

Application: 4000008727

Title: Platforma Națională de Bune Practici pentru Romi

Applicant: Ministry Of European Funds

Country: Romania **Amount:** 61749,84

Main type of activities: Mutual learning, exchange good practice, cooperation

Summary:

Objectives

1. Obiectivul general al proiectului este reprezentat de facilitarea și consolidarea dialogului între autoritățile locale, comunitățile de romi și membrii comunității rome, prin reunirea actorilor implicați în activități direcționate către comunitățile de romi și consolidarea relațiilor de colaborare dintre aceștia.
2. Înființarea unui canal de comunicare și cooperare între autoritățile locale și naționale, organizații nonguvernamentale și comunități de romi din cele 8 regiuni, în vederea coordonării activităților beneficiarilor proiectului pe durata strategiei Guvernului României de incluziune a cetățenilor români aparținând minorității rome 2015-2020.
3. Organizarea a două serii de workshopuri în fiecare dintre cele 8 regiuni pentru un număr de aproximativ 20 de actori implicați (autorități regionale, locale, organizații nonguvernamentale, reprezentanți ai comunității rome) în dezvoltarea comunităților cu populație de etnie roma, cu scopul de a îmbunătăți intervenția în comunitățile de romi.

Activities

WS 0

- Organizare întâlnire inițială (kickoff meeting)
- Organizare conferință de presă lansare proiect
- Activități de management și organizare ale echipei de proiect
- Campanie de informare cu privire la existența și rolul platformei de comunicare și cooperare.

WS 1

- Înființarea unei platforme electronice de comunicare și cooperare de tip intranet pentru actorii implicați în implementarea acțiunilor direcționate către comunitățile de romi din România.
- Programarea atelierelor de comunicare și organizare pentru autorități, organizații nonguvernamentale și membrii comunității rome
- Contractarea a doi experți seniori (ocupare, locuire, sănătate, educație) pentru pregătirea, susținerea și evaluarea atelierelor de comunicare și cooperare
- Contractarea a două persoane pe toată durata proiectului pentru activitățile Punctului Național de Contact pentru Romi (staff)
- Organizare evenimente și contractare servicii catering, cazare și închiriere sală
- Susținerea seriei 1 de ateliere pentru comunicare și cooperare
- Campanie de informare cu privire la existența și rolul platformei de comunicare și coordonare
- Transmitere seriei 1 de invitații și confirmarea participanților
- Contractarea serviciilor IT pentru înființarea platformei de comunicare și coordonare

WS 2

- Campanie de informare cu privire la existența și rolul platformei de comunicare și cooperare.
- Monitorizarea și evaluarea activității platformei de comunicare

WS 3

Campanie de informare cu privire la existența și rolul platformei de comunicare și cooperare.
Organizare evenimente și contractare servicii catering, cazare și închiriere sală
Susținerea celei de-a doua serii de ateliere pentru comunicare și cooperare
Transmitere seriei 2 de invitații și confirmarea participanților

WS4

Campanie de informare cu privire la existența și rolul platformei de comunicare și cooperare.
Monitorizarea și evaluarea activității platformei de comunicare
Organizare conferință de presă încheiere proiect

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

aproximativ 320 de persoane care provin din comunitățile de romi, ONG-uri și reprezentanți ai autorităților locale și naționale beneficiari ai workshopului
9 persoane care reprezintă echipa de implementare a proiectului
Minim 500 de persoane care vor accesa platforma de comunicare și cooperare de tip intranet

Expected results

Îmbunătățirea comunicării și cooperării între actorii implicați în proiect: autorități naționale, regionale și locale, ONG-uri și membrii ai comunității romi în ceea ce privește implementarea strategiei Guvernului României de incluziune a cetățenilor români aparținând minorității romi 2015-2020.
Îmbunătățirea capacității de organizare a Punctului Național de Contact prin contractarea a două persoane pe toată durata proiectului
Îndepărtarea barierelor de comunicare dintre actorii membrii comunităților de romi, ONG-uri și autoritățile locale, regionale și naționale

Application: 400008790

Title: Setting up of a national Roma Platform in Belgium

Applicant: Pps Social Integration, Anti-poverty Policy, Social Economy and Federal Urban Policy

Country: Belgium

Amount: 58352

Main type of activities: Mutual learning, exchange good practice, cooperation

Summary:

Objectives

Stimulating a national consultation process and active dialogue on Roma issues ensuring a broad involvement of all stakeholders and Roma communities.

Discussing in a participative way topics related to the main areas crucial for Roma integration (employment, education, housing and healthcare). Combating discrimination will be a mainstreaming theme through this dialogue process.

Elaborating in more details the situation on the ground, by identifying in a participative way the local needs.

Formulating recommendations based on the results of the consultation process with impact on the reviewing exercise of the NRIS.

Informing stakeholders about the European policy processes and measures on ground.

Activities

Four (4) thematic meetings on the distinctive areas crucial for Roma integration

One (1) Open Roma Platform Day

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

The project will target the Roma population legally residing in Belgium. It is currently impossible to determine exactly how many Roma are living in Belgium. The most commonly quoted estimate of the size of the "Roma" population in Belgium was made in the framework of the Council of Europe. According to this source, the population of "Roma" and "Travellers" is estimated at 20 – 40,000, though this figure reflects a range of different estimates because exact data is lacking. The generic "Roma" population is thus estimated at around 0,3% of the total Belgian population.

