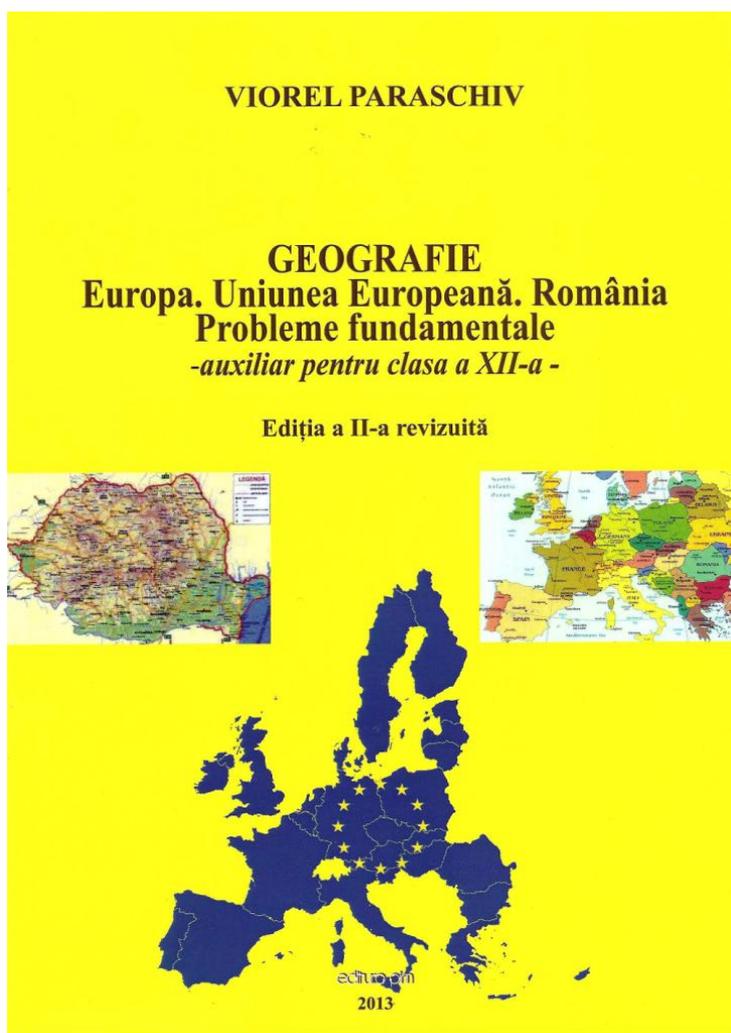


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This book, which is at its second edition, is a means of efficient work required to high school students who are preparing for the national Baccalaureate exam.

It is a definite proof of the author's teaching professionalism that continuously induces the reader to stay connected to the solving of the proposed problems. Unlike other similar books, we believe that this one stands out due to its originality and complexity.

"The essence of the geographical concepts and phenomena, which are analysed and studied, is functional teaching approaches, in order to demonstrate again the practical, pragmatic utility of Geography as a

school discipline/subject, regardless of the target group to which it addresses, learners' age and, especially, the importance in the national curriculum through the attributed hourly schedule which is reduced" (Paraschiv, p. 7). This work is conceptually based on a "more subtle educational paradigm, characteristic of new scientific approaches in Regional Geography, harmonizing the national, the state entity with the development regions on the principles of a democratic, sustainable society" (Paraschiv, p. 7).

This volume respects the curriculum. Its first part is a broad overview of the geographical complex of Europe and of our country, accompanied by complex questioning plus the schedule for the national Baccalaureate exam and 11 tests designed by MEN-CNEE, on which final assessments of

acquired skills will be made. Compared to the first edition, the work has been reviewed in all subsections, achieving a necessary up-date, due to classroom teaching by the author, taking into account the latest ample changes on soil taxonomy and integrating environmental issues, on the Romanian demography resulting from the publication of the partial results of the 2011 Census, on the emerging economic statistics of Romania and Europe, on regional sustainable development and the entry of Croatia into the European Union. In addition, the too detailed information on the Member States of the European Union was reduced. Bibliography includes 32 large works, encyclopaedias and atlases (from Germany, Russia, Italy, and Romania) and informational sources on the Internet.

If it were read by an uninvolved reader, the book would be captivating even from its beginning due to the smooth way of the deployment of geographic events, the graphic, cartographic and photographic explanatory material belonging to the author, who facilitated understanding also through the references in the text.

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