



Romani Ambassadors: Project to favour the social inclusion of the Roma community

“Integration through Exchange of experience in Training of Youth Romani” - Romani Ambassadors (2017-3-CZ01-KA205-046733) is an European funded project with one year duration and main goal to **encourage the social inclusion of the Roma Community in Europe through education and employment.**

The project, financed by the Erasmus Plus program, involves ten social entities from a total of eight countries: **Kommunikujeme** from Czech Republic, leading the project, **Thirst for Life** and **OECON GROUP** from Bulgaria, **EduACT** and **Institute of Psychosocial Development** from Greece, **UET Centre** from Albania, **UC Leuven-Limburg** from Belgium, **Salam House** from Italy, **Asociatia Mergi Inainte** from Romania and **Jovesolidés** from Spain.

Over the past year the entities have met up to advance and finally create a guide a good practice, and the principal axes are precisely education and employment.



After the first coordination meeting of the project partners, held in Prague, Czech Republic, was planned and organized in July 2018 at Brasov, Romania a **Training of Romani trainers and mediators – expressing the EU ambition for development and support of the education of Romani for the period 2018-2028**, discussion topics in the field of education of Roma People in Europe. During the meeting the **18 attendees** shared their experiences and inform on how to improve and guarantee an inclusive education. And each entity presented strategies for integration of this population in their countries. In addition, were showed good practices in the field of



education and how to replicate these in the other countries and contexts. As a result of the meeting was prepared and officially announced strategy paper "[Roma Inclusion through Education](#)" proposing 7 main pillars for supporting Roma education in Europe: *Engagement and motivation of families, Optional School and Kindergarten Curricula, Creative education of Romani Children, High education support, professional development of teaching, volitional education restart and the role of Romani Ambassadors*. The strategy is translated 9 languages.

And the second training event entitled "**Training of Romani trainers and mediators Expressing the EU Ambition Employment of Roma 2018-2028**" held Prague, Czech Republic at November 2018, were invited **36 Roma mediators** to exchange views and good practices addressed at the field of employment: labour market opportunities, guidance for the creation of start-ups, youth guarantee initiatives. As a result of the meeting was created [European guide of Roma mediator for employment support and on-the-job skills education](#). The document is consisted from 16 modules and aiming to introduce the Romani trainers and practitioners to the techniques and stages of development of the mediation process and benefit from it. Individuals with a Roma background, from local Roma communities or with a good knowledge of Roma issues, are trained and hired to act as mediators between the Roma and public institutions. Finally the last meeting, took place in Naples at February 2019, where all the entities review results of the project.

The **ultimate goal** of these meetings was *to collect all these experiences and generate a guide of good practices in education that serves as a reference to promote an inclusive educational environment in which discrimination does not take place.*

