ROMACT PROGRAMME

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AIM OF THE ROMACT PROGRAMME

Building the capacity of Local Authorities to develop and implement

policies, strategies and services

that are inclusive of all

Implemented by the European Commission and the Council of Europe since 2013

Why ROMACT?

local level = missing link in countries with large Roma minorities

❌ lack of commitment

❌ poor governance

❌ lack of administrative capacity

to design, finance and implement measures for including Roma

ROMACT PRINCIPLES

- ❑ **Integrated approach**
- ❑ **Involve Roma**
- ❑ **Target excluded Roma**
- ❑ **Address specific local needs**
- ❑ **Address barriers to provision & use of services**
- ❑ **Anticipate end of EU funding**

1st principle: integrated approach

- – education, employment, healthcare, housing & social services
- – interrelated issues, causes & solutions
- – issues in wider context
- – responsibility of local authorities
- – avoid shopping list of activities without strategy

2ⁿᵈ principle: involve Roma

- Roma know what they need, why, what are the barriers, what can be done, what is affordable & sustainable

- Roma participation ➜ community ownership ➜ sustainability
  - but also participation of non-Roma
    - ➜support
    - ➜avoid stigmatization of Roma
    - ➜cooperation

3rd principle: target excluded Roma

- excluded & disadvantaged Roma, not just Roma
  - to avoid negative perceptions
    - "*Roma receive more than their share*"

4th principle: address specific local needs

- adapt strategy to municipality
  - same need in 2 different municipalities
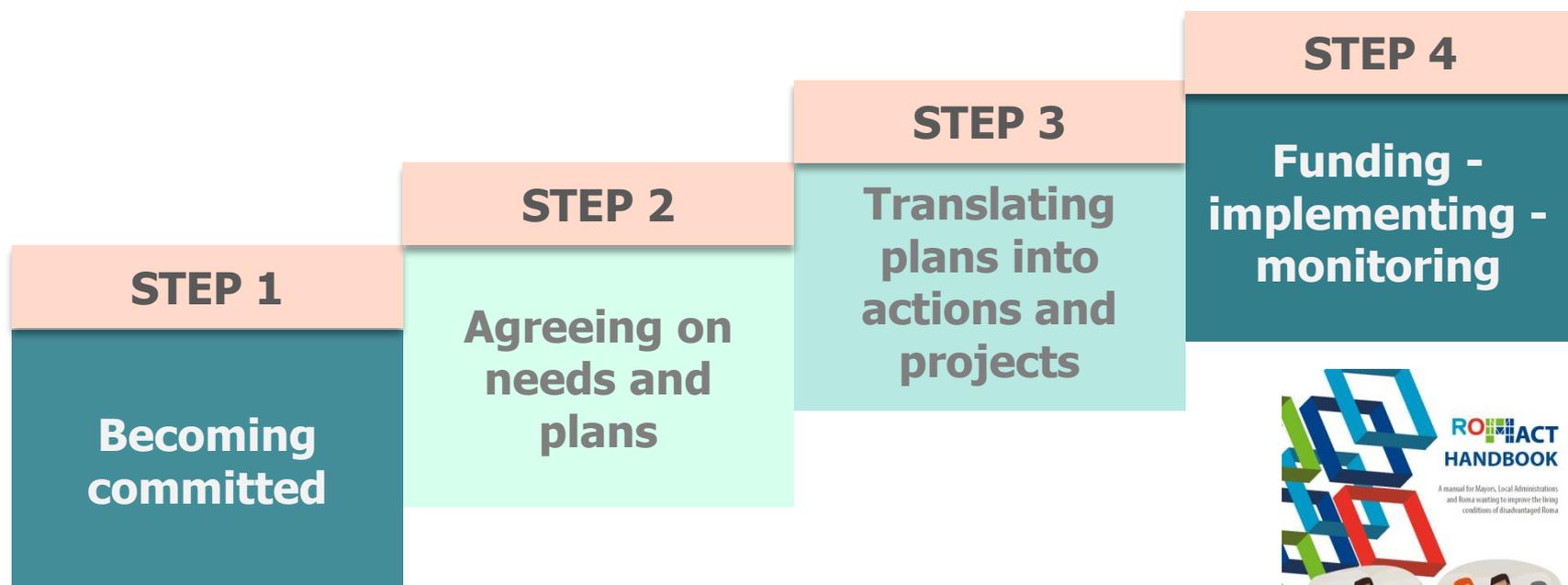   - different causes
    - different solutions

