

EURoma Network meeting

22-23 November 2017, Portugal

Agenda

Next EURoma meeting, kindly hosted by the Portuguese partners, will be the second one since the launch of the network activities in the 2014-2020 programming period, last June in Madrid.

The first day we will start by reviewing relevant EU developments as regards ESI Funds and Roma inclusion in order to better understand and be up-to-date on the general EU framework for action. We will then focus on two of the practical aspects identified as key for the implementation of ESI Funds for Roma inclusion: 1) the coordination mechanisms between the bodies managing ESI Funds and the bodies responsible for Roma policies at different levels and 2) the targeting of Roma inclusion under ESI Funds in practice, both under Investment Priority (IP) 9.2. or other IPs and Thematic Objectives (TO). In order to facilitate the exchange of mutual knowledge/experiences and a fruitful discussions among network partners, the sessions will be structured with an active participatory methodology. Finally, we will look at the ongoing and future Network activities and products.

The second day, we will learn about the Portuguese context regarding the situation of Roma and how the main policies and ESI Funds address Roma social inclusion. We will also have the chance to know about some ESI Funds-funded initiatives with a view to identifying relevant elements for successful investments.

Meeting venue:

Santa Casa da Misericórdia do Porto – Serviços Corporativos
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Wednesday 22 November

9.00-9.30	<p>Welcome and opening remarks by host country representatives</p> <p>Mr. António Tavares, Director of Santa Casa de Misericórdia do Porto</p> <p>Mrs. Ana Sampaio, Executive Committee of Employment and Social Inclusion Operational Programme</p> <p>Mr. Pedro Calado, High Commissioner for Migration</p>
9.30-9.45	<p>Presentation of meeting's agenda and round of presentation of participants</p>

Setting the context for action: EU Framework regarding ESI Funds and Roma inclusion	
9.45-10.45	<p>What is happening in the EU framework as regards Roma inclusion and ESI Funds? Relevant current developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Implementation of 2014-2020 ESI Funds for Roma inclusion: follow-up ○ EC Communication on the mid-term review and evaluation of the EU Framework of National Roma Integration Strategies (NRIS) ○ Cohesion policy- 7th Cohesion Report on Roma-related aspects ○ Experiences on the ground with ESI Funds for Roma Inclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ experience of local authorities in BG and RO regarding Roma inclusion, ESI Funds and NRIS ▪ experience of NGOs with ESF-funded Roma projects in the 5 Roma countries ▪ experience in transition of Roma youth from education to employment ○ Other relevant information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ European Pillar of Social Rights: state of play ▪ Report on protecting fundamental rights of Roma people in the EU, European Parliament (MEP Soraya Post) <p>Mr Dominique Bé and Ms Jessica Vilela Hansraj, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission</p>
10.45-11.15	Coffee break
Looking at key aspects of the implementation of ESI Funds for Roma inclusion	
11.15-13.15	<p>Coordination mechanisms between the bodies managing ESI Funds and the bodies responsible for Roma policies at different levels (national, regional and local)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussions in small groups and in plenary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is being done in terms of coordination? ▪ What could be improved? <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p><i>Background information: see Concept Note</i></p> </div>
13.15-14.15	Lunch break
14.15-16.15	<p>Targeting Roma inclusion under ESI Funds (IP 9.2. and other IPs and TOs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussions in small groups and in plenary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What are the key elements contributing to achieve an effective targeting of Roma? ▪ What could be improved? <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p><i>Background information: see Concept Note</i></p> </div> <p>Coffee break in between</p>

EURoma Network activities and products	
16.15-17.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation of new website and logo ○ First Network thematic activity ○ Network products
17.15-17.30	Closing: Summary of main agreements and upcoming activities
20.00	Dinner

Thursday, 23 November

	<p>Country monograph: Looking at the Portuguese case</p> <p>Presentation of the Portuguese context as regards Roma inclusion and ESI Funds, including concrete experiences</p>
9.00-10.00	<p>General overview of the Portuguese context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The situation of Roma integration in Portugal Mr. Pedro Calado, High Commissioner for Migration ○ Implementation of National Roma Integration Strategy in Portugal 2012-2020 Mrs. Marisa Horta, Roma Communities Support Unit, High Commission for Migration ○ The use of ESI Funds for Roma inclusion in Portugal Mrs. Ana Sampaio, ESF Social Inclusion and Employment Operational Programme-POISE
10.00-13.15	<p>ESI Funds funded initiatives: identifying elements for successful investments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Past and Future: Municipal Mediators Project (Human Potential Operational Programme- POPH) and Intercultural Mediation Programme (Social Inclusion and Employment OP- POISE) ○ Creating Chances for Youth (Choices Programme) (Social Inclusion and Employment OP-POISE) ○ Other practices at national level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Strategy Support Fund- Roma Communities Support Unit, High Commission for Migration ▪ OPRE Programme, Letras Nomadas Associations <p>Coffee break in between</p>
13.15-13.30	Closing of the meeting
13.30-14.30	Lunch and departure of participants