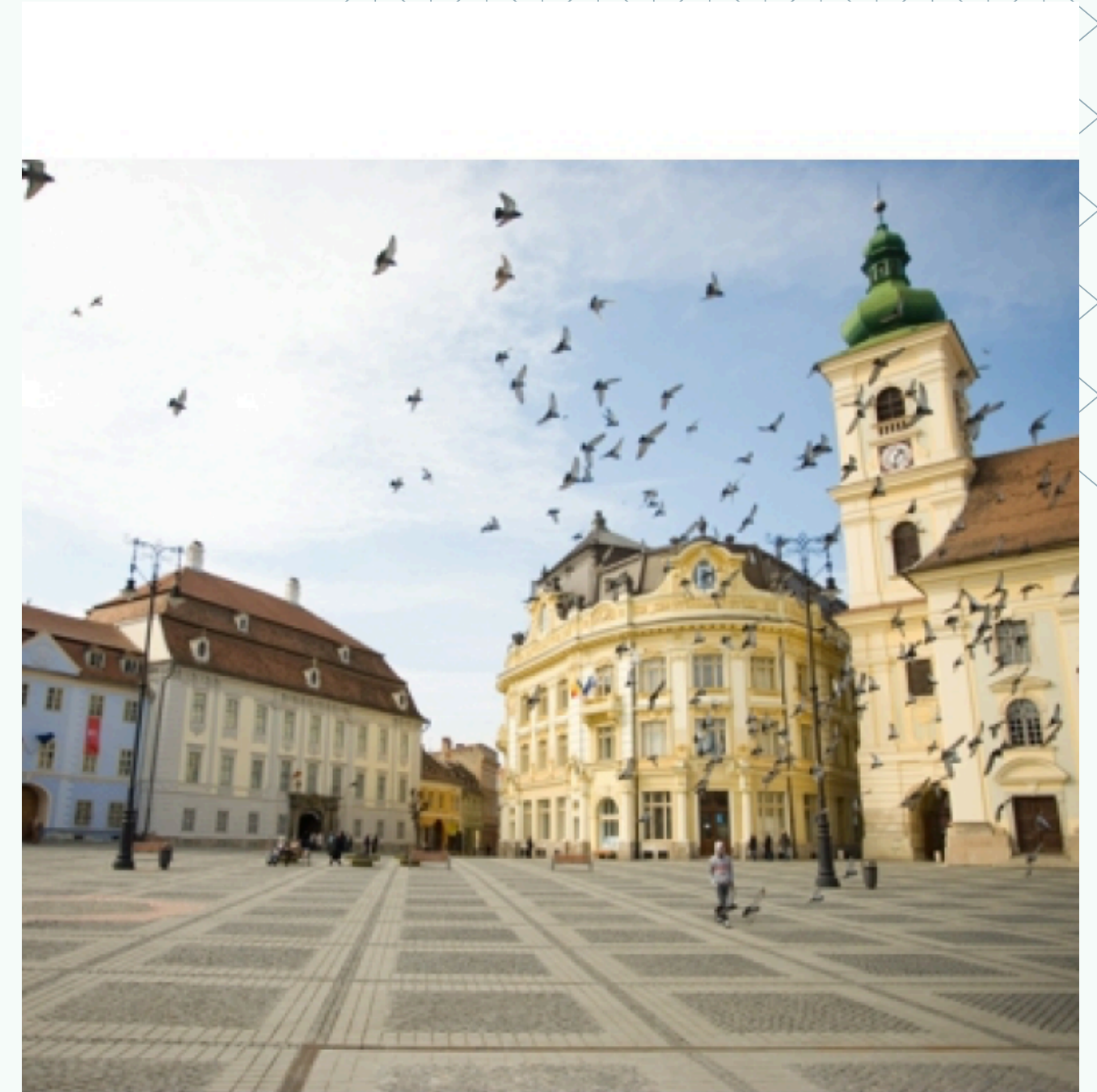


On 1 January 2007, Romania officially joined the European Union. Membership brought economic growth, freedom of movement, educational opportunities, and access to European funding.



# 3. SIBIU – EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE (2007)

The city of Sibiu was named European Capital of Culture, alongside Luxembourg. The event promoted Romanian culture and tourism, attracting visitors from across Europe.

