



SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROGRAM

that focuses on poverty and socially
excluded Roma communities



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Short summary

They organize career counseling and work with specific employers. In their innovative employment program, they have managed to employ dozens of clients.

Aims and objectives

**Elimination of barriers to online resources for disadvantaged groups
Involvement the groups with difficulties in accessing these services.**



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Target group

**Employers
Romas**



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Activities

1. Training. Face-to-face training, online training, promotion, and introduction to Life long learning resources.
2. Job counseling. Specially designed counseling program, which includes the introduction to online tools of government and employees.
3. Community center. Social integration may sound like a very complex term, but actually, it includes clear activities. Our colleagues here are trying to find solutions to problems related to socially excluded Roma communities in Slovakia. There are many issues and no single clear solution to them – be it poverty, long-term unemployment, low level of education, inadequate housing conditions, or strained relationships with the majority population. We work with both adults and children.



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Methodologies

Social inclusion face-to-face and online work



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Tools & Methods

- **Training materials**
- **Self-made counseling program**



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Success factors

1. Specially-made materials and methods
2. High rate of involvement in the topic and troubles of the community



Strengths and weaknesses

Strengths: well-trained professionals manage the activities, the dedication of workers and volunteers, high relevance of the topic in Slovakia.

Weaknesses: Huge social and cultural barriers, not enough financing.



Transferability

The program started in Eastern Slovakia and is now presented in Bratislava.



Sustainability

The project is sustainable and could be applied in any country or area with a Romas community.



Impacts

The initiative has an impressive impact on society in general and Roma community in particular. It builds bridges between excluded minorities and society and gives them knowledge and a chance to use their opportunity to learn and work.



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