


ROMACT Overview

 Snapshot July 2021

The ROMACT Methodology consists of 4 steps, implemented over 18 - 22 months, as described in the [ROMACT Handbook](#)

147* in BULGARIA & ROMANIA

ROMACT Municipalities (October 2013 - July 2021)

In addition to Bulgaria and Romania, ROMACT was implemented in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy and in the Slovak Republic between 2013 and 2017



STEP 1 - Becoming Committed

142 /142

Municipalities committed to implement the ROMACT Programme



STEP 2- Agreeing on Needs and Plans

133 /142

Local Capacity Assessment done



STEP 3 - Translating the Community Priorities List into concrete measures and projects

100 /142

have Joint Action Plans elaborated by the Community in cooperation with the Local Authorities



STEP 4 - Funding, implementing and monitoring of the process

135 /142

Municipalities where Local Authorities were involved in ROMACT capacity building activities

138 /142

Municipalities appointed a Coordinator for the ROMACT Programme

133 /142

Municipalities where Community needs were assessed

69 /142

Joint Action Plans adopted by Local Councils

142 /142

Municipalities where screening of funding was conducted with the help of ROMACT experts

74 /142

Municipalities created a Municipal Taskforce for Roma inclusion

117 /142

Municipalities where community priorities were listed in preparation for the Joint Action Plans

27 /142

Joint Action Plans included in the mainstream Local Development Strategies

95 /142

Municipalities where project proposals were submitted for funding

130 /142

Community Action Groups (CAG) established

110 /142

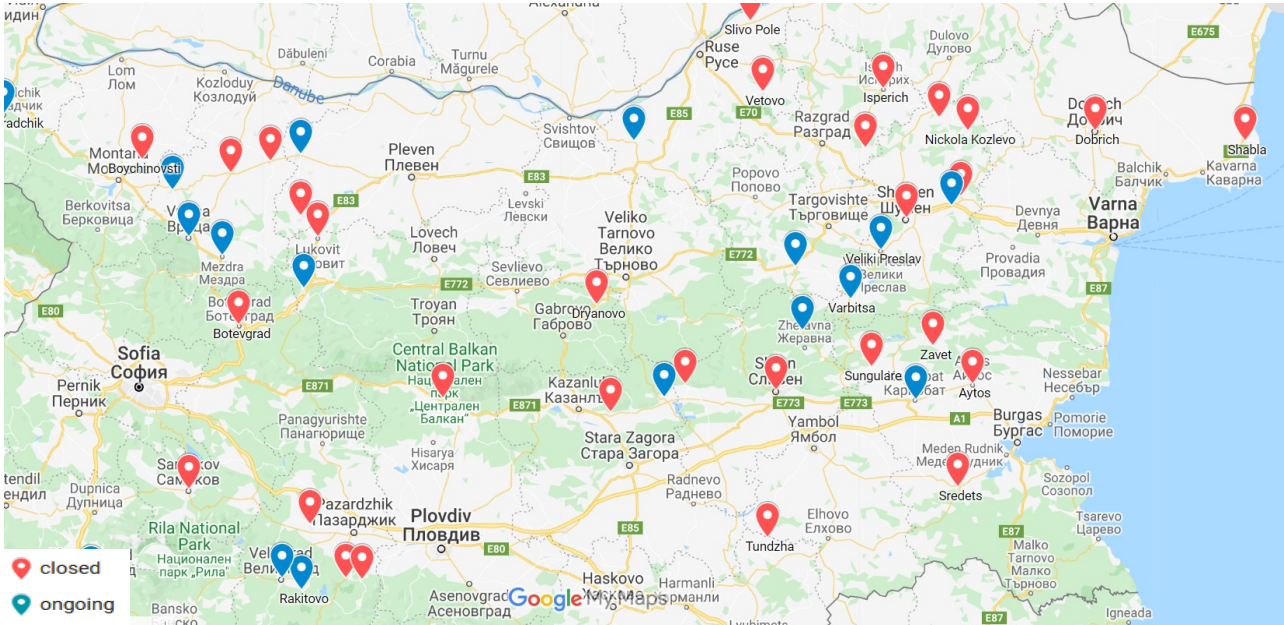
Municipalities are implementing measures as a result of ROMACT

* Total figures comprise ongoing, closed and (5) excluded municipalities.

