



Inclusion of Roma and Migrants in Schools
Trainings, Open Discussions
and Youth Volunteering Activities

About project RoMigSc, its aims and activities

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About the project RoMigSc

- addresses the **inclusion of Roma and migrant children into learning environments** with the support of well-trained teachers and volunteers
- **promotes engagement of youth in volunteering** (also through its formal recognition)
- **Duration: 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 and their network



German



Albanian



Italian



Macedonian



Slovenian



Spanish



Turkish



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- Many **associated institutions** and **experts from partner countries** were involved in the project

Key Activities in 2017-2019

Key activity	D	TR	SI	NMK	IT	ES	Indicator
Initial Study			1				↑
Training for volunteers	0	0	60	40	40	40	↑
Volunteering activities	0	0	40	40	40	40	↗
Training for teachers	0	0	120	80	80	80	↑
E-platform on intercultural topics			1				↑
National seminars for all stakeholders	0	100	150	100	100	100	↗
Seminar for directors of schools; seminar for representatives of NGOs	1	1					↑
Final international conference			1				↑

Aim of initial study

- To collect **relevant insights from international and national literatures and good practices on inclusion of Roma and migrant children in the learning environment**. Reviews of the status of the art in project countries and validations of good practices were needed in order to successfully perform all the other steps of the project.
- *Indicator – min. 100 pages of compilation of national report; min. 100 pages of synthesis report)*

Results of initial study

- **National reports**
 - I. Analysis of national situation; II. Collection of Good Practices, III. Focus Group Research; Germany, Slovenia, Italy, North Macedonia, Spain, Turkey in English
- **Compilation of national reports** in English, 265 pages
- **Synthesis report** in English, 202 pages
- **Good practices**; 3 - 12 practices identified per country and described in synthesis report.







Aim of training for volunteers

- equip volunteers with **knowledge on social responsibility, volunteering, and strategies for working in multicultural environment**
- **engagement in volunteering** (March – June 2018, February - July 2019)
- *indicator – number of participants (3x20 SI, 2x20 IT, 2x20 NMK, 2x20 ES)*



Results of training for volunteers

Country	Participants	Target	Indicator
Slovenia	78	60	
Italy	84	40	
North Macedonia	47	40	
Spain	58	40	



Photos from Training for
volunteers
2017, 2018, 2019


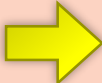




Photos from Training
for volunteers 2017,
2018, 2019

Volunteering activities

- in schools, kindergartens centers for education of adults, other education institutions... under the supervision of mentor. Volunteering activities were organized in the **period March – June 2018; and February – July 2019 (some activities are still continuing)**.
- focused mainly on supporting learning process, organizing social, cultural and sports events that make a significant contribution to integration into peers' society and social environment including parental involvement
- Volunteers had opportunity to earn **6 ECTS** (BA course **Social responsibility and volunteering**)
- *indicators:*
 - *no. of participants: 2x20 SI, 2x20 IT, 2x20 NMK, 2x20 ES*
 - *no. of beneficiaries: 2400*
 - *no. of volunteering hours: 19200*

Results of volunteering activities (2018, 2019)

Country	Volunteers	Hours	Beneficiaries	Targets	Indicator
Slovenia	53	7225	2901	40/4800/600	
Italy	24	3200	350		
North Macedonia	38	4399	657		
Spain	9	700			

Volunteering for social inclusion

for volunteers

- personal growth
- experience, references for further work
- extending the social network
- teamwork
- social skills
- organisational skills

For beneficiaries of volunteering

- migrant children facilitated learning of the language of host country
- Roma children more motivated for schoolwork
- progress in children and increased trust in others
- better grades
- social networking and new friends



