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## **SOCIALIZATION AND INTEGRATION OF ADOLESCENTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA BY THE FORMS OF ACTIVE TOURISM**

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**Abstract.** *The form of Active Tourism is a complex phenomenon, which is constantly transforming and diversifying, but keeping as its standard of basic element that has enshrined it: practicing different forms of movement in nature, aimed at socializing adolescents outdoors. Any process of human development takes place in a social context defined by social statuses and roles. Due to them, adolescents can act, manifest themselves as human beings.*

*Thus, the issue of socialization has an particular importance in the formation of the adolescent as a member of the society, as a being who gradually learns, by interacting with others and participating in the norms and values of the society.*

**Keywords:** *adolescents, integration, social group, forms of tourism, socialization, environment.*

### **Introduction**

Today, various forms of active tourism can be considered as tools for socialization and social integration of adolescents in the open air. The problem of socializing adolescents is a classic one in society and permanently topical.

Raymond Boudon's research shows that socialization is an important factor in creation of new relationships with others, because, in a broad sense, socializing means transforming an individual from an associative being into a social being, influencing the ways of thinking, feeling and acting [3, p.18].

The socialization of the adolescent is highlighted by the existence of some relationship deficiencies: the majority of the population, especially adolescents, are experiencing virtual life, which prevents them from accommodation in a new social environment and socializing with others [1, p. 44].

In the process of socialization, the adolescent constantly interacts with his social environment, getting to change both himself and the environment. When we talk about the environment, we also refer to the socialization

courts to which different socialization models correspond (family, school, group of friends and the practice forms of active tourism ) [4, p. 29].

Familiarization with the forms of active tourism is a synergistic phenomenon, which associates tourism with different forms of physical activity in nature, where at least three directions of action are detached [2, p. 401]:

- practicing sport in leisure time for relaxation and maintaining health;
- practicing as a spectator at certain sporting events;
- visiting some sporting objectives as a tourist.

**Purpose:** socializing and integrating adolescents in the practice of active tourism forms.

### **Objectives:**

1. The study of the specialized literature on the importance of the forms of active tourism for the purpose of socializing and social integration of adolescents;

2. The theoretical and experimental argumentation of the socialization of adolescents in the practice of active tourism

forms following the application of the questionnaire type survey.

**Methods.** In order to reach the goal and achieve the objectives, were used the following methods : the analysis of the specialized scientific-methodological literature, the pedagogical observation, the survey method of the questionnaire type, the graphical and table method.

In research, the main topic of observation is the adolescent who socializes by practicing the forms of active tourism.

**Results.** In carrying out this research, were selected the specialized literature according to the content, highlighting the meaning of the terms “socialization” and “social integration” within the practice of the forms of active tourism; were applied the questionnaire survey and revealed the activities that contribute to the process of socialization and social integration of adolescents.

The research aims to highlight the process of socializing adolescents through the forms of active tourism.

In order to carry out the experiment, were developed and applied a survey, which aimed to highlight the socialization aspects of adolescents by practicing the form of active tourism.

The research was carried out between September 10, 2015 - September 10, 2016, on a sample of 120 adolescents from the rural and urban areas of the Republic of Moldova. For some questions in the questionnaire, the respondents choosed one or more variants of the answers mentioned (15 questions with 51 variants of answers - Table 1).

The advantage of applying the questionnaire survey is that it provided us with transparency regarding the socialization and social integration of adolescents in the practice of active tourism forms.

The graphical representation of the results obtained from the analysis of the surveyed sample is specified below, where we selected the questions with the most relevant answers in confirming the actuality of the researched problem.

**Table 1. Results of the questioning adolescents from rural and urban areas from Republic of Moldova (n = 120)**

	THE QUESTION	ANSWER OPTIONS	ANSWERS, RURAL ENVIRONMENT	ANSWERS, URBAN AREA
1	Are you familiar with the forms of active tourism?	Yes	30,55%	45,83%
		No	13,88%	25%
		Partial	55,55%	29,16%
2	Do you know the concept of socialization?	Yes	58,33%	39,58%
		Partial	41,66%	41,66%
3	Which are the main ways to spend your free time?	Meeting friends	26,38%	18,75%
		Surf the Internet	73,61%	31,25%
4	Have you ever been involved in tourist activities?	Yes	76,38%	68,75%
		No	8,33%	35,41%
		Partial	15,27%	47,91%
5	Do you consider that you have enough free time to approach the socialization process?	Yes	26,38%	16,66%
		No	62,5%	31,25%
		Partial	11,11%	68,75%
6	How do you think, can be the socialization process achieved through forms of active tourism?	Yes	70,83%	39,58%
		No	11,11%	27,08%
		Partial	18,05%	33,33%