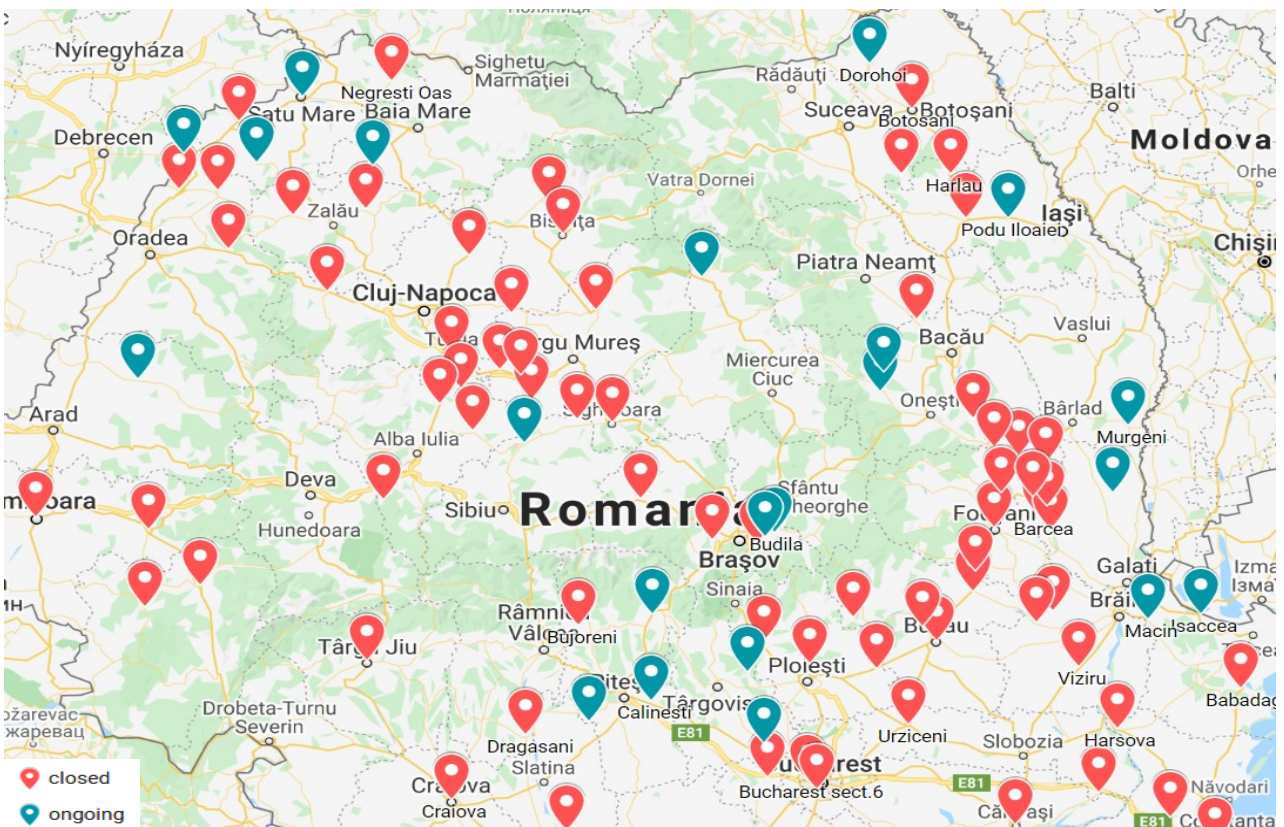
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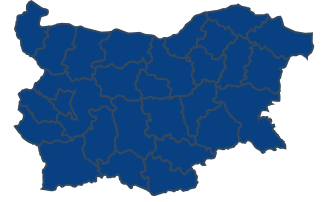


