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ROMACT PROGRAMME INFOGRAPHICS



ROMACT is a process that takes between eighteen to twenty-two months in each municipality.

It is designed to assist local authorities in improving the lives of all citizens, including Roma, by collaboratively assessing needs, planning actions alongside all relevant stakeholders, and facilitating implementation of these plans through capacity building and concrete measures.

ROMACT METHODOLOGY - 4 STEPS



**212 municipalities across 6 countries
where the ROMACT process was
fully implemented**



**66 Municipalities in Bulgaria
between 2013-2024**



**4 Municipalities in Czechia
between 2015-2017**



**7 Municipalities in Hungary
between 2016-2017**



**8 Municipalities in Italy between
2014-2016**



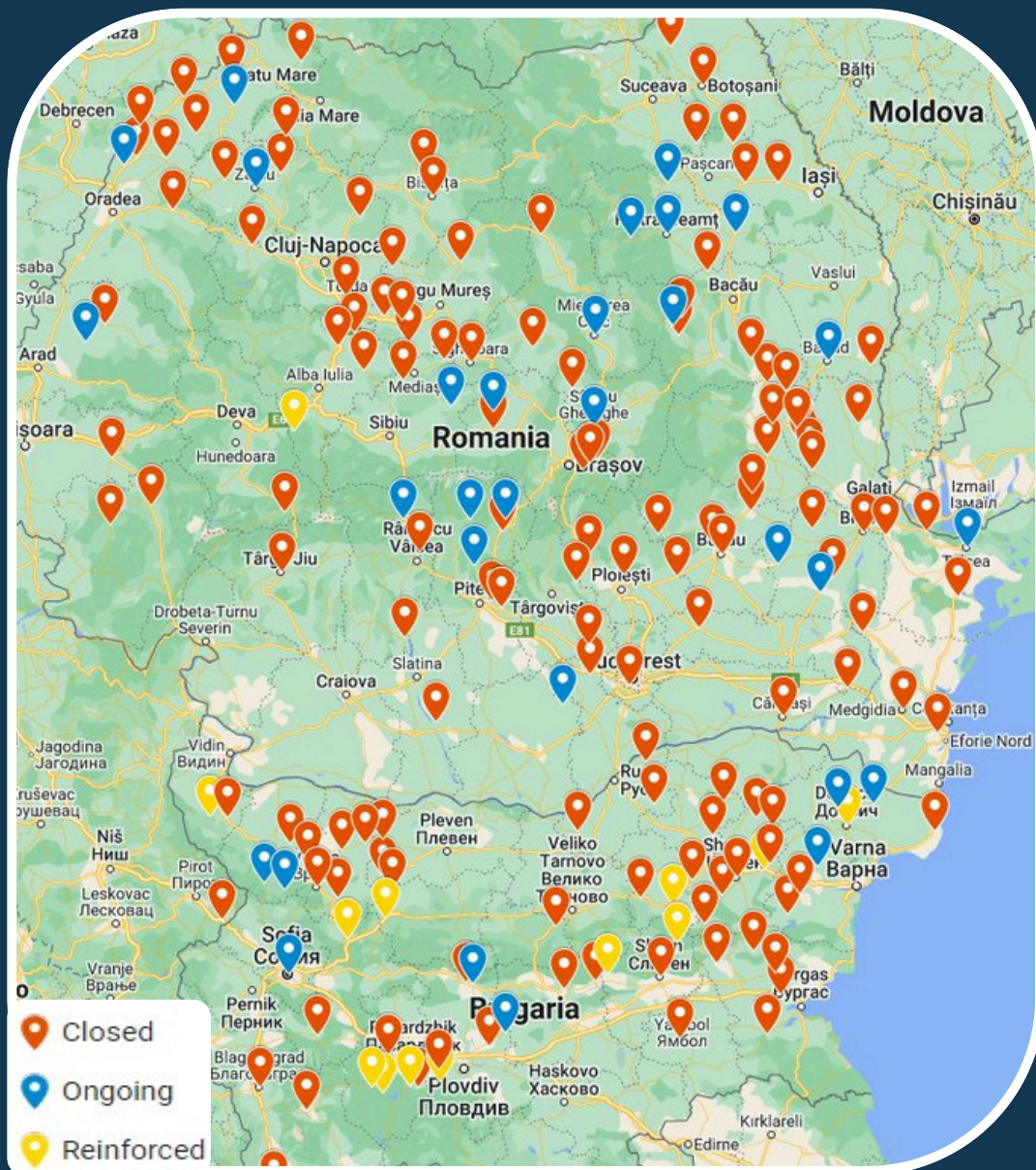
**114 Municipalities in Romania
between 2013-2024**



