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Roma Youth European Citizenship



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Why Roma Youth – European Citizenship?

The *Roma* community is the most numerous and an essentially European ethnic minority. Approximately 10 million European citizens are Roma and over 40% are between the ages of 14 and 30. This means that Roma youth represent the major driving force behind change and transformation of the living standards of the Roma people.

What is the aim of this initiative?

The aims pursued by the “Roma Youth – European Citizenship” initiative, sponsored by the EACEA and the European Commission’s Youth Programme and running from December 2006 to December 2008, are to inform and train Roma youth regarding issues relating to Europe and the European Union with a view to exposing young Roma to the Union’s origin, purpose, operation and makeup and fostering active exercise of European citizenship.

Who is the project’s target group?

Project activities target Roma youth from the Czech Republic, Romania, Bulgaria, Slovakia and Spain between the ages of 18 and 25 who have a keen interest in becoming involved in the active exercise of their European citizenship by increasing their knowledge of the makeup, structure and purpose of the European Union.

Where can I find more detailed information?

For further information contact:



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What activities does the project include?

“Roma Youth – European Citizenship” envisages the following activities:

- Project steering committee meetings
 - February 2007: Madrid, Spain.
 - September 2007: Sophia, Bulgaria
 - March 2008: Bucharest, Romania
 - September 2008: Madrid, Spain.
- Celebration of Europe Day on 9 May 2007 and 2008
- Training courses:
 - “Values and identity of Europe and the European Union”, June 2007
 - “Structure and Composition of Europe and the EU, October 2007
 - “Bodies comprising the European Union”, April 2008
 - “The construction of Europe, September 2008
- Compiling of a teaching guide entitled “Roma Youth - European Citizenship”
- Design and publication of a project Web page
- Creation of an Internet debate forum
- Design and production of project dissemination materials (posters and leaflets)
- Study visits
 - Strasbourg: November 2007
 - Brussels: October 2008