5th principle: address barriers to provision & use of services

- *"if you build it, people will come"*

- awareness

- affordability

- negative experience

6th principle: anticipate end of EU funding

- plan transition to local/national funding

4 METHODOLOGICAL STEPS
(17 ACTs)

STEP 1

Becoming committed

STEP 2

Agreeing on needs and plans

STEP 3

Translating plans into actions and projects

STEP 4

Funding - implementing - monitoring

Handbook available at:
http://coe-romact.org/resources

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1. BECOMING COMMITTED

ACT 1	**Understanding the need to tackle marginalisation**
ACT 2	**Appointing the Coordinator (LA)**
ACT 3	**Contracting the Facilitator (CoE)**
ACT 4	**Mapping stakeholders**
ACT 5	**Setting up Municipal Taskforce for Roma Inclusion**
ACT 6	**Supporting the setup of the Community Action Group (CAG)**

2. Agreeing on needs and plans

ACT 7	**Deciding on where to intervene**
ACT 8	**Assessing the capacities of the municipality**
ACT 9	**Carrying out the Community Needs Assessment**
ACT 10	**Drafting the Community Priorities List**

3. Translating plans into actions and projects

ACT 11	**Developing and adopting the Joint Action Plan for Roma inclusion**
ACT 12	**Implementing short and medium term actions**
ACT 13	**Integrating Roma issues in the Local Development Plan / Strategy**
ACT 14	**Preparing concrete actions**

4. Funding, implementing and monitoring the process

ACT 15	**Funding actions**
ACT 16	**Implementing actions**
ACT 17	**Monitoring and evaluating the implementation of actions with the CAG**

STEP 1: becoming committed

- ACT 1 Understand need to tackle marginalisation

- ACT 2 Appoint Coordinator

- ACT 3 Contract Facilitator

- ACT 4 Map stakeholders

- ACT 5 Set up Municipal Taskforce for Roma Inclusion

- ACT 6 Supporting setup of Community Action Group (CAG)

ACT 1 Understand need to tackle marginalisation

- need commitment of Mayor & Local Council
- arguments
  - marginalisation ➜ criminality, breakdown of social cohesion for all
  - inclusion ➜ better overall public services, increase in real estate value, new residents, investors, from welfare to taxpayers
- formal commitment
  - written decision of Mayor / Local Council

ACT 2 Appoint Coordinator

- Coordinator
  - high level member of municipal staff
  - responsible for managing/monitoring ROMACT process
  - reports to the Mayor

ACT 3 Contract Facilitator

- Facilitator
  - not municipal staff
  - contracted & **empowered** by municipality
  - does not represent municipality or Roma
- capable of
  - mediating between all stakeholders
  - providing coaching

ACT 4 Map stakeholders

- *"who is who" & "who does what"*

- done & constantly updated by Facilitator

- ROMACT stakeholder map template

ACT 5 Set up Municipal Taskforce for Roma Inclusion

- Coordinator – helped by Facilitator - sets up Municipal Taskforce for Roma Inclusion - with approval of Mayor & Local Council
  - representatives of municipal departments & other local institutions
  - Roma representatives (CAG)
  - NGOs, CSOs, etc.
  - Coordinator
  - Facilitator

Definition - Municipal Taskforce for Roma Inclusion

- min. 1 meeting/month
- chaired by Coordinator
- secretariat by Facilitator

- training in communication/cooperation recommended

ACT 6 Support setup of Community Action Group (CAG)