**13 Municipalities in Slovakia between
2015-2017**

Continuing in Bulgaria & Romania

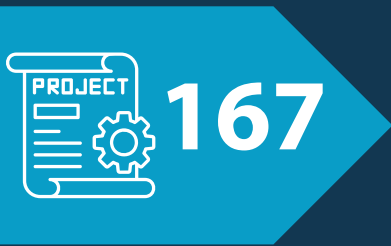
Since 2022, ROMACT reinforced process began to be implemented in former localities upon request, to enhance capacities and provide support to previously established structures through the Programme.





66 Municipalities participated in ROMACT between 2013-2024

ROMACT support for municipalities involves capacity development, training and guidance to prepare project proposals and implement inclusive policies to improve the living conditions and social integration of vulnerable populations, including the Roma.



Project proposals submitted with ROMACT facilitators and experts support to generate funding for local authorities.

Average ROMACT investment per municipality

25 000€



Net worth of projects currently under evaluation

2 321 154€



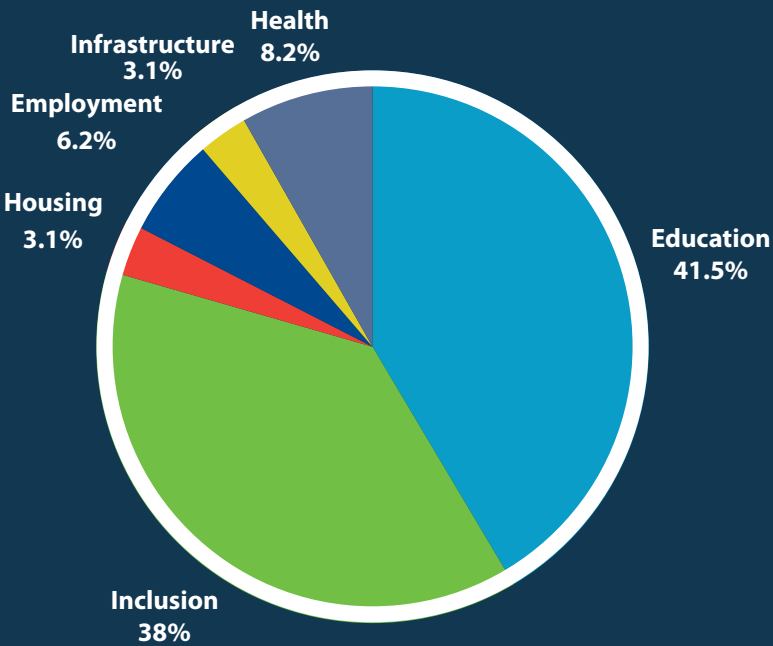
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20 609 850€



