



Promotion
of Roma/Traveller
Integration and
Equal Treatment
in Education
and Employment

18th October 2006 MEETING REPORT – Education and Employment in Moura’s Roma community

Starting from the knowledge of the situation on Roma communities in Moura (Alentejo Region), The Health Authority of Moura in coordination with ACIME as Roma EDEM project promoter in a national level, organised a meeting with the aim to debate with local entities and find articulated forms to promote education and employment on Roma communities.

Considering that the integration and equal treatment of Roma communities can be better improved and supported by local level dynamics, this meeting was targeted to administrative and social institutions workers, Ong’s and local associations and entities involved in local activities and projects with Roma population.

This meeting was integrated in the implementation phase of the Roma EDEM Project regarding the promotion of Roma/Traveller integration and equal treatment on education and employment.

Considering the thematic and the participants experience in the field of Roma communities, the meeting was based in a workshop form, where the participants were invited to debate, considering the agenda that follows:

1. Presentation of the participants/entities and brief description of the activities of the Roma EDEM Project and fieldwork;



2. Identification of the obstacles to the integration and access to citizenship of Moura's Roma community:

General living conditions of Roma community;
Access to Education and Employment;
Access to health;

3. Identification of articulated strategies to promote Roma inclusion at local level:

Interinstitutional cooperation (how to promote involvement of social and administrative technicians and e entities in this fieldwork);
Teachers and technicians training in Roma culture and intercultural education;
The role of Roma associations in the fight against discrimination and the promotion of education and employment, and it's articulation with public institutions and private entities;
Presentation of Roma EDEM's best –practices on education and employment booklet.

MAIN CONCLUSIONS AND PROPOSALS

- a) Articulate with the local social network (REDE SOCIAL) in sense to propose a constitution of a workgroup in order to promote the knowledge on Moura's Roma community.
- b) Articulate with the social security fieldworkers team (including the district coordinator) in order to follow the social needs, specially the most urgent cases.
- c) Continue the field work with the NOVOS RUMOS association with Roma women in children, maternity and sexual/reproductive health area;
- d) Evaluate the feelings and the awareness of local Roma women in order to start an association and promote a meeting with AMUCIP (Roma women association that collaborates with ACIME and Roma EDEM project);
- e) Articulate with project "Escolhas" (targeted to children and youth from Roma community) that will work with local primary schools (Póvoa, Sobral, Moura e Amareleja).