ROMACT in Romania



ROMACT in Bulgaria

BULGARIA



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57
Municipalities

35 Municipalities
Process closed

22 Municipalities
Process ongoing

Projects supported by ROMACT



25,000 €

invested by ROMACT /
municipality / year



15,857,765€

generated through 58
projects

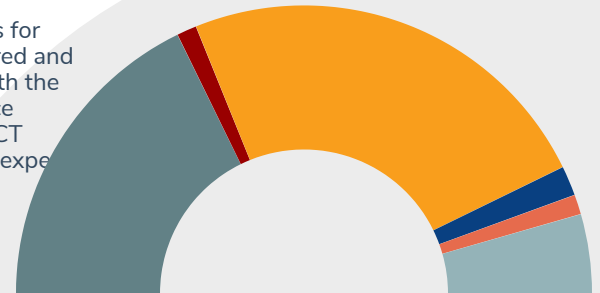


816,500 €

worth of projects currently
under evaluation

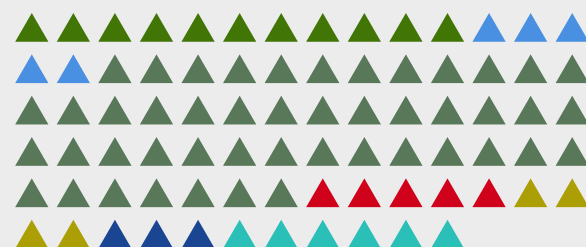
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applications for
funding prepared and
submitted with the
assistance
of ROMACT
facilitators and expe



Education (35.56%) Employment (2.22%)
Inclusion (47.78%) Infrastructure (3.33%)
Housing (2.22%) Health/COVID19 (8.89%)

Distribution by field



National Funds (13.58%) ERDF (6.17%)
ESF (58.02%) Others (6.17%) EACEA (4.94%)
EEA-NG (3.7%) EAFRD (7.41%)

Funding sources

EXAMPLES

Isperich



Empowering women from vulnerable communities

Contribution to the socio - economic integration of women from vulnerable communities by applying Mothers Centre model in 4 Isperich settlements

Beneficiaries
100 women from 4 Roma settlements

102,463 €

Funded under Local Development Strategy of Isperich under CLLD of Rural Development Programme, OPHRD

Krivodol



Krivodol & Borovan - Partners to care for a better life

Improvement of the quality of life and opportunities for social inclusion of people with disabilities and adults through ensuring services in the home environment

88,821 €

Funded under OPHRD

Beneficiaries
63 people with disabilities & lonely elderly people

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BULGARIA



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Examples of activities from the Joint Action Plans / Strategies implemented

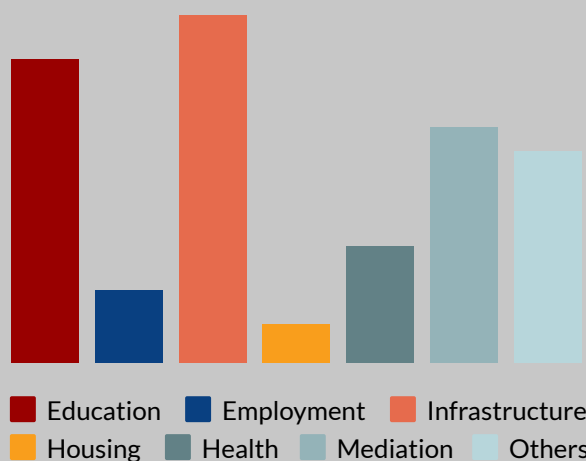


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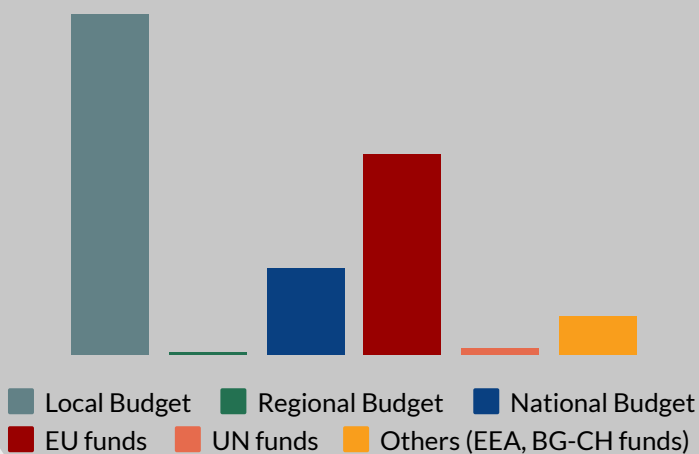
different interventions, measures and activities funded mainly through local, regional and national budgets