- participation of Roma – through CAG - is key

STEP 2: agreeing on needs & plans

- ACT 7 Decide on where to intervene
- ACT 8 Assess capacities of municipality
- ACT 9 Carry out Community Needs Assessment
- ACT 10 Draft Community Priorities List

ACT 7 Decide on where to intervene

- Municipal Taskforce to select which neighbourhoods to target
  - demographic information (total population, population at risk of poverty, estimated Roma population)
  - poorest areas (geographical name, streets or bordering streets, etc.)
- ROMACT Baseline Survey template
- Mayor (& local Council) formally decide

ACT 8 Assess capacities of municipality

- Coordinator assesses – using inputs from Municipal Taskforce – municipal technical, financial & human capacities

- ROMACT Municipality Capacity Assessment template

ACT 9 Carry out Community Needs Assessment

- CAG – with help of Facilitator – assesses Needs of Community
  - needs + barriers!
    - root causes of poor outcomes
  - ➔ demands & proposals to municipality
  - demands & expectations of whole roma community
  - Facilitator "facilitates"
- ROMACT Community Needs Assessment template

ACT 10 Draft Community Priorities List

- CAG – with help of Facilitator – drafts Community Priorities List
  - list of concrete actions requested by community
  - ✓ if needed, training by Facilitator: how to translate needs & barriers into priorities
- stage 1: prioritize needs & actions
- stage 2: review options & trade-offs
- stage 3: drafts Community Priorities List
  - what should be done, by whom, by when & how

STEP 3: translating community priorities list into concrete measures & projects

- ACT 11 Develop & adopt Joint Action Plan for Roma inclusion

- ACT 12 Implement short & medium term actions

- ACT 13 Integrate Roma issues in Local Development Plan / Strategy

- ACT 14 Prepare concrete actions

ACT 11 Develop & adopt Joint Action Plan for Roma inclusion

- drafted by Municipal Taskforce
  - ←Community Priorities List
  - ←Municipality Capacity Assessment
- NB: or adapt existing Action Plan
- short term actions by Roma or municipality
- short/medium term actions using local budget
- longer term actions in Local Development Plan with national/EU funding

- to be approved by Mayor / Local Council

ACT 12 Implement short & medium term actions

- own resources

- implemented by Roma community or municipality

- important for showing ROMACT contribution

- Facilitator helps Roma community take ownership of its actions

ACT 13 Integrate Roma issues in Local Development Plan/Strategy

- Roma Taskforce integrates
  - Joint Action Plan/upgraded Action Plan for Roma Inclusion
    - ➔ Local Development Strategy / Development Plan
- rather "*Local Development Strategy*" than segregated in separate "*Roma strategy*"

ACT 14 Prepare concrete actions

- municipality implements Local Development Plan
  - including content from Joint Action Plan
- issues
  - affordability
  - opportunity
  - safety, dignity & reputation
- need to consult CAG
- Facilitator moderates meetings between administration & CAG

STEP 4: funding, implementing & monitoring

- ACT 15 Fund actions

- ACT 16 Implement actions

- ACT 17 Monitor & evaluate implementation of actions with CAG

ACT 15 fund actions

- if possible use local resources

- using national or EU funding may be necessary but often challenging

- Facilitator
  - informs about funding opportunities
  - identifies experts in EU funding

- Facilitator informs the CAG

ACT 16 Implement actions

- municipality often responsible for implementing actions
- but it needs:
  - to inform the CAG
  - to involve the whole Roma community