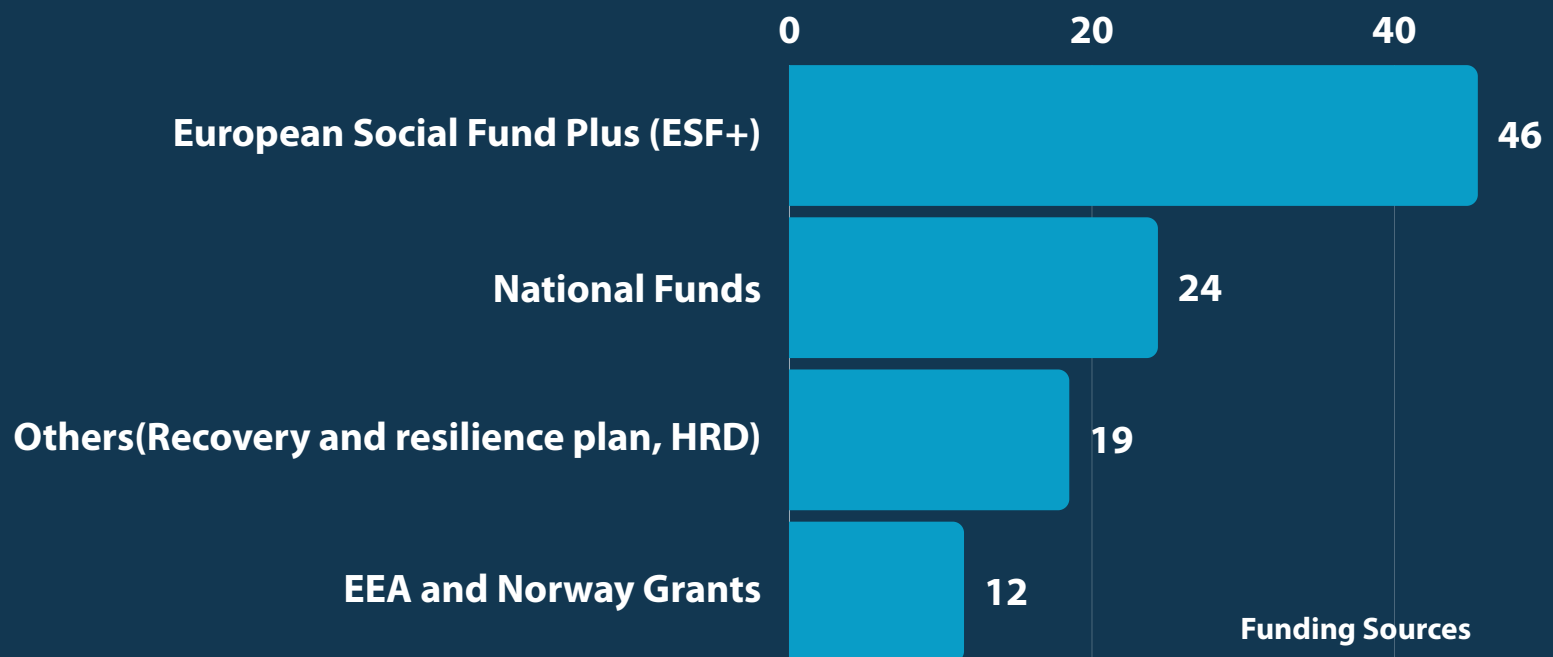


Type of projects



€ 101

Projects approved and funded at national and EU level





SUPPORTED PROJECT EXAMPLES



Antonovo
544 372€



Local development, poverty reduction and enhanced inclusion of vulnerable groups

- Improving access to services for Roma people and other vulnerable groups in segregated communities
- Targeting social assistance, education, employment, and healthcare
- Empowering Roma communities, including women and youth, to engage in decision-making processes
- Beneficiaries: 2000 Roma community members

Funded under Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area (EEA) and the Financial Mechanism of Norway 2022- 2024



Sungulare
177 146€



Future for children : Integrated Approach in Social Services and Health

- Increasing competencies in preventative healthcare
- Promotion of responsible parenting
- Improving children's well-being and access to social rights
- Field work with children and families
- Beneficiaries: 306 children in need and their families

Funded under European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)





SUPPORTED PROJECT EXAMPLES

Rakovski
200 000€



For a good future for children in Rakovski municipality

• Social work for early childhood development

• Patronage care for children below 3 years of age

• Integrated health and social services for children and young people

• Support services in the community for children and young people up to the completion of secondary education.