Expected results

an increase of knowledge of the European framework among stakeholders

an increase of knowledge of local needs on Roma issues among all policy levels

a sustainable open dialogue process on Roma issues ensuring a broad involvement of stakeholders

a sustainable open dialogue process on Roma issues ensuring a broad involvement of Roma

a joint ownership of the Roma platform by the stakeholders involved

a strong and high level political commitment

a growth in capacity of Roma self-organizations

a possibility to improve policies and actions designed in the NRIS

a better integration of Roma in Belgian society and a decrease of barriers hindering their participation

a dissemination of good practices and recommendations beyond the duration of the project

Type and number of outputs to be produced

Four (4) thematic meetings on the distinctive areas crucial for Roma integration

One (1) Open Roma Platform Day

One (1) overview of policy recommendations to review the NRIS

Kick off reviewing NRIS

One (1) overview of good practices identified during the thematic meetings

One (1) sustainable national Roma platform

Application: 400008792

Title: LITHUANIAN ROMA PLATFORM GOING LOCAL

Applicant: Department Of National Minorities Under The Government Of The Republic Of Lithuania

Country: Lithuania **Amount:** 64674

Main type of activities: Training activities

Summary:

Objectives

1. To develop a mechanism of cooperation between state, municipal institutions and Roma community in the implementation of the Action plan for Roma integration into Lithuanian society for 20152020.
2. To increase the representation of local Roma communities – with the special focus on Roma women – at the municipal and national levels by setting up Local Roma platforms in municipalities where Roma community is represented by NGOs or other organizations and by facilitating the creation of local Roma platforms in municipalities that hitherto did not have organised Roma community or NGOs.
3. To ensure ongoing collective process of consultation with all relevant stakeholders towards better integration of Roma using the established network of Local Roma platforms.

Activities:

1. To develop a methodology for cooperation between state and local municipal institutions in the implementation of the Action plan for Roma integration into Lithuanian society for 20152020;
2. To select Roma leaders, including Roma women, qualified in delivering quality mediation between Roma communities and local authorities;
3. To organise consultation events for local authorities, local stakeholders and Roma community to discuss their cooperation and participation in implementation of the Action plan for Roma integration into Lithuanian society for 20152020;
4. To approve the composition of Local Roma platforms;
5. To organise consultation event with Roma women and prepare a feasibility study on possibilities of Roma women to participate in implementation of the Action plan for Roma integration into Lithuanian society for 20152020 and obstacles faced by Roma women;
6. To facilitate cooperation between local Roma communities and local authorities in selected municipalities;
7. To facilitate preparation of local reports, prepared by local Roma leaders on major problems of Roma community and implementation of the Action plan for Roma integration into Lithuanian society for 20152020;
8. To organize trainings for different stakeholders;
9. To develop a webpage with online consultation forum and to disseminate project results, good practices.
10. To conduct a study of local Roma integration measures and their complementariness with state action under the Action plan for Roma integration into Lithuanian society for 20152020 and Council Recommendation on effective Roma integration measures in the member States.

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

Roma community members living in Lithuania – 2100.
Civil servants working in municipalities administration – 50.
Educators – 20.
Social workers, working with Roma – 20.
Roma women 10.

Expected results:

1. Inclusion of municipalities in to implementation of the Action plan for Roma integration into Lithuanian society for 2015-2020 based on the developed cooperation methodology;
2. Enhanced cooperation between local authorities and Roma community using the network of Local Roma platforms;
3. Increased capacity of NGOs and Roma leaders to represent local community;
4. Increased motivation of Roma women to participate in decision making process;

Type and number of outputs to be produced

Seminar „Local Roma Platforms: how to cooperate with municipalities – 1;
Methodology for cooperation between state, local municipal institutions and Roma NGOs– 1;
Round table discussions in municipalities where Roma community is represented – 5;
Document approving establishment of Local Roma Platforms – 1;
Seminar for Roma women 1;
Feasibility study on possibilities of Roma women to participate in implementation of the Action plan 1;
Round table discussions in municipalities where Roma community is not organised 5;
Training for social workers, municipality administration, educators – 3;
Study of local Roma integration measures and their complementarities with the Action plan and Council Recommendation – 1;
Webpage with online consultation – 1;

Application: 400008793

Title: Latvian Roma platform I “Dialogue, cooperation and involvement”

Applicant: Ministry Of Culture Of The Republic Of Latvia

Country: Latvia **Amount:** 42331,63

Main type of activities: Mutual learning, exchange good practice, cooperation

Summary:

1. Objectives

To foster cooperation and dialogue between local authorities, representatives of municipalities and governmental sector and Roma people;

To support mutual learning and exchange of best practices on Roma integration in key areas at the local and regional level;

To raise the awareness of representatives of local authorities, municipalities and governmental sectors (responsible ministries and agencies) about Roma culture, history and its impact on their social situation.

To facilitate the participation and effective involvement of the representatives of Roma community into the implementation of the set of Roma integration policy measures, as well as to foster the capacity and skills of representatives of Roma civil society.

2. Activities

1. Mutual learning, exchange of good practices, cooperation activities:

1.1. 3 regional meetings of the members of the Network of regional experts on Roma integration issues (14 municipalities) and 3 field visits at local level in 3 municipalities;

1.2. annual coordination meeting of the Latvian Roma platform, where regional experts and members of the Council supervising the implementation of Roma integration policy measures, including representatives of Roma civil society, will discuss the approaches to develop the set of Roma integration policy measures effectively;

1.3. support to representative of Roma civil society (NGOs) to ensuring their participation in the Council meeting;

2. Trainings and awareness raising activities:

2.1. 4 practical workshops “Improving social situation of Roma families at the local level” in order to improve knowledge of municipalities’ specialists on issues regarding Roma access to social services, benefits and supporting programs provided by municipality, as well to consult specialists and representatives of Roma civil society to use the programs of National and EU structure funds effectively.

2.2. 3 educational lectures on Roma culture, history and its impact on their social situation in municipalities aimed at raising awareness of representatives of municipalities;

2.3. training for Roma activists and Roma NGO to improve their skills of project designing and implementing.

3. Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

83 representatives of Latvian Roma (NGO, leaders, youth, women, etc.);

199 Municipalities’ sector’ representatives and experts;

12 governmental sector’ representatives and experts;

5 representatives of nonRoma civil society organizations.