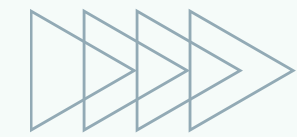


# 4. THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS (2008-2009)

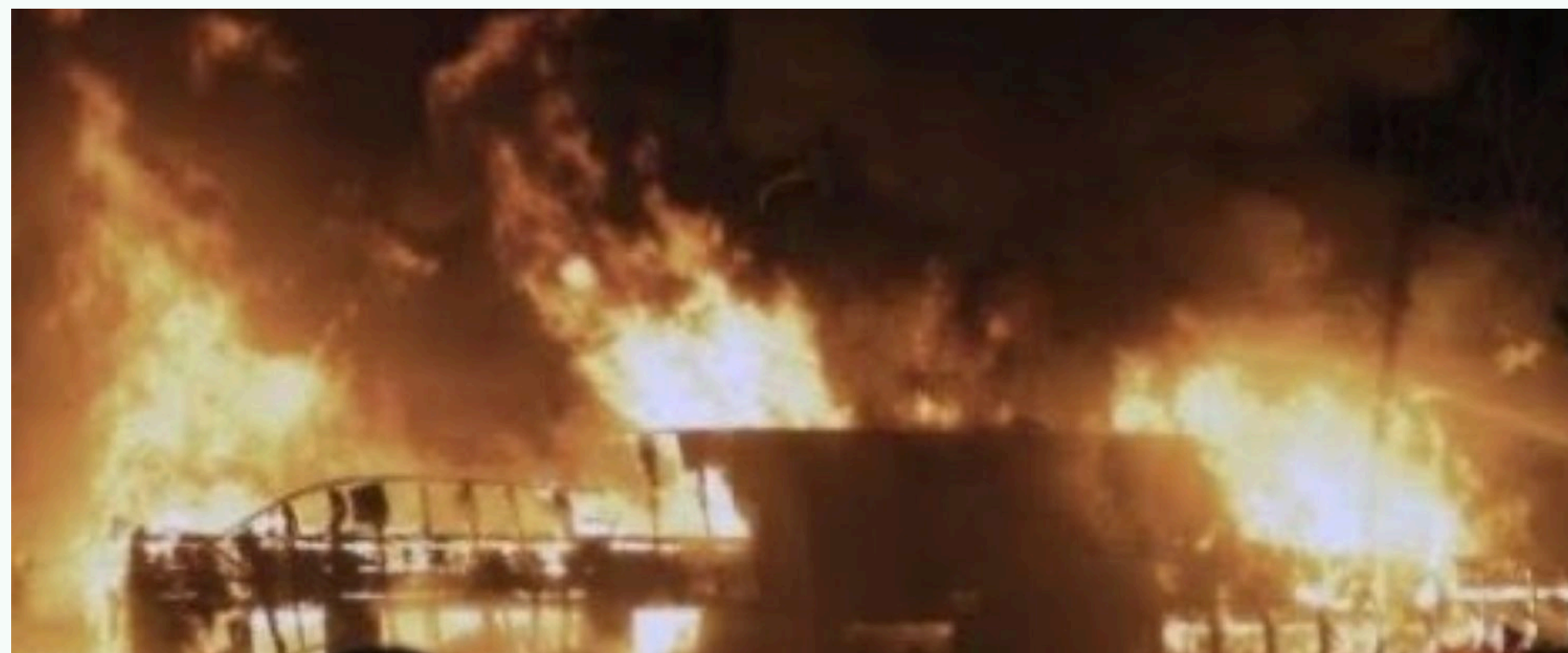
Like many other countries, Romania was affected by the global economic crisis. The recession led to unemployment, salary reductions, and government austerity measures.



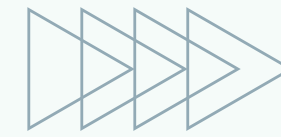
# 5. THE COLECTIV NIGHTCLUB FIRE (2015)



A fire at the Colectiv nightclub in Bucharest resulted in the deaths of 64 people and injured many others. The tragedy exposed serious safety and corruption issues, triggering nationwide protests and political changes.