• Beneficiaries: 270 children in need and their families

Funded under European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)





Training and coaching sessions for local authorities and Community Action Groups

660

Coaching and training sessions

4000+

participants



Borovan

Intercultural approach in education and work with Roma parents

Rakitovo

Identifying the needs and priorities of the community

Lukovit

CAG coaching on participation in the Local budget consultation process

Varbitsa

National programs 2021 - 2027 funded by the EU structural and cohesion funds in support of municipal policies for social inclusion

Sliven

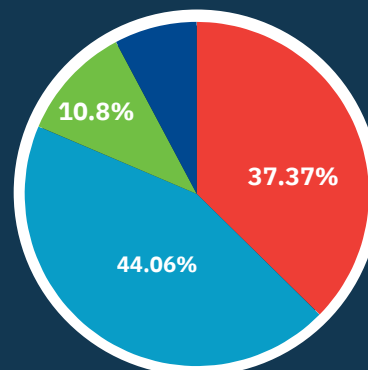
Local Authorities training on project planning and management

“ 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 PARTICIPANTS

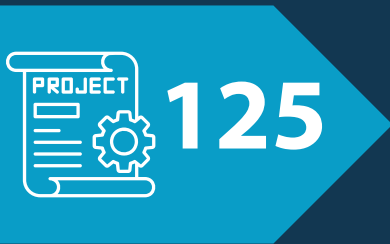


- Local Authorities (LA)
- Community Action Group (CAG)
- LA & CAG
- Other (7.78%)



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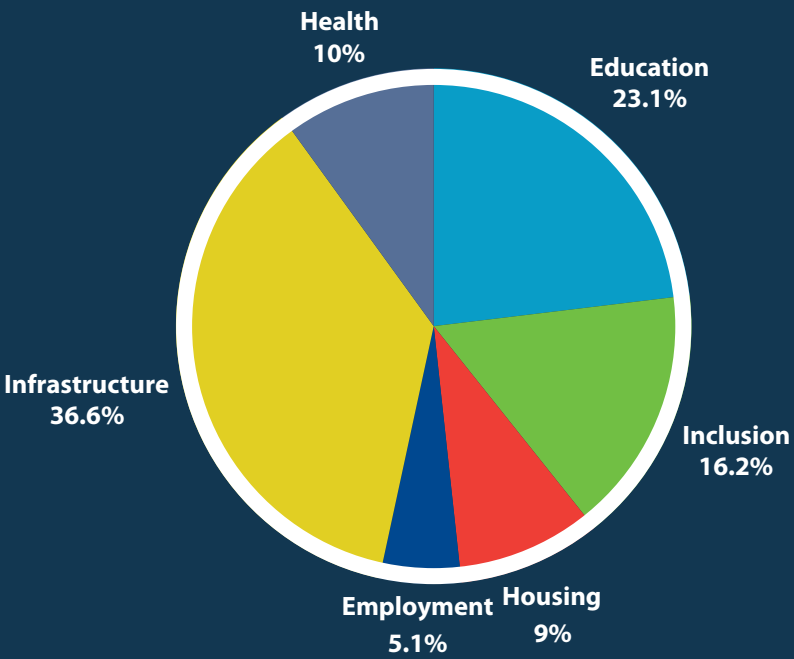
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135 167 249€





