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# Project RoMigSc

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# About the project RoMigSc

- It addresses the inclusion of Roma and migrant children in their learning environments (with the support of well-trained teachers and volunteers) and
- It promotes engagement of youth in volunteering (including through the formal recognition of their work)

*Duration of the project: 31. 12. 2016 – 31. 12. 2019*

# Project goals

- Creating inclusive and democratic learning environments.
- Encouraging youth participation, developing inclusion and outreach practices for young people.
- Preventing and combating any form of discrimination and segregation in education.
- Fostering mutual understanding and respect among people.
- Enhancing the quality of non-formal learning activities, youth work practices and volunteering.

# Target groups

- Teachers in schools with Roma and migrant children, Roma school assistants
- Volunteers (students)
- Stakeholders: policy-makers in the area of education, representatives from local authorities, volunteering organizations, directors of schools at different levels, academics and researchers in the area, etc.
- Migrant and Roma children and their parents

# Partner institutions

- International School for Social and Business Studies (ISSBS), Celje – **Slovenia**
- Institute for romological studies, education, and culture (IRŠIK), Murska Sobota – **Slovenia**
- South East European University (SEEU), Tetovo (Skopje) – **Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYR of Macedonia)**
- Osservatorio Centro Studi Informática Giuridica Taranto - (CSIG Taranto), Taranto – **Italy**
- Institut für sozialwissenschaftliche Beratung GmbH (ISOB), Regensburg – **Germany**
- The University of Alicante (UA), Alicante - **Spain**

# Key activities within the project in 2017, 2018 in 2019

- Initial study – reviews of current states of the art
- Training for volunteers (3x20 SI, 2x20 MK, 2x20 IT, 2x20 ES)
- Volunteering activities (3x20 SI, 2x20 MK, 2x20 IT, 2x20 ES)
- Training for teachers (3x20 SI, 2x20 MK, 2x20 IT, 2x20 ES), 180 in all partner countries)
- E-platform on intercultural topics
- National seminars for all stakeholders (presumably 3x50 SI, 2x50 MK, 2x50 IT, 2x50 ES, 2x50 TR)
- International conference (Slovenia, october 2019)
- Seminar for directors of schools; seminar for representatives of NGOs (Germany– Maj 2019, Turkey –June 2019)

# Aim of national seminar

- To gather together different stakeholders: policymakers, representatives from local authorities, volunteering organizations, directors and teachers of schools at different levels, youth and students volunteers, academics and researchers in the area, etc.
- To receive following feedbacks from stakeholders: what is good in the system of inclusion of disadvantaged pupils (roma/migrants) in school & in system of volunteering; where are perceived shortcomings (deficits) and where are needed improvements

*National seminar in Italy in 2018: NAPLES, 15th May  
(Rectorate of Unipegaso - Palazzo Zapata)*



# Aim of training for teachers

- To ensure better cultural competencies of teachers that teach in classes where Roma or migrants are and to give them knowledge on strategies for inclusion of these groups in classrooms. Training will last 2 days and will be divided in workshops (intercultural competencies, strategies for inclusion, specifics of inclusion of Roma and migrant children in education ...). An E-classroom will be developed to support training activities.
- To receive following feedbacks from teachers: what is good in the system of inclusion of disadvantaged pupils (roma/migrants) in school; where are perceived shortcomings (deficits) and where are needed improvements
- Training will be supported with e-classroom.

*Training for teachers in Italy in 2018: NAPLES, 15-16 May  
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# Aim of training for volunteers

- To equip volunteers with the knowledge of social responsibility, volunteering, as well as with strategies for working in a multicultural environment
- To prepare volunteers for engagement in volunteering: March - June 2018, March- June 2019),
- Course *Social responsibility and Volunteering/ “Responsabilità e Volontariato Sociale”* – 6 ECTS.



Training is supported with e-classroom:

<https://elearning.romigsc.eu/courses/italian/>

# Volunteering activities

- Volunteering plays important role in ensuring better inclusion of Roma/migrants in education & broader society.
- Volunteers will do their volunteering activities in schools, kindergartens centers for education of adults; other education institutions... under the supervision of mentor. Volunteering activities will be organized in the period **March – June 2018**.

The work will focus mainly on:

*supporting learning process for pupils, organizing social, cultural and sport events that can make a significant contribution to integrating into peers' society and social environment including parental involvement*



# Volunteering & 6 ECTS

You can earn 6 ECTS - the course at BA level *Social responsibility and Volunteering/ "Responsabilità e Volontariato Sociale"*; 6 ECTS will be awarded by ISSBS, Slovenia; your obligations are:

- **join the seminar for volunteers, on-line**  
**<https://elearning.romigsc.eu/courses/italian> and F2F session**
- **do 120 hours of volunteering work, in the period between March and June 2018;**
- **prepare a reflective report on your experience with volunteering work (see the document: *DIARY OF WORK*).**



# EU integration: Education, Employment and Social Policies

## *Social policies and volunteering: activation and participation of youth*

In a time of economic downturn it is vital that we do all that we can to support those in genuine economic need. We must be ready to stand alongside them. We need, together, to rediscover the springs of solidarity. We have heard much talk of the "big society", but if we really want to transform our nation for the better then we have to start by valuing the contribution that every individual can make to our wider society.



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## *Transferable skills: top 5 skills learnt from volunteering*

1. Leadership
2. Problem-solving and adaptability
3. Time management
4. Communication
5. Working as part of a team

<http://www.yearoutgroup.org/blog/q/date/2013/08/21/top-5-skills-learnt-while-volunteering/>



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