



***‘Roma in Europe, Integration through Education’
”Step in” closing conference***

How to reach Roma communities? Transferability of good practices

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Sources of Inspiration

- **Anti-Discrimination Policy**

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/fundamental_rights/index_en.htm

- **Commission's Roma website**

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/fundamental_rights/roma/index_en.htm

- **Study 'Situation of Roma in an enlarged EU'**

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/fundamental_rights/roma/rpub_en.htm#stud

- **Peer Reviews:** in particular CZ 5/2005 and Spain 9/2006

'Neighbourhoods threatened by social exclusion'

http://www.peer-review-social-inclusion.net/peer/en/index_html

- **Thematic Studies: Micro-credits;**

'Disadvantaged Youth' (covering BG and RO)

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/social_inclusion/studies_en.htm



TRANSFERABILITY

- **Contextualisation of good practice**
- **Identify similarities and differences**
- **Evaluate impact of legislation and current policies**
- **Assess administrative capacity and partnership arrangements**
- **Empowerment and Capacity building**



EDUCATION

Romanian Phare Programme ' Access to Education for Disadvantaged Groups with special focus on Rroma'

- **Improve access to education (incl. pre-school education)**
- **Reduce school drop-out**
- **Second chance education**
- **Institution building**

see also study on 'Disadvantaged Youth' – Annex IV

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/social_inclusion/docs/youth_study_annex_en.pdf

See also Evaluation Report of the Bulgarian project «Roma Population Integration»



Employment

Spanish ACCEDER Programme

<http://www.gitanos.org/publicaciones/folletoacceder/FolletoAccederenglish.pdf>



Access to Healthcare

Romanian Health Mediators Project

- **Improve links between Roma community and public health services**
- **Promote child vaccination,**
- **ante- and post-natal care for mothers,**
- **contraception and family planning**



Combating Usury / Promoting Saving Schemes

Czech project to Combat Usury

- **Help for loan shark victims**

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/fundamental_rights/roma/rpub_en.htm#stud

SK-Plenipotentiary for Roma Communities

- **New Slovak saving schemes**

<http://www.vlada.gov.sk/orgovanova/> (in Slovak only)

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see also Thematic Study on Micro-credit

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/social_inclusion/studies_en.htm



Urban Neighbourhood Programmes

Czech Field social work programme in neighbourhoods threatened by social exclusion

- **National Action Plan on Social Inclusion 2004-2006**
- **implemented by a NGO that serves as intermediary between the clients and the services available**
- **intends to change attitude of municipalities**
- **improve cooperation and partnership in all fields**

http://www.peer-review-social-inclusion.net/peer/en/Review_DB/show_peer_review_single?peer_review_key=23&year=2005



A Holistic approach needed

- **Multidimensionality of social exclusion**
- **Improvements in only one social field are unlikely to sustain**
- **Gender Mainstreaming plus positive action for women and girls**
- **Anti-discrimination policy part of the responsibilities of the majority population**
- **Majority population has to be involved**



Partnership

- **Mobilise all relevant bodies/partners**
- **Cooperation of all relevant partners in programming, implementation, monitoring and evaluation**
- **Empowerment and capacity building as precondition for success**
- **Awareness raising**