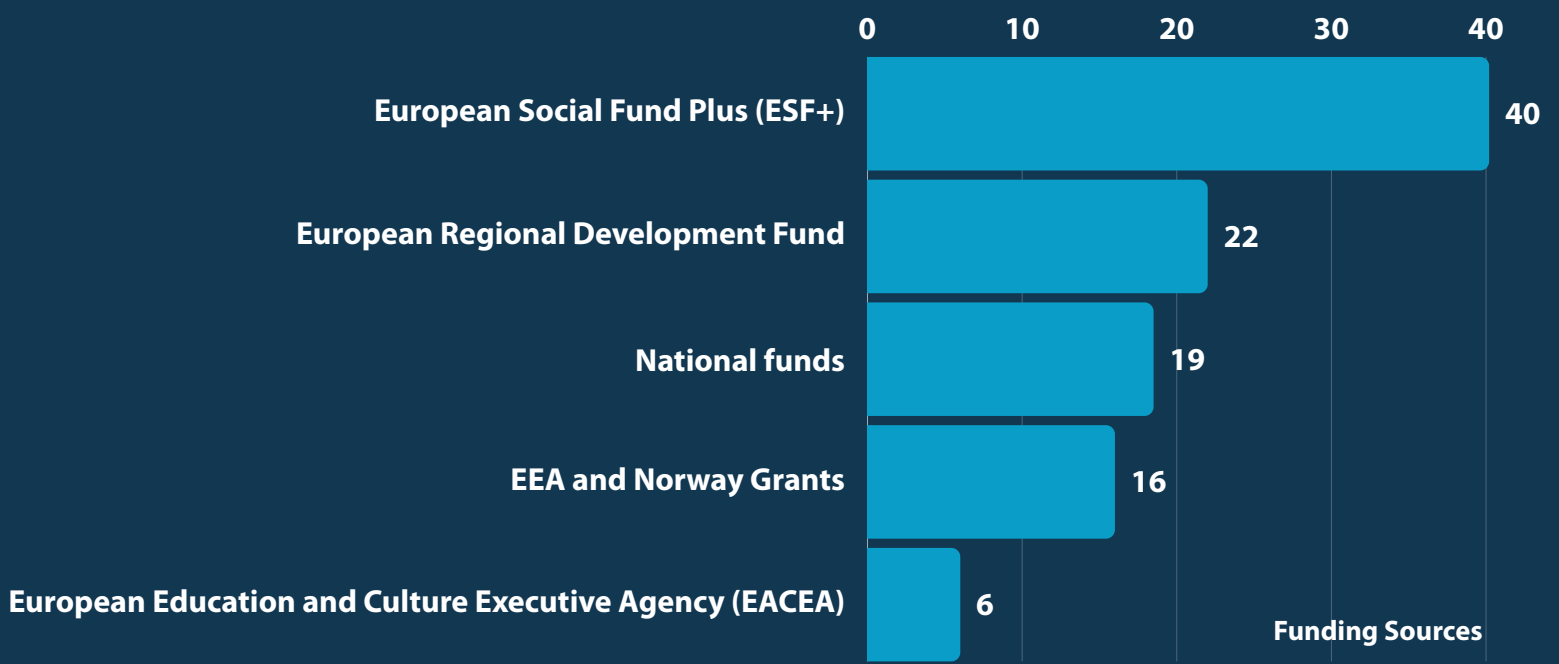
Types of projects



103 Projects approved and funded at national and EU level



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SUPPORTED PROJECT EXAMPLES



Videle
597 000€



Supporting educational units with a high risk of dropping out

- Preventing and combating absenteeism and school dropouts among vulnerable students with learning difficulties in two schools in Videle

- Conducting remedial education classes
- Delivering school and extracurricular activities
- Investing in school infrastructure.
- Improving quality of education for 639 students



Funded under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR)



Moreni & Adjud
779 375€



Increasing Roma inclusion 2nd round

- Sustainable interventions in education, employment, labour force, social and medical services responding to individual and family needs.

- Training courses, educational workshops, local initiatives and support groups aiming at empowering Roma people and ensuring a sustainable change.