4. Expected results

cooperation and dialogue between local authorities, representatives of municipalities and governmental sector and Roma people is improved;

mutual learning and exchange of best practices on Roma integration in key areas at the local and regional level is supported;

the awareness of representatives of local authorities, municipalities and governmental sectors (responsible and coresponsible ministries and agencies) about Roma culture, history and its impact on their social situation is raised;

the participation and effective involvement of the representatives of Roma community into the implementation of the set of Roma integration policy measures is facilitated and supported.

5. Type and number of outputs of the project

13 activities are organised, including 5 meetings; 4 workshops, 1 training and 3 lectures.

3 field visits are organized;

3 exhibitions (exhibition "RomaHolocaust in Latvia (19411945)" in 3 regional cities);

3 reports, including Summary report of meetings and field visits of the Network of regional experts on Roma integration issues (12 pages); Summary report of the annual coordination meeting of the Latvian Roma platform (8 pages); Summary report of the workshops (up to 18 pages);

1 informative material (informative booklet; 15 pages, 500 copies – 200 in English, 300 in Latvian);

1 practical guidelines for Roma NGOs and activists on project elaboration, implementation and evaluation.

Application: 400008794

Title: BUILDING A ROMA PLATFORM:FROM POLICY TO PRACTICE

Applicant: Ministry Of Social Affairs And Health

Country: Finland **Amount:** 64985

Main type of activities: Awareness-raising, information and dissemination

Summary:

1.Objectives

The project aims at supporting and promoting the implementation process by the establishment of a National Roma Platform, which will involve all relevant stakeholders at all levels including Roma communities, NGOs, national, regional and local authorities, academia, five advisory boards and local Roma Working Groups.

2. Activities

National Roma Platform in Finland will consist of two elements: 1) Platform Network for supporting the implementation process by organising gatherings, consultation meetings, training seminars, awareness-raising sessions and other events 2) Committee for Monitoring and Reporting on the implementation of the Strategy

The project will organise 5 Platform Events all over the country and 3 Monitoring Committee meetings. In addition, One of the Platform Events will be Annual Consultation Days for Roma communities/NGOs and other member organisations of the Regional Advisory Boards for Roma Affairs. Other (3) Platform Events will be held in Vantaa, Kuopio and Kajaani on different themes related to the implementation of the Strategy. 2 Gender mainstreaming events including consultation meeting to the Roma women and men and the gender networking event with different gender instruments.

The project website will be established under the national Roma portal www.romanit.fi. In addition, information will be shared through ministries' and Roma NGOs' websites, national equality portal and social media. Furthermore, 24 Newsletters will be published and disseminated to all members of the Platform Network, other interested organisations and the media. An English version will be disseminated to all MSs including NRCPs.

3.Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

The beneficiaries of the project are Roma communities and Roma NGOs, authorities at all levels working with employment, education, housing, social and health care issues as well as authorities and NGOs responsible for the promotion of equality in the Finnish society.

The Monitoring Committee consists of 2022 representatives of ministries, Roma communities, NGOs and regional authorities responsible for Regional Advisory Boards for Roma Affairs. The Platform Network will, during the 1st implementation year, involve 160180 persons representing different organisations and Roma communities.

4. Expected results

The expected results are:

Increased awareness on the objectives, contents and on the current situation of the implementation of the National Roma Strategy

The commitment to promote Roma integration has increased especially among local authorities, decisionmakers and Roma communities

Good practices to promote Roma integration and non-discrimination have been introduced, and ideas for developing methods and tools have been identified

A good foundation for a systematic monitoring and follow-up process has been laid and the needs

identified for further steps to be taken

Possibilities to use funding instruments have been reintroduced to relevant stakeholders

Gender perspective have been integrated to the implementation of the Roma strategy

The cooperation between the Roma actors and Gender actors is strengthened

5. Type and number of outputs of the project

Monitoring meetings 3: agendas, minutes, monitoring reports

Platform Events 5:

*Kuntamarkkinat Annual Municipal Fair: a seminar, a stand and info sessions

*Annual Consultation Days a twoday event for Advisory Boards on Roma Affairs

*Local Platform Events in 3 different locations in Southern, Eastern and Northern Finland; a summary report

Gender mainstreaming events

* Consultation meeting to the Roma women and men separately

* Gender networkingevent with the gender institutions, Roma and gender and NGOs and other actors

Project website and social media 1 + 1

Newsletters24: in Finnish, Swedish, English and Romanes

Application: 400008801

Title: Improvement of the Hungarian Roma National Platform

Applicant: Ministry Of Human Capacities

Country: Hungary **Amount:** 64986,68

Main type of activities: Mutual learning, exchange good practice, cooperation

Summary:

1. Objectives

The project aims to enable the Roma National Contact Point, that is, the Deputy State Secretariat for Social Inclusion to implement the objectives set out in the National Social Inclusion Strategy (the "Strategy") in the framework of cooperation using common efforts, as widely as possible with the involvement of the decisionmakers at all levels of the public administration, experts, the representatives of civil organizations, churches and other stakeholders.

2. Activities

In Hungary, the national consultation forums linked to the Strategy (Roma Coordination Council and Interministerial Commission for Social Inclusion) are currently complemented by 83 inclusion roundtables at the district level. Their duty is to carry out the tasks outlined in the local equal opportunities programmes ("HEP"). In order to facilitate the development of cooperation not only at the district level, but also at the next level of public administration, namely, the level of the counties as well, county inclusion roundtables must be established. With the introduction of this missing step, we can establish a connection, namely, a "bridge" between the district level and the nationwide collaborations.

Our objective is to establish a pilot county inclusion roundtable in each of the 3 counties of Hungary, where the Roma are overrepresented, with the intention to subsequently establish such roundtables in all counties in the country based on the experience gained. The backbone of the county inclusion roundtable is the already functioning Roma National Coordination Council (the "ROKT"), which will work closely with the county inclusion roundtables. This will make the national consultation procedure complete.

3. Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

The county inclusion roundtable directly involves the members of ROKT and the civil members delegated by the county inclusion roundtables operating in the area of the given county.

4. Expected results

The county inclusion roundtable will make the content of the Strategy more transparent and facilitate the management of any possible shortfalls and problems which may arise. The work of the roundtables will contribute to the improvement of the social consultation and followup system of the Strategy by allowing access to the problems, difficulties and best practices which occur locally, but are not or are less known to the central decisionmakers.

In the course of the implementation of the project, an opening conference and a closing conference will be held, where the invitees (professionals from the central public administration, the delegates of all county selfgovernments of the country, participants from the district level roundtables, representatives of civil organizations, etc.) can come to know the objectives of the Strategy, the results, the operation of the three county inclusion roundtables established in the context of the

tender and the monitoring system of the Strategy. The events offer an opportunity to the active stakeholders of the social inclusion process to meet in person and establish new partnerships, and for the participants to be involved in the dialogue. The two events also afford a chance for informing the counties which have not been involved in the project about the outcome of the tender and the experience gained in the consultation process launched in the three most affected counties.

5. Type and number of outputs of the project

The work of the county inclusion roundtables will trigger midlevel territorial conciliation and consultation forums which can greatly support the implementation and the monitoring of the Strategy both at the national and the international level by exploiting their practical knowledge, experience and the direct information about the developments and the implementation of the Strategy.

Application: 400008803

Title: Cyprus National Roma Platform (Cyprus NRP)

Applicant: Social Welfare Services

Country: Cyprus **Amount:** 25126,40

Main type of activities: Mutual learning, exchange good practice, cooperation

Summary:

Objectives

1. Empower the Cyprus National Roma Contact Point (Cyprus NRCP) in the Roma integration process and give it the necessary visibility towards all relevant stakeholders and Roma and nonRoma population,
2. Ensure effective involvement of relevant stakeholders,
3. Strengthen and deepen multistakeholder accountability, including Roma and their ownership of the results and commitment to the outcomes of the process of Roma integration,
4. Address the gaps and challenges Cyprus presents in the implementation of the Policy Measures of Cyprus for the Social Inclusion of Roma (PMCSIR),
5. Improve multistakeholder participation, in particular participation of Roma in decisions that affect them. Feed reporting processes at national and EU level.

Activities

1. Subcontracting of a professional facilitator
2. Identification of Roma representatives, local authorities, NGOs and other stakeholders to participate in the Cyprus NRP.
3. A press conference.
4. 4 working meetings including the kickoff meeting, two thematic working meetings on housing, social services, health, employment and education and culture and the final working meeting.
5. Dissemination and Communication activities.

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

1. Representatives of NGOs dealing with discrimination / equality / sociological and Roma issues (8 persons).
2. Representatives of Local Authorities with Roma population (6 persons).
3. Roma Representatives (10 persons).
4. Independent Authorities such as the AntiDiscrimination Authority, Equality Body and the Commissioner for the Protection of Children and the Commissioner for Gender Equality (4 persons).
5. Academia involved with discrimination or/ and equality or/ and Roma specific issues (e.g. linguistic / cultural) (3 persons).
6. Public Authorities such as the Ministries of Interior, Health, Education and Culture, Department of Labour and the Cyprus NRCP of the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance (7 persons).

Expected results

1. Enhancement of the capacity of the Cyprus NRCP in the process of Roma integration.
2. Enhancement of the knowledge of stakeholders on the legal framework and policy related to Roma integration, discrimination and equality.
3. Enhancement of the skills and capacity of stakeholders in the designing, in the implementation and monitoring of effective policies/ measures for Roma integration, to be supported by data and

analysis.

4. Enhancement of the knowledge and capacity building of stakeholders as regards reporting at national and EU level.

5. Enhancement of the knowledge and capacity building of stakeholders as regards their participation at national, European or International discussions.

6. Enhancement of the knowledge and capacity building of stakeholders as regards access to supporting methods such as funding opportunities

Type and number of outputs to be produced

- 1 press conference,
- 4 working meetings,
- 5 thematic background reports and presentations on Roma housing, social services, health, employment and education and culture,
- 1 paper and presentation on capacity building for monitoring,
- 3 procedural conclusions of the meetings,
- 1 final report,
- 1 evaluation report,
- 4 newsletters

Application: 400008804

Title: Development of the National Roma Platform for consultation and dialogue exchange of the Greek NRCP

Applicant: National Center For Social Solidarity

Country: Greece

Amount: 65000

Main type of activities: Awareness-raising, information and dissemination

Summary:

1.Objectives

- To bring together, all relevant stakeholders to the design and implementation of Roma integration policies and reinforce networking and dialogue exchange among them, establishing a culture for consultation and cooperation.
- To develop platforms and capacities for Roma participation at national, regional and local level.
- To promote the role of Roma mediators, as advocates of Roma integration policies.

2.Activities

• Enhancement of stakeholder's capacity in networking and consultation through the organization of 3 conferences (1 national, 2 regional) and 15 working meetings at local level, in order to communicate the objectives of the project as well as of the National Roma Integration Strategy (NRIS), to facilitate dialogue on its implementation and monitoring and to strengthen partnerships across all levels. Enhancement activities encompass capacity building actions in terms of participation in consultation activities, negotiation of rights, reinforcement of the active involvement of Roma and other stakeholder groups in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the NRIS. In addition, stakeholders' engagement will be promoted through the development of an eplatform of the NRCP. The objective is to develop an active national network of stakeholders.

• Experiential learning workshops. The workshops will be targeted to Roma and non Roma members of local communities (civil servants), in order to cultivate channels of communication between the two communities and the sense of coexistence.

• Reinforcement of the role of Roma mediators, as advocates of the NRCP and of the project, through the organization of a national meeting of Roma mediators.

