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Highlights

- Civil society has an important role for the development of post-socialist Europe
- We study the link between civic engagement and having relatives and friends abroad
- Having close contacts abroad fosters pro-social behavior in Bulgaria and Romania
- The results may be due to the social transmission of norms from abroad
- The findings have important implications for national and EU policymakers

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