Volunteering activities
in 2018, 2019







Volunteering activities in 2018, 2019

Aim of training for teachers

- Better **cultural competencies of teachers** that teach in classes with Roma or migrants and to teach them about the **strategies of inclusion**. Training will last **2 days**. An **E-classroom** will be developed to support training activities.
- To receive feedback from teachers: what is **good** in the system of inclusion of disadvantaged pupils (Roma/migrants) in school; where are perceived **shortcomings (deficits)** and where **improvements** are needed.
- *indicator – no. of participants: 3x40 SI, 2x40 IT, 2x40 NMK, 2x40 ES*

Results of training for teachers

Country	Participants	Target	Indicator
Slovenia	123	120	
Italy	90	80	
North Macedonia	126	80	
Spain	70	80	



Photos from training for
teachers, 2017-2019



Photos from training
for teachers, 2017-
2019

E-platform on intercultural topics

E-platform in eight languages <https://e-platform.romigsc.eu/>



German



Albanian



Italian



Macedonian



Slovenian



Spanish








Turkish

Aim of national seminar

- To involve **other 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 feedback from stakeholders**: what is good in the system of inclusion of disadvantaged pupils (Roma/migrants), school and system of volunteering; where are perceived **shortcomings (deficits)** and where **improvements** are needed.
- indicator – no. of participants: 3x50 SI, 2x50 IT, 2x50 NMK, 2x50 ES, 2x50 TR

Results of national training events

Country	Participants	Target	Indicator
Slovenia	168	150	
Italy	115	100	
North Macedonia	96	100	
Spain	95	100	
Turkey	200	100	



National seminars in
2017, 2018, 2019



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Dissemination events

Seminar for directors of schools, seminar for representatives of NGOs:

- Turkey, Istanbul (May and September) – 104 participants
- Germany, Regensburg (May) – 70 participants



Several other dissemination events in **project partner countries**, and in **6 countries outside** the partnership (Croatia, Poland, Malta, Romania, Czech republic, Portugal)

International conference

Inclusion of Roma and Migrants in Schools: Training, Open Discussions and Youth Volunteering Activities

9-10 October 2019

Slovenia, Celje, ISSBS (MFDPŠ) Mariborska 7

Good practices

Practices from partner countries (some of them are presented in form of posters)

Titles of posters
InMigraKID, Integration of Migrant Children in Germany City of Regensburg (Bavaria)
Lifelong learning and integration in Regensburg
Good practice in Spain: Nazaret, an inclusive school for roma and migrant children
“La escuela de la Reina” “ The Queen’s school” A tale to promote school attendance in Roma neighborhoods
“Cactus” - Project for learning Italian, as a second language
Social restaurant, Article 21 - Taranto, Italy
Training for Teachers SEEU, North Macedonia
Training for Volunteers SEEU, North Macedonia
ROMIC – education and information centre
Activation of youth and volunteering in schools – project RoMigSc
Roma assistant, Slovenia
Kindergarten Romano, Slovenia
Good practice in Turkey, Flying Library
Side by side board game - Good practice in Turkey

+ numerous other practices identified (around 50 practices are available in synthesis report)

Impact reached

- **Recommendations for policies** have been prepared
- **Rich material** was produced and is available in e-platform
- **RoMigSc project and similar projects contributed to improved intercultural competencies of teachers**
- **The most demanding issues regarding inclusion of migrant/Roma children and volunteering were uncovered and discussed at events**
- **Young volunteers (participants at seminar for volunteers) were better equipped with skills needed to work in multicultural environment**
- **Awareness** has been raised that volunteering can be linked with HEI institutions
- **Volunteering activities had positive impact on institutions, where volunteering took place (high interest for continuation of volunteering activities was shown; and need to embed volunteering into school system)**
- **Roma and migrant children benefited from volunteers' help**

Sustainability

- **BA course** Social responsibility and volunteering – 6 ECTS (with 100-120 hours of volunteering)
- **New MA course** was accredited: Multicultural social inclusion in theory and practice – 6 ECTS
- Partners will use the **reading and video materials** produced within the project also in future; and will widely promote results of the project
- **E-platform** will be available in future; and updated
- **Monograph publication** on the project topics will be published



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