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
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 PROJECT 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 Ďurďoš village and surroundings
  (microregion: Hanušovce nad Topľou, district: Vranov nad Topľou, region: Prešov region, state: Slovak republic)
GOAL GROUPS

- rural, socially excluded Roma communities and medically disadvantaged at risk of poverty
GOAL OF THE PROJECT

- To reduct 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
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
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, lovage, lemonbalm)
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,
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