

he Acceder programme has received important recognition for the impact it has had. These are some examples:

- The Acceder programme was included as an example of good practice in our country in the Spanish 2001 Action Plan for Employment.
- It was selected and identified by the European Social Fund in 2003 as an "Example of a Good Practice" during the Interim Evaluation of the Multi-Regional Operational Programme to Combat Discrimination conducted by an independent firm. The results of this evaluation highlight a series of key aspects which gained the Acceder Programme recognition as a best practice:
 - Effectiveness of the action.
 - Successful integration rates. Satisfaction expressed by programme beneficiaries.
 - General contribution to the European Employment Strategy and National Actions Plans for Employment.
 - Contribution to the cross-cutting priority of equal opportunity in achieving major participation and integration rates for women.
- Selected BEST at the International DUBAI Awards for Good Practices enhancing living standards organised by the United Nations -UN HABITAT- in 2004.

- The European Council of Ministers of Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Protection held on 1 June 2004 in Luxembourg identified the Acceder Programme as an example of a Good Practice in guaranteeing labour market access for the most vulnerable, i.e. the Roma population.
- It was selected and identified by the European Social Fund in 2005 as an "Example of a Good Practice" at the Update of the Interim Evaluation of the Multi-Regional Operational Programme to Combat Discrimination conducted by an independent firm for the implementation of the social awareness-raising campaign entitled "Get to know them before judging them".
- Selected as GOOD at the International DUBAI Awards for Good Practices enhancing living standards organised by the United Nations -UN HABITAT- in 2006.
- Designated as a Good Practice in Spain's 2006-2008 National Social Inclusion Plan along with the rest of the non-governmental organisations involved in managing the Operational Programme to Combat Discrimination.
- Selected by the European Commission as a Good Practice from among European Social Inclusion Schemes along with the rest of the non-governmental organisations involved in managing the Operational Programme to Combat Discrimination at the seminar focusing on transferability to the rest of the European Union countries, "Peer Review October 2007".



Vladimir Spidla, European Commissioner for Employment.

"Following the 2004 enlargement, Roma is the largest minority within the European Union. Of the projects funded by the structural funds, one of the best practices is the Acceder Programme which has met with great success in the labour market integration of the Roma population. It is important to base actions on best practices which can have the same positive effects in other Member States."

(Declarations made at the 50th anniversary celebration in Spain of the European Social Fund in June 2007).

