

Final project conference



On November 30, 2022, the final conference of the project "Danube REgion for improved Access and eMpowerment of ROmA Development" (DREAM ROAD) took place in Lenti, Hungary. At the conference, partner institutions and organizations from Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria, Romania, Slovenia, Moldova, Ukraine, Serbia and Bulgaria presented experiences from working with the target group as well as the results of the entire project.

The opening speech of the conference was delivered by Imre Pácsónyi, Vice President of the Zala County Parliament, and Robert Celec, Director of the Research and Education Center Mansion Rakičan, the lead partner

of the project. The participants were also addressed by Daniel Grebeldinger from the Nevo Parudimos organization and Tamara Muhič, who was responsible for the coordination of this international project, in the implementation of which 10 countries from the Danube region were involved. Atanas Atanasov from the Bulgarian Amalipe Center for Interethnic Dialogue and Tolerance presented the methodology for implementing the pilot projects implemented within the project.

During the conference, in particular, interesting pilot events were presented, which were implemented mainly with the aim of creating educational laboratories and increasing the skills of the Roma minority in the field of computer literacy and community development. The results of the pilot actions and the used methodology for their implementation were discussed with the conference participants. In the afternoon program, the conference participants had the opportunity to directly visit one of the practical examples of the development of the Roma community in Hungary in the village of Mikekarácsonyfa.

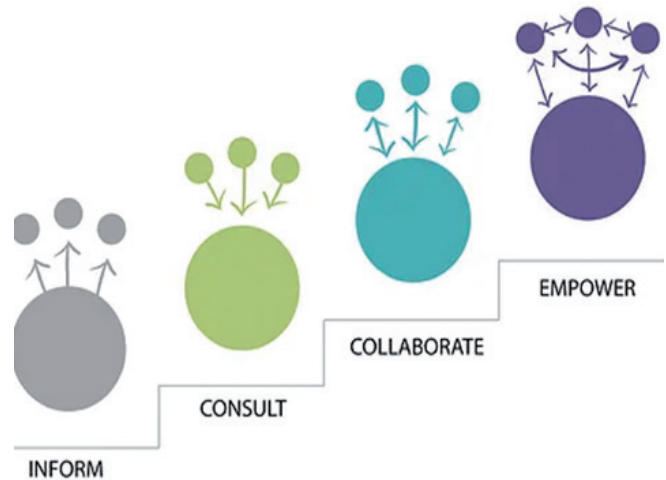


Transnational Danube Cooperation Strategy for Roma Inclusion



A joint Transnational Danube Cooperation Strategy for Roma inclusion through participatory approaches and community empowerment has been completed. The main goal of the document is shifting attention of the responsible national bodies, agencies and the governments to the possibilities of joint improvement of existing policies and creation of innovative, cooperative and future-oriented methods and approaches.

The strategy includes reasons for needed policy changes and advantages of developed approaches. The strategy joins some of the main findings of the DREAM ROAD project in relation to much needed changes in the field of Roma advancement and empowerment at the European and national levels. Policy recommendations are a key to having DREAM ROAD voices and suggestions heard.



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DREAM ROAD project brochures issued



Final DREAM ROAD brochure summarizing project achievements has been completed in cooperation of all project partners as well as LEARNING LAB brochure providing information on project's pilot activities as good practice examples with their objectives.

Both brochures will be available online and in print. The brochures addresses the Roma and relevant stakeholders with its informational and motivational content with the aim to stimulate the target users to be involved or visit project partners' available premises.



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LEARNING LAB public event in Zala county



Zala County Regional Development Agency organised an event in the framework of the Dream Road project on 25 October 2022 in Zalaegerszeg. At the event, József Bali, Managing Director, first welcomed the participants and presented the aim, structure, work packages, and results of the Dream Road project (special emphasis on the established Learning Lab).

Afterwards, Attila Kajári, Director of the Zalaegerszeg School District Centre, reported on how the school district enforces equal opportunities for both students and employees. Finally, Vendel Orsós, the child and youth protection supervisor of the Csapi Regional Elementary School, Vocational School and Dormitory, gave a presentation on the school's operation and the processes promoting Roma integration.



Second LEARNING LAB in Slovenia



The Municipality of Murska sobota has opened an information point (Learning Lab) in the Roma settlement Pušča, where numerous events, educational and counselling services take place. The members of the Roma community can get

all the necessary information in the multipurpose hall in Pušča. The Municipality of Murska Sobota, together with 15 organizations, has signed a memorandum of understanding for cooperation in the establishment of the information point in the area. These 15 organizations from the region will hold events and trainings here that are intended for the Roma community and would otherwise have to be held outside the settlement.



The acquired ICT equipment will be used both for the work and training within the information point, the organization of events and for the international involvement of the Roma, especially in the field of exchange of experience and mutual cooperation in general. In this way, the project partner also wants to strengthen the Roma, Pušča and the Municipality of Murska Sobota in the international arena. Otherwise, the equipment will also be available for the work of KS and other companies that need this type of equipment.

Mobile LEARNING LAB launch in Serbia



On September 28, 2022 Roma Inclusion Office organized an event on the occasion of the launch of the Mobile Learning Laboratory, which aims to improve the digital, informational and functional literacy of the Roma community and to present the Platform of Coordinators for Roma Issues, which is being formed within the project "Danube Region for Better Access Roma and strengthening their development - DREAM ROAD", financed within the Danube Transnational Program.

The participants of the event were presented with the concept of the Mobile Laboratory, the plan of work and activities within the Mobile

Laboratory for the improvement of digital, informational and functional literacy of the Roma community and the concept of the Platform Coordinators for Roma Issues.

A local TV's video from the event:
<https://youtu.be/z8H15fUTgKM>
<https://youtu.be/dY39PGSfszl>



Competence development training



In December 2022, Institute of Social Innovations organised a series of two training sessions in Brno for Dream Road stakeholders (representatives of public authorities, policy makers, NGOs, social enterprises, etc.). The training objective was to provide support, skills and know-how to relevant actors on approaching Roma communities, establishing dialogue and contribute to their empowerment.

During the trainings, the participants gained information about the project, its objectives and activities, then they focused on improving competences for implementing future-oriented models in facilitation of Roma inclusion and safeguarding their active participation, striving to establish a two-sided progress-oriented dialogue with the Roma minority and generate innovative solutions to challenges that have yet to emerge.

DREAM ROAD builds capacities of public bodies to better cope with Roma issues through innovation and dialogue, providing community representatives with the know-

how to achieve lasting impact. The long-term objective is to create enduring and meaningful, transparent and interactive processes stimulating mutual responsiveness of all societal actors. Transnational framework will allow for implementation of transferrable solutions, tested in locally specific environments, which will serve as guidelines in future policymaking.



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