• Dissemination activities including, the organization of a press conference, development and maintenance of a social media page, production of 3 newsletters, as well as of an informative flyer and poster.

3.Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

The type of persons, who are going to benefit from the project include 100 Roma mediators, who will participate in their national meeting. In addition, from the national conference, apart from the Roma mediators, 50 participants will benefit, from various groups of stakeholders, 100. At regional level, 75 participants will benefit from the each conference, (Thessaloniki and Larissa), with approximately half of the participants of each conference being Roma. In terms of experiential learning workshops, participants will be 50 in Athens and in Thessaloniki and 25 in Larissa and they will be Roma representatives / mediators and local civil servants. Moreover, Roma youth are expected to benefit, using the social media page and the eplatform, along with other groups.

4.Expected results

Expected results of the project include the reinforcement of Roma participation in decision making processes, (monitoring, implementing and evaluating the NRIS) and as a result, the future development of more effective and suited to their needs policies. In addition, the experiential learning workshops shall lead to the destabilization of stereotypical beliefs to members

of non Roma communities, diminishing cases of discrimination. As far as the conferences and working meetings are concerned, they shall lead to the formation of an active network of stakeholders, which is expected to have a key effect on the cultivation of a continuous culture of cooperation and dialogue.

5. Type and number of outputs to be produced

Main output of the project includes, the national, the 2 regional conferences, as well as the 15 working meetings at local level with the participation of Roma, civil servants and representatives from NGO's. In addition, 3 experiential learning workshops will be organized and a national meeting of Roma mediators. In terms of educational material, a communications guide will be developed. In terms of dissemination activities, those encompass a press conference, a Facebook page and the production of 3 newsletters.

Application: 400008805

Title: “T.E.A.M – Together wE Achieve More”

Applicant: Secretariat Of The National Council For Cooperation On Ethnic And Integration Issues At Council Of Ministers

Country: Bulgaria

Amount: 64840

Main type of activities: Mutual learning, exchange good practice, cooperation

Summary:

Objectives

The main project objective is to support the process of setting up of a National Roma Platform in Bulgaria with a view to encourage and facilitate dialogue and exchanges, mutual learning, cooperation and involvement between all relevant national stakeholders in development, implementation and monitoring of National Roma Integration Strategy or integrated set of policy measures, in line with promoting the principle of nondiscrimination on various grounds.

Activities

Identification of all relevant stakeholders and creation of register

Review of the existing mechanisms for coverage of various participants in particular representatives from the NGO sector in coordination bodies at national level with the perspective to support the elaboration of a relevant mechanism for representative coverage for the NRP

Planning and designing of the project events – operational planning, elaboration of agendas and necessary materials for the 3 working meetings, 2 topical discussion meetings, 6 regional forums

Organization and implementation of 3 working meetings on launching the project, preliminary conceptualization of a NRP and discussion of key issues, with different groups of stakeholders representing Roma community, NGOs, authorities, etc.

Organization and implementation of 2 topical discussion meetings on Roma youth development and Roma women, with relevant stakeholders aiming at capacity building, empowerment and topical discussions

Organization and implementation of 6 Regional Forums for training, concerted thinking and discussion of all relevant local stakeholders, consisting of two components: 2 days training for capacity building and 1 day Round table discussions

Creation of thematic Heading on NCCEI website with Chat Apps and subheadings as an electronic platform for facilitating the NRP functioning as an ongoing dialogue, exchange and cooperation

Development of Framework document on NRP outlining the NRP as an effective coordination and cooperation mechanism, further steps, project results

Elaboration of communication materials – project leaflet, information materials to post onto the website, media publications to inform all stakeholders and general public on the project and the NRP

Management and coordination activities to ensure timely and successful project implementation

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

300 persons from all relevant stakeholders on regional/local level in the Regional Forums

90 persons from various stakeholders groups in 3 working meetings

60 persons from Roma and non-Roma youth and women, and relevant stakeholders in 2 topical discussion meetings

500 persons reached by the website, media publications, project leaflet, and Framework document on NRP

Expected results

Ensured involvement of all relevant stakeholders

Strengthened cooperation across all levels

Facilitated dialogue and debate on Roma integration issues and NRIS/local action plans implementation

Enhanced capacity of relevant stakeholders, esp. Roma youth and women, regional/local stakeholders

Raised awareness of stakeholders and general public

Empowered NRCP

Launched and established NRP as nationally led ongoing consultation process

Type and number of outputs of the project

1 register of relevant stakeholders

1 review report on existing mechanisms for participants coverage

11 agendas/materials for the planned events

3 working meetings with various stakeholders

2 topical discussion meetings on Roma youth and women

6 regional forums:6 trainings and 6 round tables

1 created NRP heading on the NCCEII/NRCP website

1 framework document on NRP 500 copies

1 project leaflet 500 copies

12 information materials onto the website thematic heading

6 publications in national/local printed/electronic media

1 project management plan

1 system for internal monitoring and evaluation

12 agendas/minutes from project teams meetings

1 final project reporting package

1 external evaluation report

Application: 400008807

Title: Support of active participation and consultation processes in the area of implementation and monitoring of the Roma integration and Roma youth policies in Slovakia

Applicant: Ministry Of Interior Of The Slovak Republic

Country: Slovakia

Amount: 64870

Main type of activities: Mutual learning, exchange good practice, cooperation

Summary:

Objectives

the general objective of the project is to facilitate dialogue with all relevant stakeholders at local, regional and national level and support consultation processes in the area of implementation and monitoring of the Roma integration policies

project specific objectives are as follows:

- enhance the participation of Roma in the processes of implementation and monitoring of Roma integration policies
- reinforce the cooperation and encourage partnership building between all stakeholders, and promote their involvement in implementation and monitoring of Roma integration policies,
- offer space for sharing of local practices and provide for dissemination of information on existing and planned policies and on implementation of the Strategy at the local and regional level
- identify needs of marginalized Roma communities at the local and regional level and acquire firsthand feedback on existing integration policies at those levels
- enhance and enable the participation of Roma youth at all levels of policy making processes, especially in the consultation processes in the area of implementation and monitoring of the Roma integration policies and Youth policies
- identify needs of Roma young people with the view of preparation of the Recommendation for national, regional and local authorities on Roma Youth policies in Slovakia

