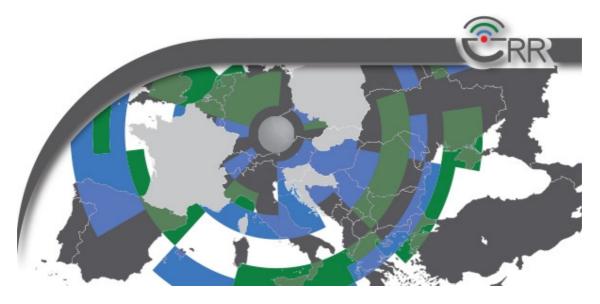Subscribe   Share ▼   Past Issues   Tra

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E-Roma Resource project Newsletter, july 2014

Dear sir/madam,

We are sending you the first newsletter of the e-RR project, this newsletter will inform you about all the activities developped in this project dedicated to exchange tools and practices to support Roma communities in several european countries.

Presentation of the project

In the beginning of this year new European project e-Roma Resource was launched. e-Roma Resource is the name of the project, which aim is to promote, disseminate and exchange previous work and good practices in the field of Roma inclusion. The project outcome will be a transnational online educational and informational platform, targeted to the specific group of educators, project promoters, professionals, decisions makers and relevant stakeholders and Roma activists.

You can already have a look of this website: *http://project-err.splet.arnes.si/*

e-RR project partnership consists of 6 partners, each partner is also a WP leader:

- Razvojno izobraževalni center Novo mesto (lead partner of the project), Slovenia (http://www.ric-nm.si/si/),
- Trnavska univerzita, Slovakia (http://www.truni.sk/),
- The Union of Associations MULTIKULTURA, Poland (http://multikultura.manifo.com/),
- ADICE – Association pour le développement des initiatives, France (http://www.adice.asso.fr/),
- Ljudska univerza Kočevje, Slovenia (http://www.lu-kocevje.si/),
- Hrvatski zavod za zapošljavanje, Područni ured Karlovac, Croatia (http://www.hzz.hr/default.aspx?id=10372).

The partner consortium wants to build on the experience and already existing good practices, promote and disseminate the project results that have already been undertaken by many organizations, institutions, authorities and other stakeholders.

E-RR project is co-financed from the Lifelong Learning programme. The value of the e-Roma Resource project is € 398,639, the share of co-financing by the European Union is 75%. The duration of the program is from January 2014 until December 2015.

Kick off meeting in Slovenia

At the end of March e-RR project partners attended e-RR project kick off meeting. The main purpose of the Kick off meeting was to get to know members and organizations of the e-RR project (although some of the partner institutions already cooperated in some previous European projects) and to plan ad discuss on the main project activities. e-RR project is consisted of 6 work packages (WP), each partner is also the WP leader. One of the first project activities will be connected with the international research about State of art and needs assessment, which will be the basis for forming the structure and the content of e-RR platform.

A first Study visit in Poland

From 25th to 30th of May 2014, the members of the e-RR project team of lead partner RIC Novo mesto participated in the study visit in Krakow (as the part of the LDV - VETPRO, Sharing and Learning project). The host organization was The Union of Associations Multicultura, which is also a partner in the e-RR project.

The purpose of the study visit was to learn about best practices in the field of Roma issues, especially learning in the field of Roma inclusion. In the context of the study visit participants also have the opportunity to do discuss with the representatives of the host organization Multicultura on the implementation of the outcome of the e-RR project – the international platform, which will be devoted to the presentation of good practices, policies, materials, projects ... in the field of Roma inclusion.

Multikultura's involvment in the project

The Multikultura staff contacted a large number of the local representatives of the Roma minorities. Including Elżbieta Mirga-Wójtowicz - Plenipotentiary of Malopolska Voivode for National and Ethnic Minorities.
Roman Kwiatkowski – The Chairman of the Roma People Association in Poland
The Multikultura staff visited each of the institutions discussing the future cooperation in the e-RR Project. MULTIKULTURA have already made a steps toward assessing the legal rights of the newest publications on Roma in Poland in order to include them in the project website.

