Agency for Social Inclusion in Roma Locations

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Establishment of the Agency

Governmental Resolution; February 2008

Absence of comprehensive and long-term tools

Deepening social exclusion of the Roma ethnic group

Increase of tension between the majority and socially excluded Roma community members

Ghettoisation, segregation

Increase of pathological social phenomena
Establishment of the Agency

Pilot project 2008 – 2012

Department of The Office of the Government

Governmental Human Rights Commissioner

Supervisory Committee
Mission of the Agency

The State’s instrument for working in excluded Roma locations

Assistance for municipalities in the process of social integration

Support of other local subjects

Interdepartmental approach

Cooperation of state, local governments and NGOs
Target Groups

Primary

Municipalities
State institutions on local level
NGOs

Secondary

Socially excluded people and communities
General public
Social exclusion and ethnicity

- 80,000 socially excluded persons
- ¼ are not Roma
- total Roma population: 165,000

- ethnicity is a ground for discrimination and labeling
Structure of the Agency

Local Unit

Local consultants
½ per location

Central Unit

Expert knowledge
Fundraising
Communication with other governmental bodies
## Locations of the Agency

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Assistance for municipalities

- teaching local players to jointly look for solutions and raise funds for them
- providing and supporting services for education, employment, social housing, crime prevention and social services
- fundraising and project management
- good practices and their transfer
- drafting governmental legislation and policy improvement
- ensuring joint approach
Methods and Instruments I.

Sociological research
- quantitative and qualitative data
- needs analysis
- mapping the absorption capacity of local players

Local partnership
- formal agreement
- platform of coordination
- all relevant local players: municipality, schools, NGOs, police, probation service, labour office, social office, employers, church organizations, house owners, etc.

Local strategy
- integration concept
- short and long term goals
- development plan
- employment, housing, education, social services, public health, leisure time, prevention of social pathology, influencing public opinion

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Methods and Instruments II.

Project management
• fundraising, advisory on financial sources

Evaluation
• measuring impact on population
• cost – benefit analyses
• feedback for public administration
3 years – 3 steps: comprehensive support for municipality

Year 1
• research and analysis
• local strategy
• advisory on financial sources

Year 2
• project management
• launch of activities

Year 3
• project management
• supervisory
• evaluation
Basic Principles

- Comprehensive solution – isolated activities do not achieve goals
- Sustainable impacts – slow but lasting outputs
- System changes – an ad hoc solution is not a solution
- Shared responsibility of all local partners – not a success of a single player
- Roma involvement – not about them but with them
- The Agency is an assistant, initiator of a change - does not provide services
Thank you for your attention.

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