ACT 17 Monitor & evaluate implementation of actions with CAG

- for each action
  - what will be monitored & how
  - who will be in charge of collecting information
  - who will be informed
- with the CAG
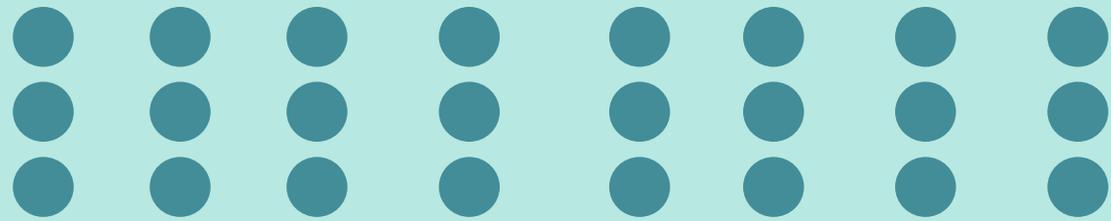
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Sighisoara	Caransebes	Lugoj	Sacele	Ludus	Targu Frumos

LT - Local Teams
11 Facilitators
24 Task Force
- Representatives of LA
- CAGs
- Local stakeholders

Roma Communities
represented through Community Action Groups (CAGs)

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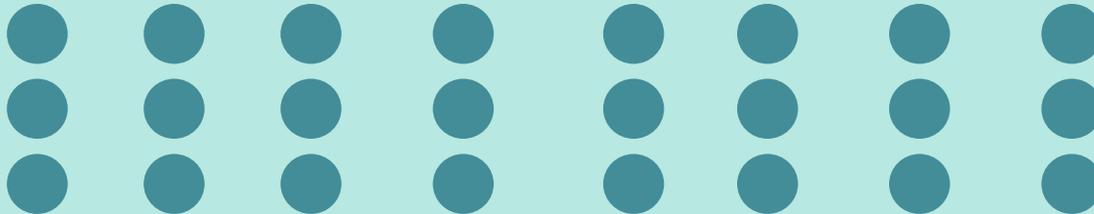
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Project development – NW team