Distribution by field



Distribution by sources of funding %



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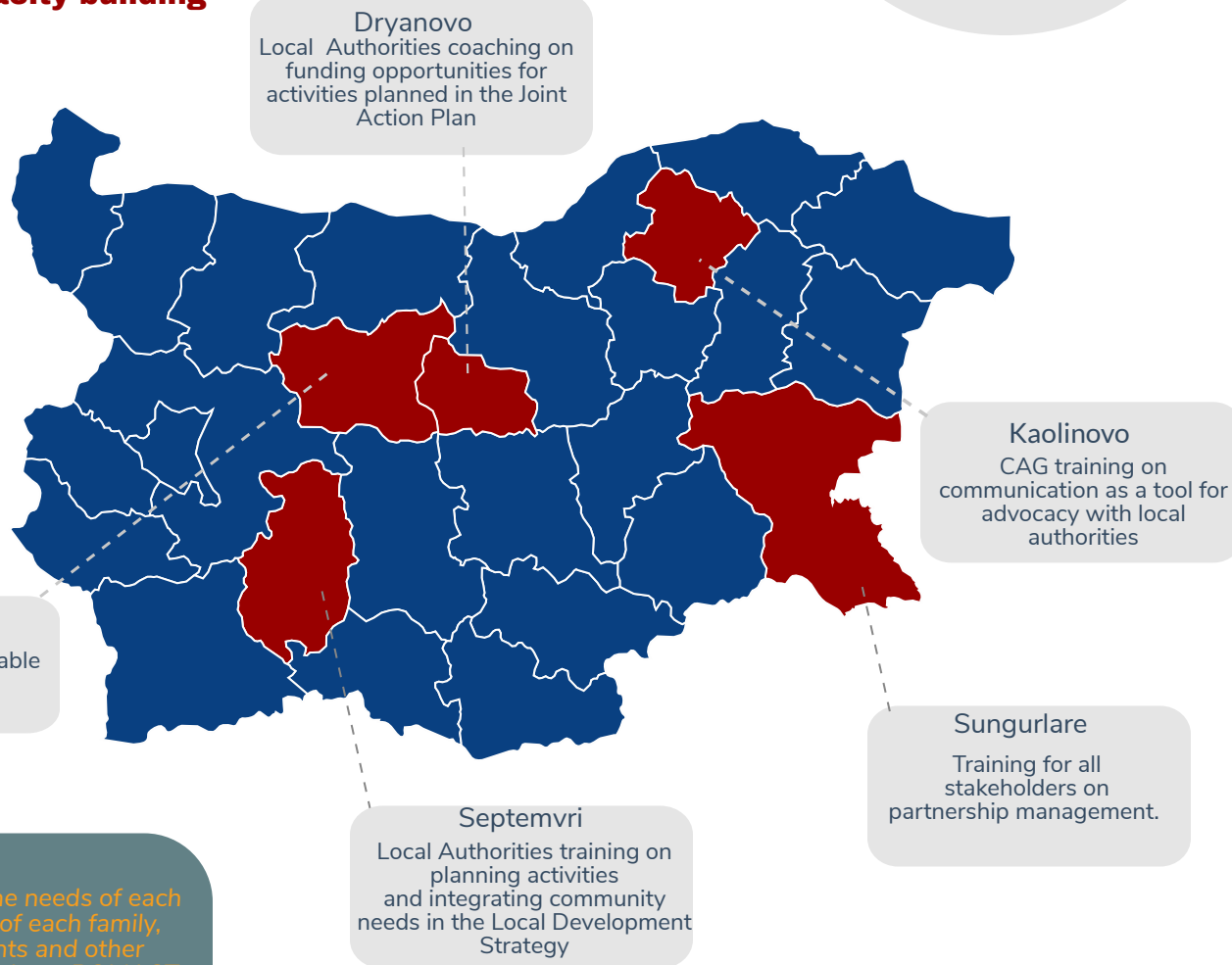
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training and coaching sessions



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Examples of capacity building activities