Activities

fulfilment of the specific objectives will be provided through following activities:

- meetings of the thematic working group on monitoring and evaluation of the Strategy, which will monitor the progress in implementation of the Strategy and its Action Plans and assess the monitoring processes
- regional platform meetings for the relevant stakeholders at the regional level, with the focus on priority and crosscutting areas of the Roma integration policies
- regional meetings on Roma Youth policies
- focus groups of young Roma people on regional level aimed at identifying of needs of Roma youth
- trainings for selected group of young Roma in the fields of participation, communication, leadership, youth policy and Roma policy to support capacity building of Roma youth
- development of Recommendation on Roma Youth policies

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

- main beneficiary of the project is the Office of the Plenipotentiary
- other direct beneficiaries are all the stakeholders Roma communities, civil society organisations, national, local and regional authorities, helping professionals, academia and all other relevant stakeholders participating on the activities (between 400 600), Roma youth (approx. 80)

- Roma marginalized communities in general

Expected results

- increased participation of Roma and Roma youth in the consultation processes in the area of implementation and monitoring of Roma integration policies
- strengthened dialogue and better cooperation between all relevant stakeholders involved in the design, implementation and monitoring of Roma integration policies
- more effective coordination in the implementation and better targeting of the Strategy's measures and other integration policies
- better dissemination of information on existing and planned policies and on implementation of the Strategy
- existence of Roma Youth Advisory Group for the Plenipotentiary of the Government of the Slovak Republic for Roma Communities in the area of Roma youth policies

Type and number of outputs to be produced

- 2 meetings of the thematic working group on the monitoring and evaluation of the Strategy
- Recommendations on monitoring and implementation of the Strategy
- 40 thematic regional platform meetings
- Recommendations for implementation of Strategy on local and regional level
- 5 regional meetings on Roma Youth policies
- 8 focus groups of young Roma people on regional level
- 4 trainings session for young Roma
- Methodology for young Roma consultation processes
- Recommendations on Roma youth policies

Application: 400008808

Title: Activation and Empowerment of Roma Stakeholders by the National Roma Platform

Applicant: Office Of The Government Of Czech Republic

Country: Czech Republic **Amount:** 39279,59

Main type of activities: Mutual learning, exchange good practice, cooperation

Summary:

1. Objectives

effective cooperation of all the relevant stakeholders of Roma intergration
effective coordination of integration activities on national, regional and local levels, with emphasis on implementation and monitoring of the Strategy of Roma Integration up to 2020
identify the relevant stakeholders of Roma integration at regional and local levels
empower them to effectively take part in identifying the needs of Roma minority, solving the problems of Roma minority and ownership of the results of the integration process, including their participation in implementation and monitoring of the Strategy of Roma Integration up to 2020.
increase awareness of Roma and other stakeholders of Roma integration about the Strategy of Roma integration up to 2020 and identify the obstacles in its implementation on regional and local level.
give visibility to the Government Council for Roma Minority Affairs as the National Roma Platform and give visibility to the Office of the Government Council for Roma Minority Affairs the National Roma Contact Point (NRCP) and to establish active cooperation with the relevant stakeholders on regional and local level.

2. Activities

Opening and closing meeting
Meetings of civic members of the Government Council for Roma Minority Affairs, NRCP and relevant stakeholders of Roma integration in regions
Courses aimed at increasing competences of relevant stakeholders of Roma integration in the area of community work and strengthening soft skills
Publication "Recommendations of the National Roma Platform about implementation of the Strategy of Roma Integration up to 2020"

3. Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

There will be between 280 and 420 persons benefiting from the project, majority of whom are Roma including Roma women and youth. These relevant stakeholders of Roma integration can be classified into two categories: representatives of Roma and representatives of public administration. Representatives of Roma are the civic members of the Government Council for Roma Minority Affairs, Roma representatives of committees for national minorities in regions and municipalities, representatives of Roma NGOs and relevant institutions, Roma activists, and others active in public life and/or community affairs.
Representatives of public administration are regional coordinators for Roma issues, Roma advisors in municipalities, field workers, representatives of local partnerships of Department for Social Inclusion of the Office of the Government (Agency for Social Inclusion), representatives of regional and municipal authorities, representatives of regional and local governments, representatives of local action groups and representatives of other bodies which have significant role in mainstreaming Roma issues in regions and localities.

4. Expected results

Increased involvement of stakeholders of Roma integration in the process of Roma integration, implementation and monitoring of the Strategy of Roma Integration up to 2020

Improved cooperation and dialogue among relevant stakeholders of Roma integration

Improved local, regional and national monitoring of the Strategy of Roma Integration up to 2020

Increased competences of relevant stakeholders of Roma integration in the area of community work and soft skills

Identification of relevant stakeholders and networks of Roma integration in regions

Raised awareness of the Government Council for Roma Minority Affairs as the National Roma Platform and of the Office of Government Council for Roma Minority Affairs as the NRCP

5. Type and number of outputs to be produced

2 national level meetings

3 regional level meetings with relevant stakeholders of Roma integration

2 courses aimed at increasing competences of relevant stakeholders of Roma integration in the area of community work and soft skills

2 publications

Application: 400008809

Title: "Reinforcing of national consultation process in Slovenia by establishing a National Roma Platform (SIFOROMA)"

Applicant: Government Office For National Minorities Of The Republic Of Slovenia

Country: Slovenia

Amount: 61687,59

Main type of activities: Mutual learning, exchange good practice, cooperation

Summary:

Objectives

Further support the national consultation process by establishing a unified National Roma Platform (NRP), managed by the Slovenian NRCP;

Create an open and structured consultation procedure, allowing all relevant stakeholders to discuss and submit proposals and initiatives for the improvement of the situation of Roma;

Provide a forum for the exchange of experiences, expertise, knowledge, and good practices,

Define and create synergies between existing activities, projects and policies;

Connect all relevant stakeholders and build on their knowledge and experience in order to improve and reinforce the implementation and monitoring of the NRIS.