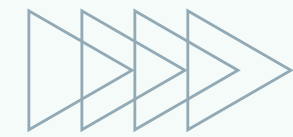


# 6. THE ANTI-CORRUPTION PROTESTS (2017)



Hundreds of thousands of Romanians took to the streets to oppose government measures that were seen as weakening anti-corruption laws. These became some of the largest public demonstrations since the fall of communism.

# 7. THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (2020– 2022)



The pandemic had a profound impact on Romanian society. Schools and businesses closed, healthcare systems were under pressure, and people adapted to remote learning and working.



# 8. ROMANIA'S SUCCESS AT THE TOKYO OLYMPIC GAMES (2021)

Romanian athletes continued the country's sporting tradition by winning Olympic medals and representing Romania on the international stage with distinction.



# 9. ROMANIA'S HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE (2022)

Following the outbreak of the war in Ukraine, Romania provided humanitarian aid and shelter for hundreds of thousands of refugees, demonstrating solidarity and regional responsibility.

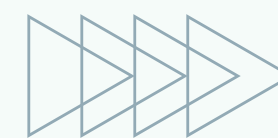


# 10. ROMANIA'S ENTRY INTO THE SCHENGEN AIR AND SEA AREA (2024)

Romania joined the Schengen Area for air and sea travel, making transportation and tourism easier while strengthening its integration into the European community.



# MESSAGE TO FUTURE STUDENTS



## WHAT DID WE LEARN?

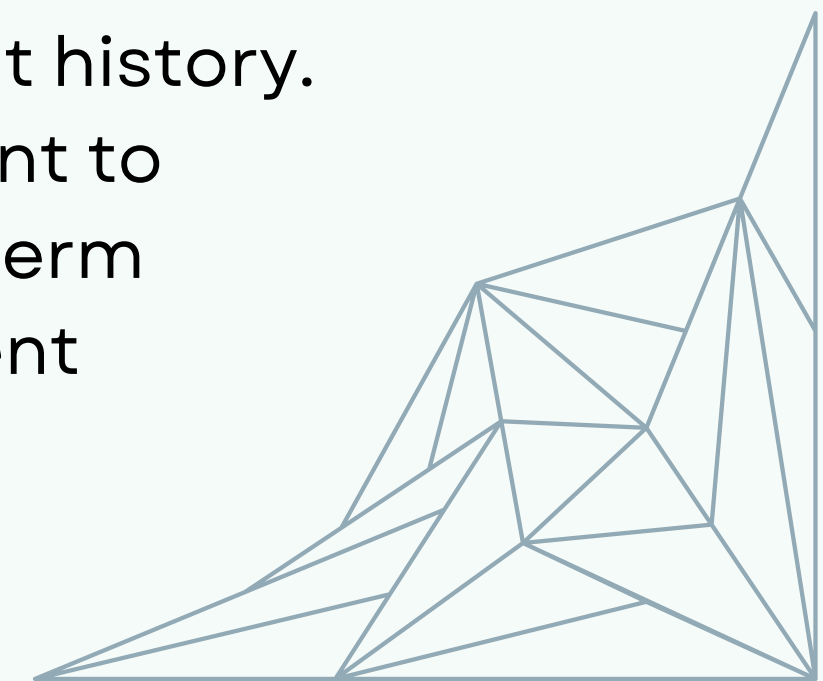
This project taught us that history is not only shaped by major political events but also by cultural achievements, social movements, scientific progress, and the actions of ordinary people. We discovered how Romania has evolved over the past twenty-five years and how global events have influenced our country.

## WHAT SURPRISED US?

We were surprised by the speed of change in the 21st century. Technological advancements, international cooperation, and unexpected crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic have transformed everyday life in ways previous generations could hardly have imagined.

## WHAT WAS DIFFICULT?

The most challenging part was selecting only ten events, as many significant moments have contributed to Romania's recent history. It was also important to evaluate the long-term impact of each event objectively.



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## WHAT DID WE ENJOY?

We enjoyed researching our country's achievements and challenges and comparing them with the experiences of students from other countries. The project helped us appreciate Romania's place in a broader European and global context.

## WHAT SHOULD FUTURE STUDENTS REMEMBER?

History is a continuous process, and every generation contributes to it. Understanding the past allows us to make informed decisions, appreciate our cultural heritage, and face future challenges with greater confidence and responsibility.