A first Radio promotion of e-RR project in Slovenia

People's University of Kočevje (Slovenia) has attended a special radio show at local radio in the middle of May 2014. Initially it has been explained that the European Roma live in different conditions, so it is crucial that transnational communication and collaboration are developed taking into account their specific socio-economic conditions and cultural differences. Social exclusion and discrimination have significant impact on Roma's access to employment opportunities, education and public services. In order to promote the e-RR project, the essential details of the project were presented: the purpose and objectives of the project, the target group and the main result – e-RR platform that will act as an educational and informational tool as well as a mean to promote the use of different materials.

Croatian Employment Service Regional Office Karlovac and the e-RR project

Croatian Employment Service Regional Office Karlovac is one of 6 partners from 5 EU countries involved in the e-Roma Resource project led by Razvojno izobraževalni center Novo mesto. Purpose of the e-RR project is to promote, disseminate and exchange previous work in the field of Roma inclusion from different sources. CES RO Karlovac is the leader of Work package (WP) 6 – Quality assurance whose role is to ensure high quality of project activities, outputs and deliverables.

On June 6th 20 representatives of public institutions from Turkey visited CES RO Karlovac in order to exchange experiences with EU projects. Among projects that were presented during the meeting E -Roma Resource project was one that was presented and discussed within the group. Also we had a visit from Local Partnership for Employment Virovitica and e-RR project was presented as multinational project partnership of CES RO Karlovac with all activities and goals of the project.

CES RO Karlovac also published an article about the e-RR project on national CES web page, describing e-Roma Resource project, project activities and our involvement in the e-RR project activities. Despite the restriction of new jobs in Croatia, Central Employment Office in Zagreb recognized the e-RR as an important contribution to the field of Roma and approved new employment needs of the project. Thanks to eRR project two new workers will be employed and we expect to have new reinforced project team from August this year.

State of the art and Needs assessment as a basis for the development of the online platform

From the beginning of the project we have attended the 2-day kick-off meeting at RIC Novo mesto, within which we have pursued a common level of information about and understanding of the project. After that our team of TRUNI as a leading partner of WP 2 - Research of current state of the art and need assessment during project meetings concentrated their attention to develop methodology guide, through which will be carried out research. Findings of research will be used for developing the on-line platform. At the same time, tool for the needs assessement of the target groups was created in the form of semi - structured questionnaire. After discussions with all project partners consistent methodology was approved, thereby we are ready to begin implementing research aimed at assessing needs in order to promote the development of an online platform with the greatest possible benefit to the needs of the target groups. To increase the publicity of project was created website of project (http://vz.truni.sk/index.php?id=158) and facebook page which will be continuously updated with latest information and activities of the project. At the present we are trying to gain the support of stakeholders, organizations and professionals in the field of Roma issues,targeted to help create the content of on-line platform.

Focus on the dissemination:

Within this project, the dissemination will be very important such as each designed work packages. ADICE will be in charge of the dissemination. It will ensure the good visibility of the project thanks to a good communication and diffusion to many partners, institutions, public and private organizations interested by Roma support.
To ensure the good dissemination of the project, several tools will be used:

- Dissemination plan (to clarify the basis of the dissemination process)
- Newsletters (to disseminate the news all along the project to all partners)
- Articles (press releases, website articles, radio and other medias)
- Social Networks
- Interim and final reports (to disseminate information about the project to European Institutions)
- Conferences, forums, seminars…

Thanks to all these dissemination tools, we hope to reach the most people and organizations possible which are interested by this subject of Roma Community support and which can take part of it. That will be a great opportunity to share the tools, practices and experiences with others.

And you can already follow all the information about the e-RR project on our new website: http://project-err.splet.arnes.si/

This website will be used as european platform to exchange tools, practices and experiences on Roma Communities Support within the different european countries.

So, do not hesitate to contact us if you have any Roma Communities' projects or materials to share on the platform !

And if you want to share some news in our next eNewsletter, you're very welcomed to send them to us !!!

Project Partners

- RIC Novo mesto/Development and Education Centre Novo mesto - SLOVENIA
- Ljudska univerza Kočevje/Peoplee University of Kočevje - SLOVENIA
- Hrvatski zavod za zapošljavanje Područni ured Karlovac/The Croatian Employment Service, CES Regional Office Karlovac - CROATIA
- ADICE Association pour le Development des Initiatives Citoyennes et Europeennes - FRANCE
- Trnavska univerzita v Trnave (TRUNI) - SLOVAKIA
- The Union of Associations MULTIKULTURA - POLAND

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