Activities

Establishment of the NRP with an aim to introduce all relevant stakeholders to the new platform and its objectives, identify areas and topics that will warrant further consideration and resolution.

Priorities will be identified at the meeting of the Government Commission for the Protection of Roma Community (GCPRC) with other relevant NGOs, Roma and experts. These topics will be considered more in detail at subsequent meetings.

A conference with all municipalities, where Roma live, and other relevant stakeholders in two parts: open consultation and dialogue with municipality representatives, and two workshops led by external experts and focused on housing conditions and discrimination (work method: rotating workshops). The conclusions will be submitted to the broader GCPRC for consideration and discussed in detail at smaller, more focused local events.

At least three smaller, more operational and multidisciplinary events at local level will have a firm focus on the resolution of concrete problems: clearly identify them and find appropriate solutions;

Another broader meeting of the GCPRC together with relevant NGOs, Roma and experts will take place to assess the efforts made so far and to identify next tasks. On the basis of evaluation made, a future plan for consultation with relevant stakeholders and followup activities will be proposed for the year to follow.

A website of the NRP with all the data and information regarding the activities and projects intended for Roma. It will be a place of connecting, collaborating and transferring information, and will provide an overview of all activities for Roma carried out by various stakeholders at national level as well as local levels, which will now be connected by the NRP.

An analysis of the consultation process and proposals for future improvement and greater effectiveness of the monitoring of the practical implementation of measures for the Roma (NRIS).

Closing of the project: project outputs and deliverables – presentation of the consultation process analysis.

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

Roma, in particular Roma youth and Roma women, as the project's activities aim to improve their situation,

National and local authorities as they should reinforce the collaboration between stakeholders at

the local level,

Nongovernmental sector (both Roma and other NGOs) which will become an important partner and will complement as well as contribute to the actual effectiveness of the implementation of measures (NRIS).

Expected results

Improved situation of Roma, especially at the micro level,

Creation of a constant and structured dialogue and cooperation between all relevant stakeholders,

Improvement of the implementation of the existing measures or creation of new measures (NRIS),

Transparency of the activities and projects designed for Roma,

More effective coordinative role of the NRCP in line with the Council Recommendation (2013).

Type and number of outputs to be produced

Active network of all relevant stakeholders working to improve the situation of Roma,

New web-based system for the collection and exchange of relevant information,

Analysis of the consultation process with proposals for its improvement.

Application: 400008810

Title: Ausbau der österreichischen Roma Dialogplattform

Applicant: Federal Chancellery, Directorate General V - Legal Service

Country: Austria **Amount:** 29820,5

Main type of activities: Mutual learning, exchange good practice, cooperation

Summary:

1. Objectives

Ausbau des öffentlichen Dialogs mit der österreichischen Roma Zivilgesellschaft
Stärkung der österreichischen Roma Dialogplattform
Weiterentwicklung der Zusammenarbeit und Koordination zwischen den Anspruchsgruppen in Sachen Roma Integration

2. Activities

Projektteil 1:

2monatige Online Beteiligungsplattform bestehend aus
Konsultation zur Aktualisierung der nationalen integrierten politischen Maßnahmen im Rahmen der allgemeineren Politik der sozialen Eingliederung (idF kurz: Roma Strategie).
Befragung zu Grundsatzfragen der österreichischen Roma Strategie
Kick off Veranstaltung

Projektteil 2:

3 nationale Roma Dialogplattformen unter Beiziehung eines externen Moderators (=professional facilitators) zur professionellen Moderation sowie zur Konzeption, Vorund Nachbereitung der Roma Dialogplattform

3. Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

AT National Roma ContactPoint as Beneficiary

4. Expected results

Vertrauensbildung
Steigerung der Akzeptanz der Roma Dialogplattform innerhalb der Roma Community
Steigerung der Anzahl der Plattform Teilnehmer aus der Roma Community
Festigung der Zusammenarbeit und Koordination zwischen Roma Community und Behörden
Geographische Gesamtabdeckung durch online Befragung
Erreichen der jüngeren Generation von Roma durch online Befragung

5. Type and number of outputs of the project

2monatige online Roma Beteiligungsplattform
1 Kick Off Veranstaltung zur Liveschaltung mit 4050 Teilnehmern
3 Sitzungen der Roma Dialogplattform mit 4050 Teilnehmern

Application: 400008811

Title: Reinforcing multistakeholder governance in the implementation of the Spanish National Roma Inclusion Strategy

Applicant: Directorate General Of Services For Family And Children (ministry Of Health, Social Services And Equality - Roma National Contact Point)

Country: Spain

Amount: 64893,36

Main type of activities: Mutual learning, exchange good practice, cooperation

Summary:

1. Objectives

Contribute to strengthen and guarantee the governance mechanisms of the Spanish National Roma Inclusion Strategy with the view of progressing towards a comprehensive and consistent multistakeholder governance system by improving consultation, dialogue and involvement at horizontal and vertical level, and with key stakeholders in two key areas:

1. Monitoring & evaluation: fostering and facilitating dialogue and participation of a wide variety of key stakeholders on data collection tools and studies based on a practical example.
2. Roma inclusion strategies and model approaches at local level: capacity building and fostering dialogue with key stakeholders, especially local authorities and Roma civil society organisations (CVOs), on how to design and implement Roma inclusion strategies at local level and what type of coordination and governance mechanisms are more effective.