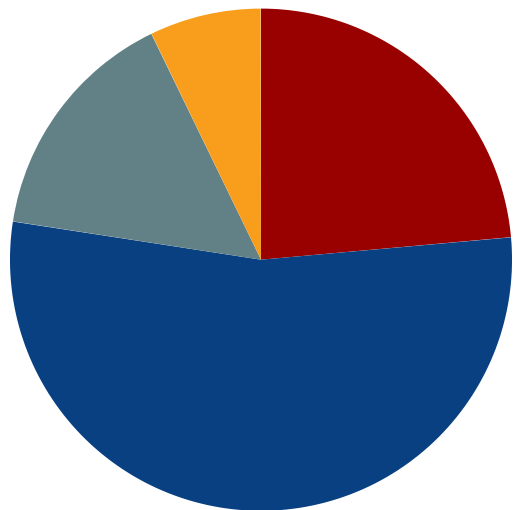
"Better understanding the needs of each child and the situation of each family, partnering with parents and other responsible parties. Thanks to ROMACT training, I understood that this is the basis for successful inclusion."

Municipal staff member, Borovan

Training target groups

3149


participants in training & coaching sessions



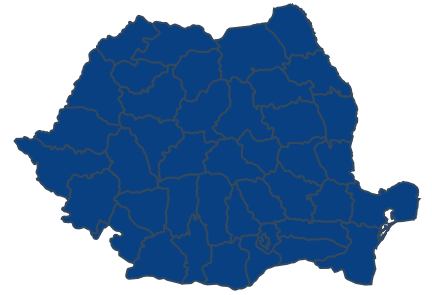
Local Authorities (LA) (23.59%) CAG (53.85%)
LA & CAG (15.38%) Other (7.18%)



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ROMANIA



85
Municipalities

61 Municipalities
Process closed

24 Municipalities
Process ongoing

Projects supported by ROMACT



25,000 €
invested by ROMACT /
municipality / year



125,234,371€

generated through 57 projects

4,616,566€

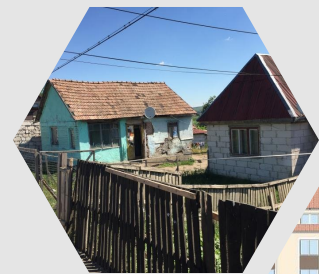
worth of projects currently
under evaluation

EXAMPLES

Iernut

"Building social blocks"

3 social blocks with 36 apartments
will be built by the end of 2021 with the
support of the Romanian Ministry of
Regional Development



2,488,462 €

Funded under the Romanian
Programme for Building
Social houses under
114/1996 law framework



"Improve the quality of life of the Iernut population"

The integrated project includes the construction
of 2 social blocks of flats, the sewage and
asphalting of a road and the creation of a multi-
functional centre that will include an after school
care and should be completed by December 2022

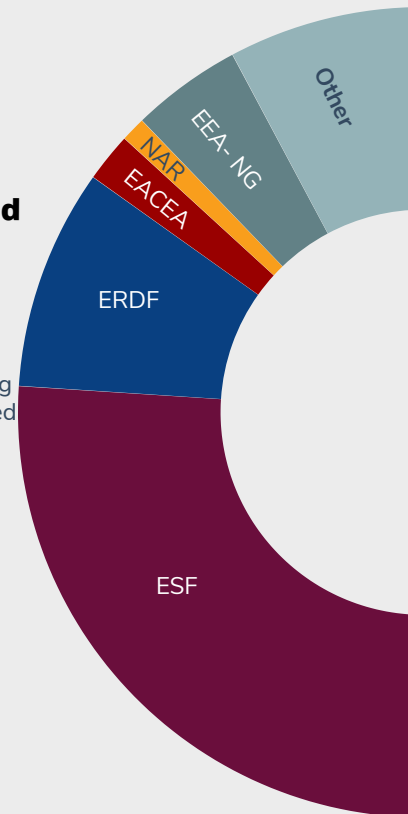
5,017,405 €

Funded under Regional Operational Programme 'Priority Axis 13.1'

Projects
submitted

103

applications for funding
prepared and submitted
with the assistance of
ROMACT facilitators
and experts



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EXAMPLES



Reghin

Rehabilitation of a former school into a Kindergarten "Spiridusii Veseli"

784,900€ Funded under Regional Operational Programme 'Priority Axis 10'

Beneficiaries

The project will benefit 40 children and should be finalised by December 2021

Sarmasu

Recruitment of a school mediator

5,000€

Beneficiaries

250 pupils

Carei

Recruitment of a school mediator

Funded by the municipality for 12 months

5,000€

Beneficiaries

250 pupils

After school

50,000€

Beneficiaries 135 Roma children



Focsani

Municipality Local Development Strategy

8,580,000€ Funded under Regional Operational Programme

Beneficiaries

Disadvantaged population from 2 Urban Marginalized Areas (ZUM) will benefit from a package of hard and soft measures

