



Institutional cooperation

The strength
of partnership



the success of the Programme depends, to a large degree, on institutional cooperation with the public administrations given that they have the authority when it comes to active employment policies. Collaboration has been especially active at regional and local level. Co-funding agreements have been signed and monitoring committees and coordination systems established which have been instrumental in supplementing actions, making better use of resources and fostering turnover amongst beneficiaries of the different programmes.

Since the launching of the Programme, **183 agreements have been signed with government administrations** (at autonomous community, regional and local levels).

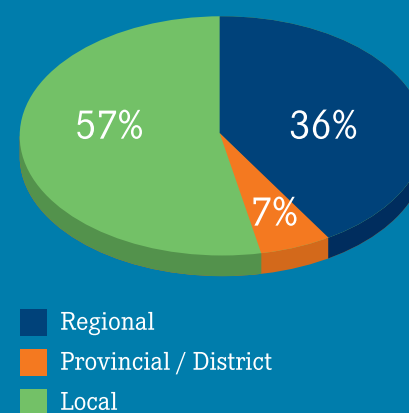
Most of these were signed at the at the beginning of the Acceder period, i.e. in the year 2000, and the number of agreements signed since then has been lower but constant. No new agreements were signed in 2002 because most of the previous ones were multi-annual or applicable to the entire period and that is why there is a slight increase in the number of agreements signed in 2006; in some cases these are renewed automatically while others envisage the signing of new ones for the following years.

The majority of these agreements (57%) are with local administrations. In most cases, the launching of an Acceder centre entails the active involvement of the location's City Council which must assess the suitability of the project and is often backed by regional funds which explains why 36% of the agreements signed are at regional level.

The different areas, councils, provincial government or departments signing the agreements are not always limited to the area of employment (accounting for approximately 35% of the agreements signed) but are also from other areas such as social services, social welfare, family, etc.

183 agreements
signed with public
administrations
and private entities

Agreements signed with the Acceder Programme by type of administration





Global assessment

One of the key issues in implementing the programme was the need to sign agreements with government administrations with competencies at different levels in the area of employment and social integration of the Roma population which has fostered the involvement of different players.

Actions have been implemented at national and local level. This is the rationale behind the establishment of the Multi-regional Anti-Discrimination Programmes which includes actions targeting those groups suffering discrimination and social exclusion. When dealing with certain issues, the national dimension favours greater cohesion and territorial balance. Moreover, partnerships with government administrations contribute significantly to the Local Development principle because they allow participation in local employment development schemes and foster adapted policies within the framework of these schemes. In other words, this fosters the incorporation of “Roma” policies into general policies.

The importance of these partnerships is not circumscribed to actual implementation. In fact, its main virtue stems from the fact that they foster social cohesion because they necessarily entail negotiation between the different agents leading to the involvement of all the players present in the territory in a common project.

Before the implementation of the Programme, in most cases no specific action was taken with the Roma population except for simple assistance consisting in the processing of aid requests or access to resources. In very few cases, some Roma entities have implemented specific programmes or agreements on an exceptional basis.





The impact of the programme as concerns government administrations is not measured exclusively by the volume of agreements signed but also by the doors this opens to other types of actions. For example, in many City Councils and Autonomous Communities, the implementation of the Acceder Programme entailed an analysis and more specific insight into the reality facing this sector of the population which, in a number of cases, resulted in the implementation of other types of programmes targeting the Roma population relating to education, housing, youth and social action as well as more integral Roma development schemes and programmes.

Thanks to the work undertaken during these last several years, for many administrations and organisations the Fundación Secretariado Gitano has become a clear model to emulate when it comes to the Roma population and has sparked active participation in networks, work panels, forums, etc. and has prompted the drafting of general and theme-based Development Schemes (on housing, education, employment, etc.) by acting as a consultant and playing an active role in the design of intervention policies.



“ Thanks to the support and motivation received, I was able to get through the interviews and find a job. Today I consider myself capable of finding a job easily ”

Lourdes Gabarri Vázquez. Waitress. Basque Country.

Lourdes Gabarri is 34 and has three children. She joined the Acceder Programme in January 2001. She found several jobs as a cook in different restaurants in 2003 and 2004. In 2006 she started looking for a new job and at the beginning of 2007 began working as a waitress in Erdi.



