

The project



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The PAIRS project aims at collecting those good examples of sectoral and local policies that have served effective inclusion of Roma communities in eight countries, and provides a platform for international exchange of knowledge and expertise in order to facilitate the inclusion of the Roma minorities throughout the region. The treatment of Roma both in the European Union and beyond its current borders has become benchmark of human rights, and actions targeted to the inclusion of these groups. Such inclusion contributes to development because the integration of Roma can release underexploited human-social energies. PAIRS tackles a three-fold challenge goal: first, based on in-depth analysis, it gathers the successful but fragmented actions and methods for integration; second, it transfers this knowledge to the national and local level decision makers which do not reach the critical mass in order to influence national and local level policies and programming and which is not appropriately disseminated/transferred; and third, it fosters cooperation with the civil society and other stakeholders in policy design and planning in eight countries. PAIRS partners approach these goals in a comprehensive and transnational manner, and facilitate the up-scaling of working tools in the field by capitalizing on the partners' experiences and know-how by: Elaborating methodologies of existing good practices and programmes in the SEE context which are effective in reaching the target group and ensure long term integration of the Roma;

Facilitating the streamlining of lessons learned from these initiatives to the European and national level programming for a better design of Roma integration mechanisms.

Project Main results

Existing good practices/ methods of integration are identified, analyzed and disseminated in eight countries. Elements of good practices are transferred to local and national level through action plans, thus, they contribute to a future scale-up of these solutions in all partner countries. • Key stakeholders of Roma integration are engaged in policy dialogue and mutual learning, as a first step towards enhanced policies and evidence-based programmes in eight countries. A common methodology for selected fields of Roma integration is elaborated. EU and national level policy recommendations are formulated on the desirable orientation of funding programmes of 2014-2020 period.

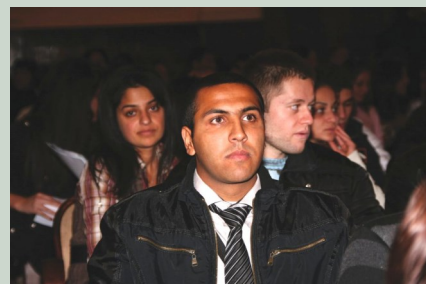
The PAIRS network sustains the interactive knowledge exchange and dialogue amongst practitioners even after the project life span.

Center Amalipe participated in the kick-off meeting of the project



The PAIRS Project Kick-off meeting took place on the 15th and 16 of November 2012 at Budapest, Hungary. All partners were presented at the event. Chairman of the event was Mr. László Moravcsik, project manager on behalf of the Lead Partner of PAIRS Project.

During the two-day event all the partners had the opportunity to present themselves and to discuss the aims of the PAIRS project, expected results and achievements. Also the overall project Budget including activities, Work packages and Budget lines was presented in detail. Participants were informed that in case any need of budget modification arises, partners have to inform the LP immediately. Before the modification comes into force, LP's written acceptance is needed. At the event an interactive WORKSHOP was organised in order to process financial project documents and to reach a common understanding on reporting tasks.



The partners

The PAIRS partnership involves 18 partners from 8 SEE countries where the exclusion of Roma population represents a high policy priority—Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Ukraine

PAIRS presents a unique mix of stakeholders - local authorities, civil society organisations, national level policy makers, development agencies - who can effectively make the first step towards widely utilised, successful integration methods and enhanced, targeted, complex and effective programmes.

BULGARIA

Foundation Open Society Institute - Sofia - non-governmental organization, working actively for the extension and guaranteeing of the inviolability of civil freedoms and the respect of fundamental human right.

AMALIPE Center - leading Roma organization that works for equal opportunities and integration of Roma in the Bulgarian society. Amalipe plays central role in organizing Roma civic movement and advocating for Roma integration.

NCCEII - coordination and consultation integration policy planned and realized by the government

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