



SUPPORT TO ROMA COMMUNITY

SUMMARY



NUMBER OF PROJECTS

10



TOTAL CONTRIBUTION (EUR)

500,000



NUMBER OF MUNICIPALITIES

34

TYPES OF PROJECTS

SOCIAL INCLUSION

10 projects



KEY RESULTS

- 100 Roma preschool and school children included in the educational system
- 20 Roma families supported in reintegration
- 22 Roma settlements received fire extinguishers
- 15 Roma children involved in innovative music programme
- 1 Citizen Advisory Service project provides legal advice to vulnerable and marginalised groups
- 1 Project for improvement of social inclusion through employment of vulnerable and marginalised groups

OVERVIEW



Social inclusion of marginalised and vulnerable groups, especially the Roma, still remains one of the cross-cutting but also concrete issues of European PROGRES. The Programme supports the improvement of the position of Roma community through a series of interventions including employment and enhancement of education through support to small partnership projects between civil society organisations and local self-governments as well as the capacity building of Roma communities through awarding grants.

Through a public call, the Programme will enable empowerment and strengthening of Roma civil society organisations' capacities to implement measures identified in the Roma Inclusion Strategy related to education, health protection and social security. The total amount allocated for the implementation of this activity is up to EUR 150,000. It is expected that 15 projects intended for Roma civil society organisations will be supported and implemented with the involvement of the Roma community.

The total value of projects that will improve the position of the Roma in the local communities will exceed EUR 500,000.

SUPPORT TO ROMA COMMUNITY/ SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS

100

Roma children included in the educational system



The project implemented on the territory of Vladičin Han municipality, with financial support from the European Union and the Swiss Government, contributed to better integration of Roma children in the educational system. Organising additional classes, creative workshops and educational field trips for over 65 Roma preschool and school children aimed at creating a positive impact on the three key factors of educational inclusion: education, motivation and integration. Having in mind the importance of the support system embodied in the family, the project continuously worked on raising parents' awareness of the significance of education for the overall development and progress of children. Throughout 12 months of project worth EUR 17,198 the number of Roma children enrolled in schools has increased considerably and the number of drop-outs has decreased.

"ROMA INTEGRATION CENTRE" PROJECT

"Through additional classes the children developed competitive spirit, so you can hear them say -Why should someone be better than me, when I can be that person! - Then they compete in order to prove themselves, to draw better, to be the first to complete an exercise!"
teacher Tanja, Vladičin Han



Organisation YUROM Centre from Niš started a pilot project "Beware - Arak Tut" in December 2015 in 22 Roma settlements in ten southern municipalities within the European PROGRES programme. By combining several approaches - advocacy with the competent bodies, education of local population through educational material, but also by installing 44 fire extinguishers - the project successfully connected the key stakeholders of fire safety in the Roma settlements.

The project worth EUR 21,450 was financially supported by the European Union and the Swiss Government through European PROGRES.

"TAKE CARE - ARAK TUT" PROJECT

"Roma settlements can be quite inaccessible so the fire extinguishers within the settlement certainly mean a lot to us. In case of minor fires they can be easily transported from one house to another thus preventing greater damage."
Dejan Bajramović, Vranje



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Roma settlements received fire extinguishers