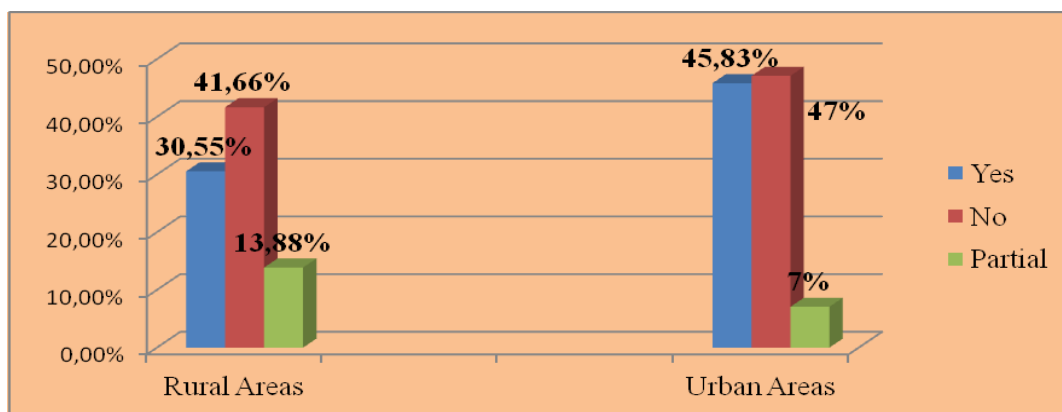
7	How do you socialize most often?	Social networks	59,72%	52,08%
		Verbal communication	30,55%	41,66%
		Other	9,72%	6,25%
8	With which of the following states can you associate the tourist activities?	Fun	37,5%	47,91%
		Socialization	38,88%	27,08%
		Mood	23,61%	25%
9	How do you consider socialization between teenagers in your classroom?	Very good	41,66%	43,75%
		Good	38,88%	31,25%
		Satisfying	5,55%	25%
10	Will you become a sociable person participating at tourist activities? How do you think?	Yes	70,83%	52,09%
		Partial	29,16	47,91%
11	Is socialization the main factor which influences relationships with other people?	It influences relationships with other people	47,22%	12,05
		They interact socially	13,88%	45,83%
		It forms the personality	38,88%	18,75%
12	With whom do you socialize the most?	With family	51,38%	35,41%
		With friends	31,94%	37,5%
		School	16,66%	43,75%
13	Do you socialize with people around you during your free time?	Yes	58,33%	18,75%
		No	13,88%	75%
		Partial	27,77%	14,58%
14	To your knowledge, there are colleagues which in the process of socialization are discriminated based on	Sex	44,44%	10,41%
		Religion	37,5%	56,25%
		Clothing	18,05%	31,25%
15	How do you think, the group you take part of influences the process of socialization?	Yes	62,5%	12,05%
		No	23,61%	64,58%
		Partial	13,88%	8,33%

The socialization process prepares, trains and perfects the adolescents through education, training, experience in the practice of active tourism forms in order to adapt and re-adapt to the social requirements and to register them in the network of social structures [5, p. 22].

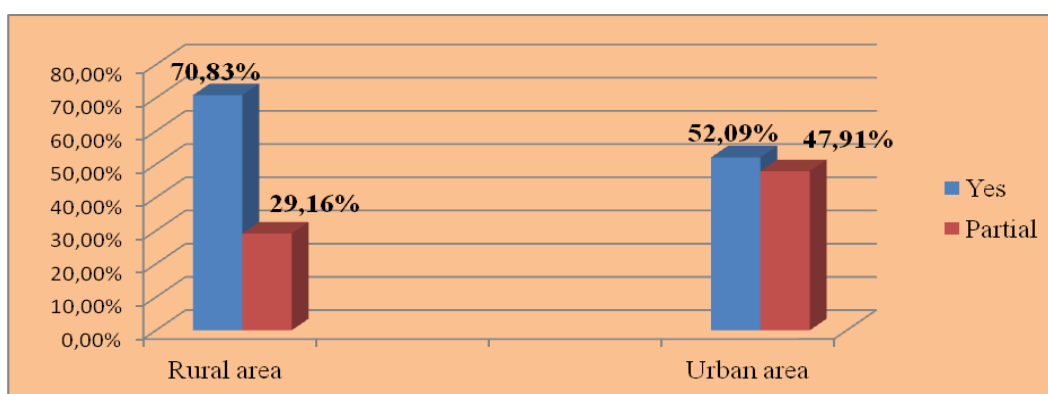
After interviewing the group of teenagers regarding the familiarity with the forms of active tourism, was founded that the majority of the subjects from the rural and urban areas answered yes, and those from the rural area has a lower weight of 30.55%, and those from the urban area a weight higher, 45.83%; 41.66% of the rural subjects and 47% of the urban area are unfamiliar, confirming that half

of the respondents are familiar with the forms of active tourism (Figure 1).

Analyzing the data obtained (Figure 2) after questioning the sample of adolescents regarding the role of participation in tourist activities in forming a social character, we observe a higher motivation among the respondents from the rural area: "yes" - 70.83%, "partially" - 29.16% and lower in the urban area: "yes" - 52.09%, "partially" - 47.91%, because, after carrying out this type of activity, adolescents have the opportunity to consolidate cultural and social values subject to a process of improvement in the forms of active tourism.