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364

different interventions,
measures and activities
funded mainly through
local, regional and national
budgets

Examples of activities from the Joint Action Plans / Strategies implemented



74

**Projects implemented
Infrastructure**
(roads, bridges, sewage and
electricity network
construction)

32
municipalities



36 **Projects implemented
Small infrastructure**
(water & sewage
systems repair, cleaning,
speed bumpers, waste
collection set up)

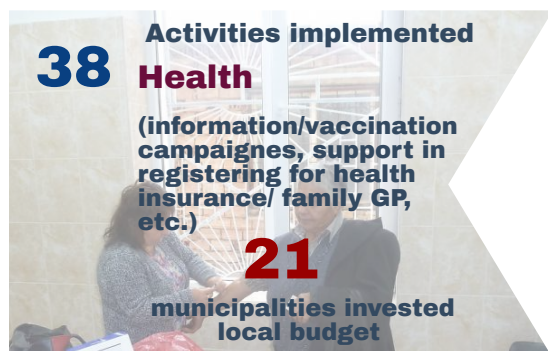
19
municipalities invested
local budget



79

**Projects implemented
Education**
(Second Chance Schools, School
after school Programmes,
campaigns against drop-out,
kindergarten construction)

34
municipalities invested
local budget



38 **Activities implemented
Health**
(information/vaccination
campaigns, support in
registering for health
insurance/ family GP,
etc.)

21
municipalities invested
local budget



16

**Projects (building or
rehabilitation, support to
access)
Housing**

10
municipalities invested
local budget



1123
**IDs provided by
9**
municipalities



48

**Activities implemented
Culture**
(8 April, 16 May, 2 August
intercultural events)

23
municipalities invested
local budget



46 **Mediation**
mediators and Roma
experts recruited by

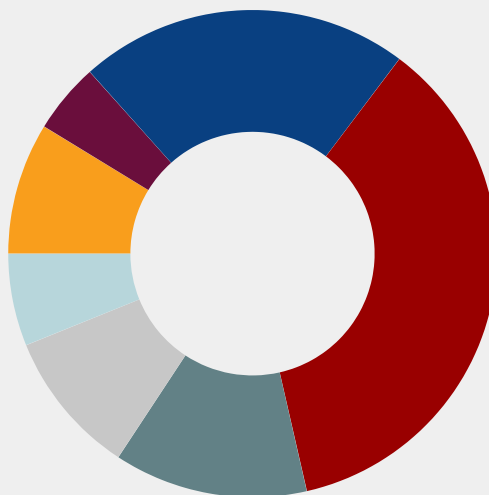
20
municipalities

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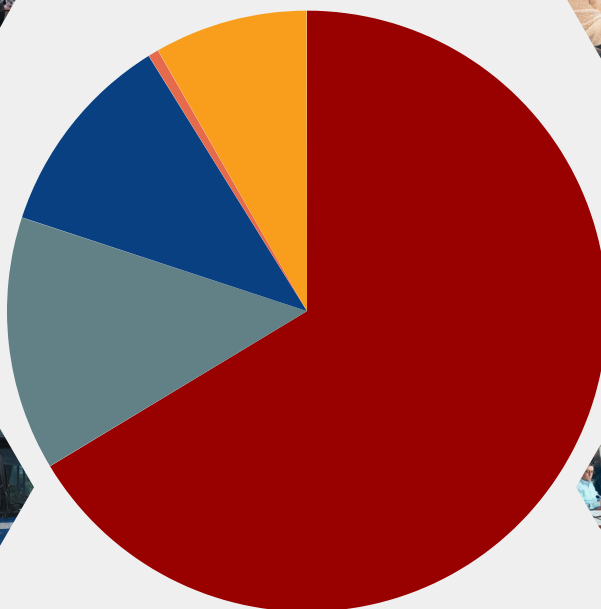
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Distribution by field