Municipality Name	Project Name	Programme (OP, ESF…)	Partners	Budget	if known, approved (yes/no)
Caransebes	One chance for the marginalised comunities from Caransebes Municipality	EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND, Human Capital Operational Program 2014-2020, Axis 4.1 - Social inclusion and combating poverty in Roma marginalized communities	1. Caritas; 2. OSPD Caransebes; 3. Liceul Traian Doda din Caransebes 4. Liceul Dacia din Caransebes	5,500,000.00 €	Yes
Ludus / Sacele	"EduSmart"	EUROPEA SOCIAL FUND, Human Capital Operational Program 2014-2020, Axis 6.1 – School for all	1. CRCR ;2. Ludus Municipality; 3. Sacele Municipality	1,700,000.00 €	Yes
Lugoj	PRESENT - the future is from the school	EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND, Human Capital Operational Program, 'POCU - Priority Axis 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.6 , Education	1.Lugoj Municipality 2.Red Cross Society Timisoara	595,802.00 €	under evaluation
Resita	Supporting community development, urban regeneration and social inclusion in Resita	EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND, Human Capital Operational Program, 'POCU - Priority Axis 5.1. CLLD - LEVEL 1 - DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL STRATEGY	1. Asociatia de binefacere Pro vitam 2. European Steps SRL	48,544.00 €	Yes
Resita	Network of cities which use CLLD principles and cultural activities to promote inclusion of the Roma in Europe	Europe citizen programme measure 2.2 Thematic Network of towns	1. Resita Municipality; 2. Nevo Parudimos Association; 3. Integro Bulgaria; 4. city of Isperih, Egyuthatto Egyesulet with the city of Gyongyos Hungary and Strana Ideea with the city of Torino from Italy	150,000.00 €	Yes
Sighisoara	Maintream Sighisoara- european investment for social inclusion	EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND, Human Capital Operational Program 2014-2020, Axis 4.1 - Social inclusion and combating poverty in Roma marginalized communities	1. C RCR; 2. Sighisoara Municipality, Mures County ; 3. Veritas Foundation, Sighisoara, Mures; 4. Gimnazium School Sighisoara, Mures	2,839,598.00 €	Yes
Sighisoara	Formal and non-formal education for durable development in Centre of area of Romania	EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND, Human Capital Operational Program, 'POCU - Priority Axis 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.6 Education	1. Roma Education Fund Romania; 2. Tehnologic High School from Band 3. Gimnazial School from Deaj; 4. Gimnazial School from Ceuas; 5. Gimnazial School from Haranglab; 6. Gimnazial School Aurel Mosora Sighisoara; 7. No. 4 Gimnazial School from Reghin; 8. Gimnazia School Miron Neagu from Sighisoara; 9. Gimnazial School Zaharia Boiu from Sighisoara	2,100,000.00 €	under evaluation
Tarnaveni	Now for Future - social partnership for durable development in Tarnaveni	EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND, Human Capital Operational Program 2014-2020, Axis 4.1 - Social inclusion and combating poverty in Roma marginalized communities	1. CRCR; 2. Tarnaveni Municipality, Mures County; 3. Buckner Foundation, Tarnaveni, Mures; 4. Gimnazium School no 3 Tarnaveni, Mures	3,121,066.00 €	yes
Tarnaveni	Inclusive education, education for all in the Centre Region of Romania	EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND, Human Capital Operational Program 'POCU - Priority Axis 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.6, Education	1. Roma Eucation Fund Romania; 2. Tehnologic High School Dumbravioara 3. Gimnazial School Ernei; 4. Gimnazial School Teleki Domokos Gornesti 5. Gimnazial School Peris; 6. Gimnazial School Petrilaca de Mures 7. Gimnazial School Sfantul Gheorghe, Sangeorgiu de Mures 8. Gimnazial School Iernut; 9. Gimnazial School Voievodeni	2,100,000.00 €	under evaluation
Turda	CEPS Turda - quality, equality, frienship in schools from Turda	EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND, Human Capital Operational Program 'POCU - Priority Axis 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.6, Education	1. CRCR; 2. Gimnazium School Avram Iancu Turda, Cluj	1,395,275.00 €	under evaluation
Turda	Turda inclusiv town - local partnership for social welfare from marginalized communities from Turda	EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND, Human Capital Operational Program 'POCU - Priority Axis 5.1. , CLLD - LEVEL 1 - DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL STRATEGY	1.PROIS NV, Cluj 2. IDEL INOVATIONS SRL, Cluj	49,856.00 €	Yes
Vulcan	Now for Future of Vulcan- local partnership for social inclusion	EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND, Human Capital Operational Program 'POCU - Priority Axis 5.1. , CLLD - LEVEL 1 - DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL STRATEGY	1.Intercultural Institute Timisoara 2. INTERLOG SRL	49,438.00 €	yes
Vulcan	Come to school - a chance for future	EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND, Human Capital Operational Program, 'POCU - Priority Axis 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.6 Education	1.Vulcan Municipality, Hunedoara 2. Didactic School Department, Hunedoara	2,022,539.00 €	under evaluation
Harlau	FOR ROM - We Form Resource People through Reorientation, Occupation, and Motivation	EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND, Human Capital Operational Program 2014-2020, Axis 4.1 - Social inclusion and combating poverty in Roma marginalized communities	1. Caritas Center Iasi 2. Munipality of Harlau 3. Pircovaci Gimnazial School	3,152,796.21	under evaluation
Cugir	Inclusion - European investment for social development in Cugir	EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND, Human Capital Operational Program 2014-2020, Axis 4.1 - Social inclusion and combating poverty in Roma marginalized communities	1. Cugir Municipality; 2. Milenium Foundation 3. Provocatie Foundation ; 3. Singidava and Iosiv Pervain Gimnazial Scools	3,209,745.58	under evaluation
Gherla	"NOW for Gherla - Social Inclusion for Sustainable Development	EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND, Human Capital Operational Program, 'POCU - Priority Axis 5.1. CLLD - LEVEL 1 - DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL STRATEGY	1.Gherla Municipality; 2. Oastea Domnului Association 3. BUSINES ENTERPRISE SOLUTION T G S.R.L.	35,000.00 €	yes

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