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National co-funders:

Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs,
Secretariat of State for Social Affairs,
Directorate-General for social inclusion

Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs,
Secretariat of State for Immigration and Emigration,
Directorate-General for Immigrant Integration

Regional co-funders:

Andalusian Regional Government,
Department of Employment,
Andalusian Employment Service

Andalusian Regional Government,
Department of Equality and Social Welfare,
Directorate-General for Social Services and Inclusion

Aragon Regional Government,
Department of Economy, Finance and Employment,
Aragon Employment Institute (INAEM)

Aragon Regional Government,
Department of Social Services and Family,
Aragon Social Services Institute (IASS)

Principality of Asturias,
Department of Education and Science

Principality of Asturias,
Department of Housing and Social Welfare

Castile-Leon Regional Government,
Department of Economy and Employment,
Castile-Leon Public Employment Service

Castile-Leon Regional Government,
Department of Family and Equal Opportunity,
Social Services Directorate

Castile-La Mancha Regional Government,
Department of Social Welfare,
Directorate-General for Social Action
and International Cooperation

Castile-La Mancha Regional Government,
Department of Labour and Employment,
Castile-La Mancha Public Employment Service
(SEPECAM)

Catalonian Regional Government,
Department of Welfare and Family,
Directorate-General for Community
and Civic Action

Catalonian Regional Government,
Department of Education and Universities

Regional Government of Valencia,
Department of Economy, Finance and Employment,
Valencia Employment and Training Service
(SERVEF)

Regional Government of Valencia,
Department of Social Welfare,
Directorate-General for Women

Regional Government of Galicia,
Vice-Presidency for Equality and Welfare,
Secretariat-General for Welfare

Regional Government of Madrid,
Department of Employment and Women,
Regional Employment Service

Regional Government of Murcia,
Department of Labour and Social Policy,
Regional Employment and Training Service

Regional Government of Navarre,
Department of Social Welfare, Sport and Youth,
Navarran Institute for Social Welfare

Regional Government of Navarre,
Department of Industry and Technology,
Trade and Labour,
Navarran Employment Service

“ My goal is to start my own solar energy business ”

Luis Santiago Fernández. Plumber. Murcia.

Luis Santiago is 25. When he began with the counselling process back in 2001 he was confused and did not really know what sort of work he wanted to do. After receiving training at a plumbing Workshop School, Luis realised that he wanted to be a plumber. He has achieved first official status as a plumber and can work on his own while also keeping up with his love of music.



Provincial co-funders:

Provincial Government of Ciudad Real
Provincial Government of Cuenca
Provincial Government of Barcelona,
Area of Economic and Occupational Promotion
Provincial Government of Alicante,
Area of Youth and Women
Provincial Government of Castellón,
Area of Internal and Social Affairs
Provincial Government of A Coruña
Provincial Government of Alava,
Department of Social Affairs,
Institute for Social Welfare

Local co-funders:

City Council of Almeria
City Council of Cordoba
City Council of Granada
City Council of Jerez
City Council of Linares
City Council of Malaga
City Council of Puerto Serrano
City Council of Seville
Association of Municipalities of Campo de Gibraltar,
Area of Social Affairs, Housing, Training and
Employment
City Council of Alcañiz
City Council of Epila
City Council of Huesca
City Council of Zaragoza
District of Lower Aragon

City Council of Avilés
City Council of Gijón
City Council of Oviedo
City Council of Burgos
City Council of Leon
City Council of Palencia
City Council of Salamanca
City Council of Valladolid
City Council of Albacete
City Council of Ciudad Real
City Council of Cuenca
City Council of la Roda
City Council of Puertollano
City Council of Talavera de la Reina
City Council of Badalona
City Council of Badia del Vallés
City Council of Barcelona
City Council of Hospitalet de Llobregat
City Council of Sabadell
City Council of Terrassa
City Council of Prat de Llobregat
City Council of Alicante
City Council of Castellón
City Council of Elche

City Council of Valencia
City Council of Badajoz
City Council of Cáceres
City Council of Don Benito
City Council of Mérida
City Council of Lugo
City Council of Pontevedra
City Council of Santiago de Compostela
City Council of Vigo
City Council of Madrid
City Council of Alcantarilla
City Council of Murcia
City Council of Pamplona
City Council of Santurtzi
City Council of Vitoria-Gasteiz

Private co-funders:

Social Work Programme,
Caja Rural Intermediterranea. CAJAMAR
Social and Cultural Work Programme, CajaSur
Fundación Caja de Burgos. Social and Cultural
Work Programme
Social Work Programme, Caja Castilla-La Mancha
Fundació Un Sol Mon. Caixa Catalunya
Fundación Manpower
Social Work Programme, Caja Mediterraneo
Social Work Programme, Caja de Extremadura
Social Work Programme, CaixaGalicia
Diageo España S.A.
Social Work Programme, Caja Madrid