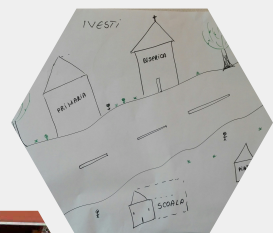


■ Housing (8.75%)
 ■ Employment (4.66%)
 ■ Education (21.87%)
■ Infrastructure (36.15%)
 ■ Health (12.83%)
■ Others (culture, IDs, etc.) (9.62%)
 ■ Humanitarian (6.12%)

Sources of funding



■ Local budget (66.38%)
 ■ National funds (13.68%)
■ European funds (11.11%)
 ■ UN funds (0.57%)
■ Others (Private companies, NGOs, fundraising campaigns) (8.26%)



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376
training and coaching
sessions

Examples of capacity building activities

Cluj
CAGs training on
community mobilisation

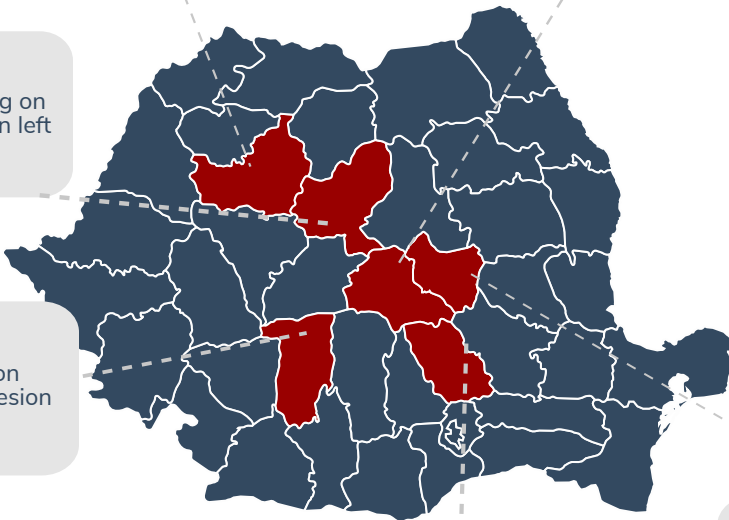
Poiana Brasov
Project Management
certified Training
10 municipalities
represented

Sarmasu
Local authorities training on
the protection of children left
behind

"An opportunity provided at an adequate moment. Thank you for the chance to attend this training course – I have been waiting for it for 10 years!"

A municipal civil servant after a certified EU funds expert training

Dragasani
Local Authorities training on
accessing structural and cohesion
funds

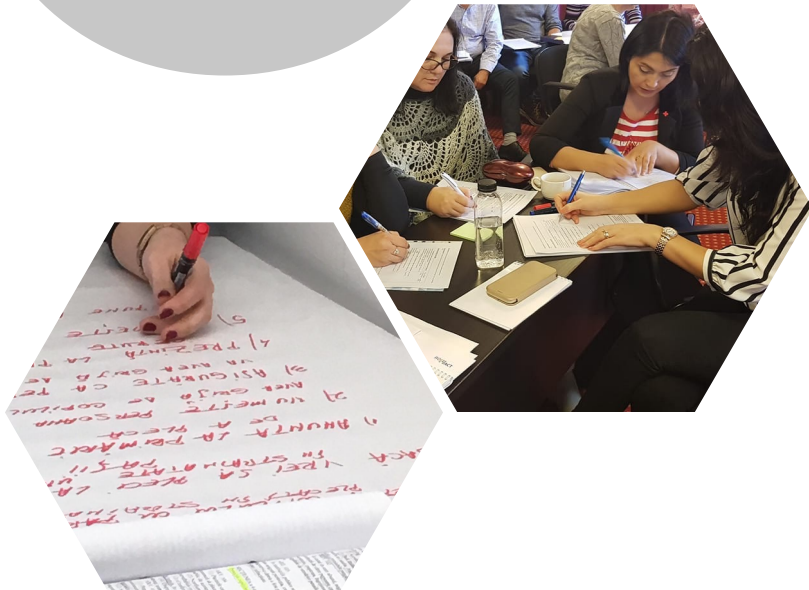


Mizil
Local Authorities and
CAG joint coaching on
EEA and Norway Grants
2014-2021

Covasna
Partnership management
Training
12 municipalities

3378
participants to training and
coaching sessions

Training target groups



■ Local Authorities (LA) (54.73%)
■ CAG (26.35%) ■ LA & CAG (14.86%)
■ Other (4.05%)