*Fig.1. Are you familiar with the forms of active tourism?*



*Fig.2. By participating in the tourist activities, will you become a sociable person?*

Figure 3 shows the opinions regarding the main modes of leisure. We noticed that most of the subjects, both from rural and urban areas, chose for a socialization mode in the virtual environment: the answers being distributed as follows rural - 73.61%, "Meeting with friends" 26.38%, urban - 68.75%, "Surf on the social networks" and 31.25% "Dating friends". This fact confirms that young people need to interact directly with groups and communicate with them, developing and modeling their personality, and the exclusive approach in the virtual space does nothing to keep them captive in their own environment.

Figure 4 presents the opinions of adolescents on the most common form of socialization, where we observe that most of the surveyed subjects most often approach a form of socialization through social networks:

adolescents from rural areas - 59.72%, those from urban areas - 52,08%, having a lower weight: verbal communication subjects from rural areas - 30.55%, those from urban areas - 41.66%.

Most of the adolescents questioned chose a virtual socialization, which is devoid of authentic emotions and cannot replace the so important verbal language in transmitting information about the other's experiences and emotions.

The general data in Figure 4 suggest that adolescents carry out numerous online activities, which have a direct or indirect connection with the various facets of the socialization process. The data obtained through the survey are complex and are suitable for further analyzes of the various variables and dimensions of socialization.

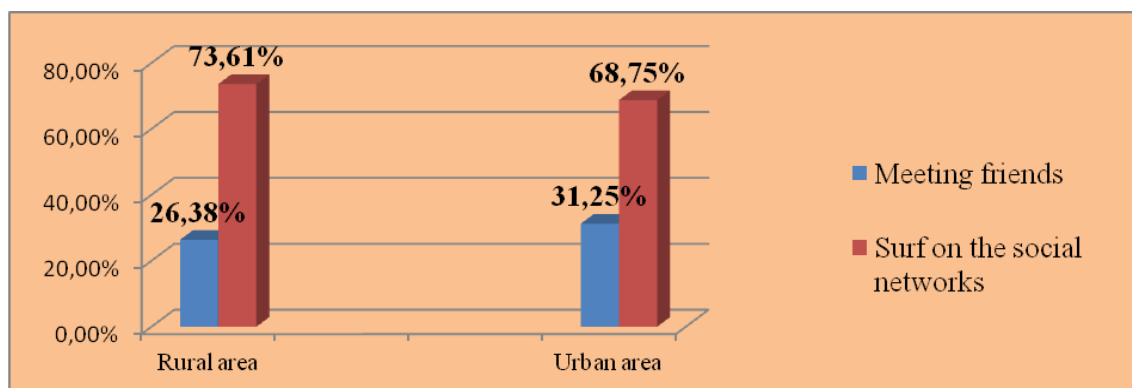


Fig. 3. The main modes of leisure

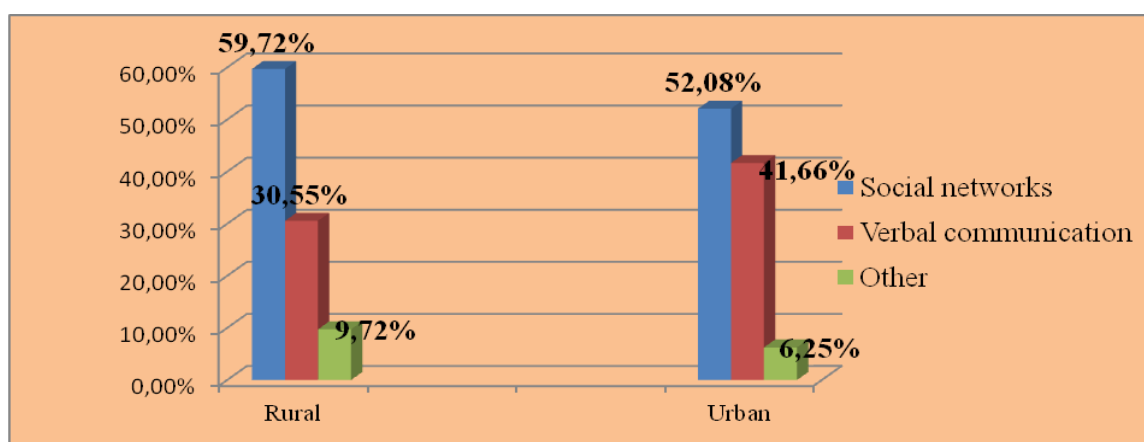


Fig. 4. The main forms of socialization

**Conclusion.** In totality the opinions of the questioned sample regarding the socialization process by practicing various forms of active tourism, is observed that most are aware of the role of the various forms of active tourism and their contribution in the socialization process, but their meaning in the process of socializing adolescents has a small share.

After analysis of the answers to the questions from the survey questionnaire

addressed to adolescents, we concluded that it is necessary to improve a program of tourism activities that will include various forms of active tourism, a fact confirmed by results of socialization among adolescents: in the rural area the result is low 44.43% in comparison with the urban area 56.25% which is higher.

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