

**Office of the Plenipotentiary of  
the Government of Slovak  
Republic for Roma  
Communities**

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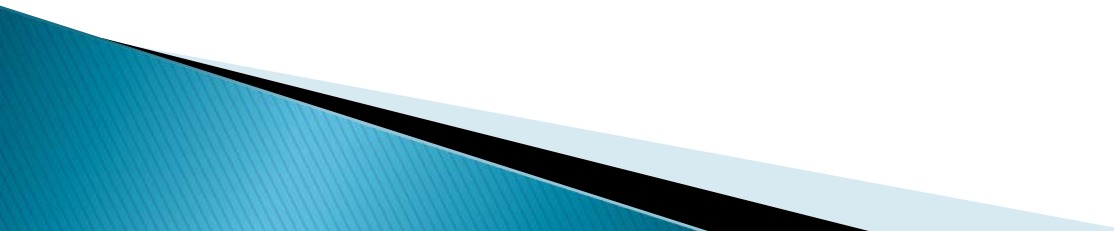
**Production of bioseeds - key to  
the development of a  
sustainable green economy**



# BASIC INFORMATION

- ▶ ORGANIZATION: Svatobor
- ▶ PRIORITY AREA: Social inequality, poverty and exclusion
- ▶ PROJECT DURATION : 18 months
- ▶ START DATE OF THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION:  
01/09/2013
- ▶ END DATE OF THE PROJEC IMPLEMENTATION:  
28/02/2015
- ▶ PROJECT - TOTAL BUDGET – 66 667 EUR
- ▶ EKOPOLIS – GRANT – 60 000 EUR
- ▶ CO-FINANCING SVATOBOR AND HERMES  
OSTERREICH – 6667 EUR

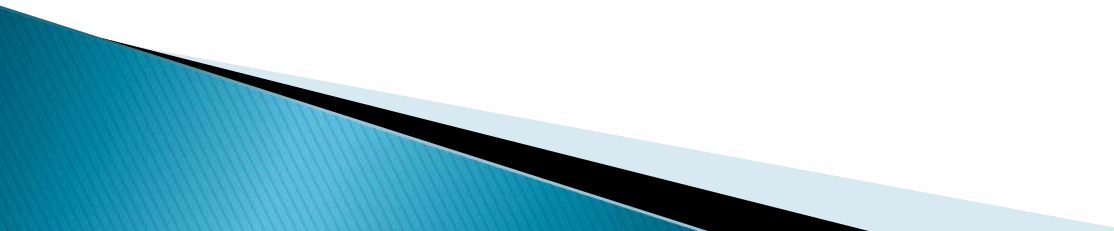
# GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS

- ▶ Malinka areal in Rudlov village and surroundings  
(microregion : Hlinné, district : Vranov nad Topľou, region: Prešov region, state : Slovak republic)
  
  - ▶ Areal - part Grodzin in Ďurd'oš village and surroundings  
(microregion : Hanušovce nad Topľou, district : Vranov nad Topľou, region : Prešov region, state : Slovak republic)
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# GOAL GROUPS

- ▶ rural, socially excluded Roma communities and medically disadvantaged at risk of poverty

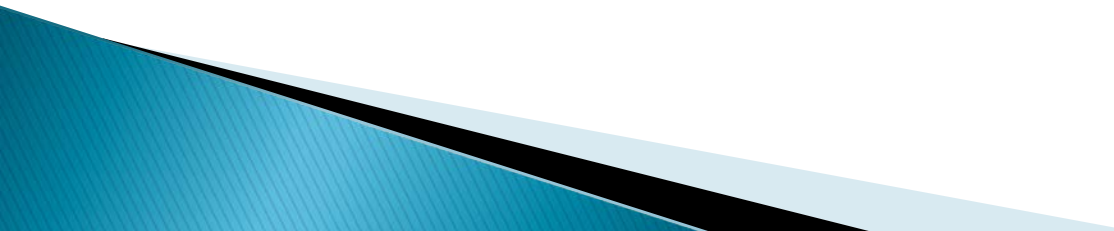
# GOAL OF THE PROJECT

- ▶ To reduce poverty, social inequalities and elimination in chosen Roma communities of Vranov nad Topľou region through the participation in the eco-farming works targeted at bioseed production
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# OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

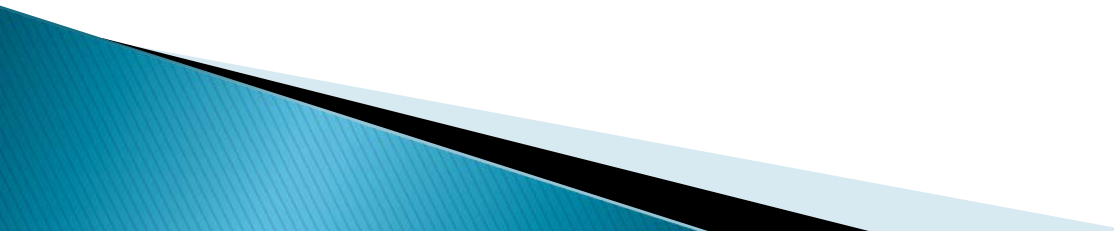
- ▶ creating opportunities for farm activities of people who suffer from hunger, malnutrition and poor health
- ▶ support the creation of jobs for long term unemployed within biowastecomposting and gardening activities
- ▶ cultivation and environmental remediation of disturbed industrial activity
- ▶ mitigation, or possibly preventing intolerance and ethnic conflict Roma, non-Roma majority
- ▶ environmental education, training, implementation and Educational-training activities and social fieldwork.

# ACTIVITIES

- ▶ production of bioseeds
  - ▶ community-supported organic gardening
  - ▶ water management measures
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# PRODUCTION OF BIOSEEDS AT ECOFARM

- ▶ a chain of activities from harvesting to its processing and drying
  - ▶ focus along side vegetables on selected medicinal and aromatic plants (marigold, thyme, mint, chamomile, chamomile, lovage, lemonbalm)
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# COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED ORGANIC GARDENING

- ▶ to promote food self-sufficiency of poor families who are concerned about hunger







# WATER MANAGEMENT MEASURES

- ▶ retention tank will be connected to the already established system of channels, allowing for the capture of surface water and rainwater for ecofarm managed lands. Collected water will be a priority to serve in periods of drought in irrigated areas







# SEASON ACTIVITIES

– production of brooms



# PLANS TO FUTURE

- build a community center for pensioners
- build a rest area  
(benches, trees, flowerbeds...)

# PARTNERS

- Office of the Plenipotentiary for Roma communities,
- French Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
- Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family in Vranov Topl'ou,
- Open Society Foundation,
- Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family,
- the UN Development Programme (UNDP ) - the GEF SGP,
- ethical banks and foundations (Hermes Austria - Salzburg, GLS Treuhand - Bochum, whether Gemeinschaftsbank BCL - Basel),
- private supporters from among the members and supporters of the association (Radoslav Makáň, Stephen and Zuzana Straková family, Zuzana Těšínská, Tibor Rybecký and others).

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**Thank you for your  
attention**

