

The project *Support to the implementation of the Roma Strategy* started on 17 January 2011 with an overall duration of 18 months – until 16 July 2012.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT:

To strengthen the institutional capacity of the responsible structures for implementing the National Strategy for Roma and the Decade for Roma inclusion 2005-2015, in view to contribute to improvement of the situation with the Roma in the country.

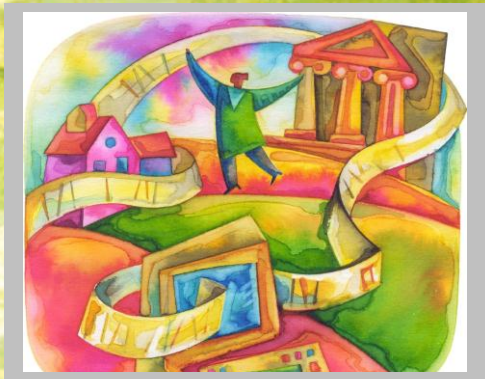
SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE PROJECT:

This project aims to help the co-ordination structures/institutions to improve their knowledge and working methods through:

- ❖ Provision of capacity building and organisational development to the Beneficiary institutions (at national and local level), including human resources development and strengthening the managerial systems to ensure effective implementation of the Roma Strategy and Decade for Roma Inclusion;
- ❖ Support to the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the local action plans and the prioritised actions (including resource mobilisation actions).

BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:

- ❖ Ministry of Labour and Social Policy – the Unit for Implementing Strategy and Decade for Roma (UISDR);
- ❖ Cabinet of the Minister without Portfolio (MwP) as National Co-ordinator for the Strategy and Decade for Roma;
- ❖ National Co-ordination Body (NCB) for implementation of the Roma strategy;
- ❖ staff of Roma Information Centres (RIC) throughout the country;
- ❖ civil servants in the selected municipalities (focal points) involved in the implementation of local action plans;
- ❖ local Roma NGOs.



The project activities are divided into two components:

COMPONENT 1: STRENGTHENING THE OPERATIONAL COORDINATION STRUCTURES AT BOTH NATIONAL AND MUNICIPAL LEVELS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGY FOR ROMA

This component includes delivery of comprehensive training program for improving the knowledge of the beneficiary staff, improving the current status and policies of implementation of the Roma Strategy and creating and implementing a communication strategy for dissemination of information and awareness raising.

Specific activities of Component 1:

- ❖ Preparation and implementation of a Training Plan addressed to the staff of the UISDR, the MwP Cabinet, and the NCB;
- ❖ Provision of support for upgrading of documents and procedures of the UISDR, the MwP Cabinet, and the NCB;
- ❖ Facilitation of the organization of a study tour in an EU member state for the staff of the UISDR and the MwP Cabinet;
- ❖ Provision of support to the MwP in designing specific policies, improving co-operation with line Ministries, strengthening dialogue with civil society and promoting the Roma Strategy priorities as part of national and sectoral policies;

- ❖ Assessment of the status of implementation of the Roma Strategy and Action Plans with a focus on assessing the current operational co-ordination and implementation mechanism.



Key activities for awareness raising as part of Component 1:

- ❖ Design of a communication strategy.
- ❖ Issuance and dissemination of the project website, booklets, posters and press releases;
- ❖ Provision of support to the Minister without Portfolio and the UISDR to design the management operations, the information support and the working plan for preparation and running of the Presidency of Roma Decade.
- ❖ Provision of technical support for the organisation of the National Conference at the launch of Roma Decade Presidency.

COMPONENT 2: SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTION PLANS WITH THE FOCUS OF LOCAL ACTION PLANS

This component includes training for improving the knowledge of the staff of municipal administrations, RICs and NGOs at local level, support for improving the work process through preparation of manuals with standardized procedures, drafting performance indicators and job descriptions for the RICs. Also planned is support to the revision or development of the local action plans (LAPs) for the implementation of the Roma Strategy at local level.

Specific activities of Component 2:

- ❖ Developing human resources at local level for the effective implementation of the Roma Strategy through: provision of training courses for participants from the selected municipalities and assessment of the capacity of RICs.
- ❖ Support for the implementation of the Roma Action Plans through: assessment of the status of the progress of drafting and implementing LAPs, revision of existing action plans or drafting new ones, and publication and dissemination of a catalogue with the best identified practices.



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- ECIP Foundation (Bulgaria), and
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- Pool of short term experts
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