2. Key Activities

- 1) NRIS midterm evaluation based on a participative methodology that involves key stakeholders in its drafting process.
- 2) Seminar on "Monitoring and evaluating the impact of policies in Roma inclusion" with key stakeholders based on their participation in its planning & design, implementation and evaluation .
- 3) Seminar on "Roma inclusion strategies and model approaches at local level" with key stakeholders based on their participation in its planning & design, implementation and evaluation
- 4) Factsheet on "Multistakeholder governance mechanisms"

3. Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

Direct beneficiaries: ministerial departments (education, employment, health, housing and culture), regional and local governments (departments responsible of Roma policies and other key departments), Roma CVOs.

At national level, it is expected that the project will reach at least 200 staff from a variety of public institutions and civil society organisations (approximately 40 to 50 public institutions and 40 to 50 CVOs) although we estimate that there will be an involvement of around 100120 individuals through the seminars. At EU level, the project could reach a wider number of people from a variety of public institutions and CVOs involved in Roma inclusion through digital means.

Indirect beneficiaries: Roma and nonRoma population

4. Expected results

Increased knowledge, experience and capacity to coordinate multistakeholder governance mechanisms within the framework of the Spanish NRIS.

Increased awareness and knowledge among key stakeholders on tools that allow a better monitoring and evaluation of the impact of policies on Roma inclusion (both mainstreaming and target policies)

Increased capacity to carry out a more consistent monitoring and evaluation of the impact of policies on Roma inclusion, especially in the regions that have Roma inclusion plan or set of measures as well as within Roma CVOs.

Increased knowledge among key stakeholders, especially local authorities and Roma CVOs on how to design, implement, monitor and evaluate Roma inclusion strategies and model approaches at local level.

Increased knowledge among key stakeholders, especially local authorities and Roma CVOs on types of coordination and governance mechanisms to implement Roma inclusion strategies at local level.

5. Type and number of outputs to be produced

Seminars:

1. Monitoring and evaluating the impact of policies in Roma inclusion (April 2016)
2. Roma inclusion strategies and model approaches at local level (October 2016)

Documents & reports:

1. NRIS midterm evaluation report (in Spanish) (digital)
2. NRIS midterm evaluation report (executive summary in English) (digital)
3. Concept note and summary of conclusions of the seminar "Monitoring and evaluating the impact of policies in Roma inclusion" (digital)
4. Concept note and summary of conclusions of the seminar "Roma inclusion strategies and model approaches at local level" (digital)
5. Factsheet on "Multistakeholder governance mechanisms" in Spanish and English (digital)

Application: 400008813

Title: Living equality

Applicant: Office For Human Rights And Rights Of National Minorities Of The Government Of The Republic Of Croatia

Country: Croatia **Amount:** 54605

Main type of activities: Mutual learning, exchange good practice, cooperation

Summary:

Objectives

To upgrade involvement of all relevant stakeholders in NRIS implementation

To strengthen and deepen local and regional stakeholder accountability, including Roma and their ownership of the results and commitment to the outcomes of the process of Roma integration

To raise awareness on gaps and challenges of local/regional/national NRIS implementation and to address them

To empower Roma youth and women for active participation in NRIS implementation and to upgrade cooperation between Roma and non-Roma youth and women

To establish national stakeholder network in NRIS implementation and to agree upon operating mechanisms for stakeholders' role in NRIS monitoring

Activities

One day Kick off Meeting in Zagreb – 100 participants, aiming to present the project as well as to explain national approach toward Roma integration, achievements and future challenges in NRIS implementation.

Four 2 day Regional Discussions – 120 participants, aiming to discuss gaps in current implementation measures in the areas of education, employment, health and housing, needs and the challenges in addressing them on the local/regional level as well as challenges of upgraded involvement of local/regional stakeholders in addressing those issues.

Two 2 day Focus Group Discussions – 50 participants (Roma youth and women) aiming to discuss the issues and challenges of NRIS implementation in the areas of education, employment, health and housing. Needs of Roma youth and women for upgraded inclusion in NRIS implementation will be discussed, defined and noted in documents (Roma Youth Needs and Roma Women Needs).

Two 1 day Youth and Women Working Meetings – 60 participants (Roma and non-Roma youth and women). Meetings will focus on examination of relationships between Roma and non-Roma youth and women and recognition of realistic mutual activities that could be implemented by group members.

One day National Working Meeting in Zagreb – 100 participants, aiming to present work done through regional and focus group discussions and working meetings and discuss recommendations for policy implementation. Future operating mechanism of the National Stakeholder Network and their role in monitoring of the NRIS will be discussed and agreed.

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

Roma population (tot. 210 participants), Roma youth and women (90 participants)

National, regional, local authorities; private entrepreneurs; professional associations; academia; equality bodies; international organizations (210 participants).

Expected results

1. Upgraded involvement of all relevant stakeholders in NRIS implementation insured.

2. Strengthened and deepened local and regional stakeholder accountability, including Roma and their ownership of the results and commitment to the outcomes of the process of Roma integration.

3. Awareness on gaps and challenges of local/regional/national NRIS implementation raised and addressed.

4. Empowered Roma youth and women for active participation in NRIS implementation and upgraded cooperation between Roma and nonRoma youth and women.

5. National stakeholder network in NRIS implementation established and mechanisms for its future operating in NRIS monitoring process agreed.

Type and number of outputs to be produced

1. One day Kickoff Meeting in Zagreb 100 participants

2. Four 2 day Regional Discussions 120 participants

3. Two 2day Focus Group Discussions 50 Roma youth and Roma women participants

4. Two 1 day Youth and Women Working Meetings 60 Roma and nonRoma youth participants

5. One day National Working Meeting in Zagreb 100 participants

6. National Stakeholder Network – Document

7. Roma Youth Needs – Document

8. Roma Women Needs – Document

9. Youth Network

10. Women Network

11. Publication “Collection of good practice with recommendations for policy implementation” published in Croatian (500 copies) and English (250 copies) and disseminated