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Small grants scheme

88
grants

max. 5,000€ each

Since 2020, the scheme has been supporting the implementation of immediate priorities of Roma communities, benefiting to approximately **60,000** persons

Adaptability to needs in a crisis context

46 grants to Municipalities or CAGs:



Provision of information and hygiene kits to help keeping the COVID-19 pandemic under control



Provision of food and basic material assistance to help overcoming the COVID-19 impact

for a total of

156,205€



42* grants to Municipalities, CAGs or schools:



Support to educational activities to help fighting school dropout



Improvement of street furniture

for a total of

187,475€

A basis for further development

* 12 grants were provided through financial resources of the Council of Europe Roma and Travellers Team using ROMACT expertise and field teams' support

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Small grants scheme



Targu Bujor, Romania

Provision of 350 hygiene kits and 500 information brochures to protect the most vulnerable against COVID-19

4,998 € ROMACT 555 € Municipality

Isperrich, Bulgaria

Provision of hygiene kits, food packages and information leaflet on protection measures against COVID-19 for 90 vulnerable families

2,040€ ROMACT 200 € Municipality
CAG in kind contribution



Bistrita, Romania

Provision of hygiene & educational supply sets for 54 children & counselling program on protection measures against COVID-19 for their parents

3,890€ ROMACT 150€ Municipality



Kotel, Bulgaria

Construction of a recreation area and playground in the village of Gradets

4,869€ ROMACT 400€ Municipality
CAG in kind contribution



ROMACT

Evidence-based support to local & national authorities

ROMACT reports and guides are shared and debated with local, national and European stakeholders, including mayors, associations of municipalities, ministries and European Commission representatives



The implementation of the ROMACT Programme implies joint planning with the participation of local communities, revision and update of strategies and plans for Roma inclusion, as well as their integration into the mainstream municipal development strategies and plans.

Guide on Social Housing Allocation Criteria

CRITERII DE ATRIBUIRE A LOCUINTELOR SOCIALE
GHID pentru autorități publice locale



This Guide is based on continuous needs assessments in ROMACT municipalities in Romania.



It supports Romanian local authorities in better understanding the social housing allocation methodology promoting the prevention of discriminatory allocation practices.



It combines both legal and social approaches and exemplifies potential restrictive criteria as well as criteria that are accessible and already used by some municipalities.

Analysis of Municipal Development Plans & Integrated Urban Reconstruction & Development plans of municipalities participating in ROMACT

The study prepared by ROMACT experts identified challenges met in Bulgaria regarding the planning process. It contributes to mainstreaming the issues of vulnerable and marginalised communities, including Roma, in the municipal strategies and plans in Bulgaria.

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Evidence-based support to the local & national authorities

Toolkit: Possible solutions for informal settlements

This Toolkit is dedicated to local public authorities in Romania who decide to enter in the process of legalizing these types of settlements and to design development projects together with the community.

The toolkit addresses issues such as the steps to be taken, the analysis of informal settlements, the demarche for legalization and the local development planning. The local team can easily identify the tools it needs from the toolkit, as appropriate.



Guide on local information & awareness raising campaigns on the protection of children with parents going to work abroad

Fundamental rights of children left at home, such as the right to family and protection, the right to education, leisure, play and the right to opinion and participation are likely to be at risk.

This guide is intended for local specialists in Romania, who identify the need to organise such a campaign, taking into account the steps to be followed when it comes to public sector action.



Campanie informare și constientizare la nivel local

Other ROMACT Reports and Studies

- ✓ ROMACT Review of the Operational Programmes proposed for Romania in the programming period 2021-2027
- ✓ Urban CLLD Projects in Romania. Report on challenges encountered by Local Public Authorities in nine ROMACT municipalities in implementing the 2014-2020 Projects and Recommendations of the Programming period 2021-2027
- ✓ Report on the analysis of the legal provisions regarding the social component of the public procurement
- ✓ Report on the Situation of Social Economy Structures in the ROMACT municipalities in Romania

Other ROMACT Reports and Studies

- ✓ Guidelines for Conducting Public Procurement with Social Criteria in the ROMACT Municipalities
- ✓ Guidelines for Permanent Address Registration and Issuance of an Identity Document
- ✓ Guidelines for Obtaining a Sustainable Status of Housing Constructions built without Construction Papers

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