

# CSO BUHUȘI



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# Context and history

**BUHUȘI** is a town in the N-E of Romania, with a population of just 20.000.

**HANDBALL** was first played in Buhuși in 1933. With 11 players, of course.



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**TEXTILA Buhuși** was the name of the women handball team that played for many years in the Romanian 1<sup>st</sup> league. In the communism era, all the clubs were supported by factories.

**TEXTILA** was the team of the local textile factory, one of the biggest of its kind from the S-E of Europe.





# The history goes on

After the fall of the communism regime, in the '90's, many factories disappeared and, with them, the sport clubs.

BUHUȘI was not an exception.

**But, in 2010, a new club was formed, HC Buhuși, and the spark was reignited.**



# The thrill was back

Because of the rich handball history, the fans embraced the new club, even though we only had Juniors (girls).





# A true family

By 2018, we had all the age groups playing in the national championships, from U18 to U10, just with local girls.

We were the only ones in the region to have that many groups.





# International affair

We were invited twice to **Quirinus Cup**, a tournament held every year in Neuss, Germany



U17 – Neuss, Germany (2018)



# International affair



We made a great impression at the **Intersport Youth Handball Festival** in Kaposvár, Hungary (2017).



*Results:*

U12 – 1<sup>st</sup> place

U14 – 1<sup>st</sup> place

U16 – 4<sup>th</sup> place





# International affair

In 2018, the U14 team was invited to a tournament in the city of Gomel, Belarus. We took the 2<sup>nd</sup> place.



# National Championship

Year after year, we surpass teams with greater resources (financial and human), from much larger cities.

It is impossible to have great results with limited resources, but we made a name for ourselves.





# Trophy case

In the last three years, several players were called to the Romanian U16 and U14 national teams. Others are now playing at senior level.

## Main issues:

- Sports infrastructure
- Financial resources

Buhuși is small town, and the City Hall is the main sponsor, but the resources are limited.



# New name and more sports

In 2019, we've changed our name to CSO Buhuși to embrace new sport disciplines.



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We now have over 150 players, girls and boys, in five sports: handball, football, tennis, chess and table tennis.





# Future

Building a better local sports infrastructure and finding private financing are the keys to having a Seniors team.



Our dream is to have a team to play in the 1<sup>st</sup> Romanian League again and, why not, the EHF competitions.

Thankfully, with [EU](#) EU funds, the old Sports Hall, where TEXTILA played its best matches in the 1<sup>st</sup> Romanian League, **will be renovated.**

**CSO will be ready!**