- Targeted support provided to 800 Roma people in both municipalities



Funded under Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area (EEA) and the Financial Mechanism of Norway 2022- 2024



SUPPORTED PROJECT EXAMPLES



Tecuci
2 864 077€



Equipping units for pre-university education

- Diversification and educational practice support via provision of infrastructure and equipment
- Developing a digital education and training ecosystem to reduce inequalities and align these with European standards
- Supporting 13 kindergartens, 8 primary schools, and 4 high schools through provision of furniture, teaching materials, and digital tools
- Improving working conditions for 497 teachers and 14 412 children in the county

Funded under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR)





Training and coaching sessions for local authorities and Community Action Groups

754

Coaching and training sessions

4000+

participants



Dolhasca

Training for Community Action Groups on community development

Sarmasu

Training for Local Authorities on the protection of children affected by migration

Draganesti Olt

Expertise for accessing structural and cohesion funds

Bolintin Vale

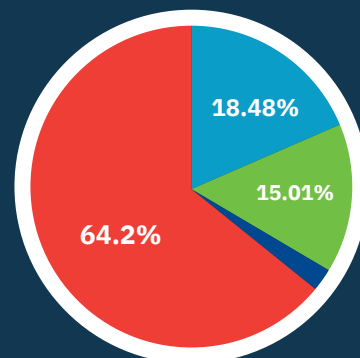
Local Authorities and CAG joint training on Local Strategy development

Focsani

Local Authorities Training on Challenges in using MySMIS platform

“ 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 in Brasov ”

TRAINING PARTICIPANTS



- Local Authorities (LA)
- Community Action Group (CAG)
- LA & CAG
- Other (2.31%)



A collaborative strategy developed by multiple stakeholders to address specific challenges and achieve common goals



Since 2020, the small grant support was provided to municipalities and Community Action Groups to build capacity of vulnerable communities and multiply good practices



145

max. 5 000€ each

**Municipalities,
Community Action
Groups and Schools**

644 700€



Support for educational activities aiming at reducing school dropouts



Improvement of public infrastructure



Awareness campaigns on health care and education

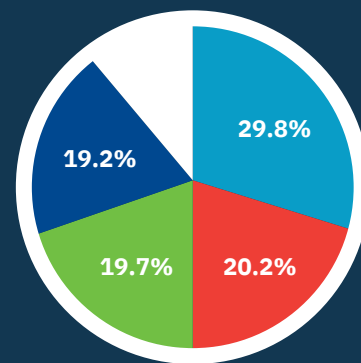


Provision of information and hygiene kits in response COVID-19 pandemic



Food and essential material assistance to mitigate COVID-19 outbreak

DISTRIBUTION BY FIELD



- Health
- Education
- Aid
- Infrastructure
- Awareness raising (11.1%)



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Berkovitsa



Environmental cleaning and minimising health hazards

- Manual cleaning of the "Rakovitsa" river and ravine
- Purchase and delivery of 4 waste containers and 70 rubbish bins
- Information campaign on good practices in waste management



Contribution: 4967,22€ ROMACT - 567,5€ Municipality



Belogradchik



Creating safe and welcoming public spaces for children

- Playground landscaping and installing play equipment for children
- Workshops promoting socially responsible and tolerant behaviour in society
- Improving security through installing additional lighting and video monitoring of the playground



Contribution: 5000€ ROMACT - In-kind for the Municipality



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Podu Iloaiei



Water is not a luxury, it is a necessity!

- Awareness raising campaigns on the importance of access to water
- Extending the water network by 300 meters to provide water access to nearly 40 families

Contribution: 5000€ ROMACT - 1500€ Municipality



Isaccea



Socio-medical protection for vulnerable communities

- Provision of information materials to hamper the spread of COVID19
- Purchase & distribution of 300 hygiene kits
- Setting up a telephone helpline and specialized assistance for high-risk people
- Distribution of 100 basic food packages to isolated population

Contribution: 4357€ ROMACT - In-kind for Municipality



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ROMACT produces reports, guides and studies, based on the evidence from the ground, to support local, national, and European stakeholders in policy design and revision



Guide on Social Housing Allocation Criteria

The Guide is based on needs assessments in ROMACT municipalities in Romania. It supports local authorities in better understanding the social housing allocation methodology.

It combines legal and social approaches and exemplifies potential restrictive criteria and criteria that are accessible and already used by some municipalities to prevent discriminatory allocation practices.



Study on “children left behind”

This ROMACT study aims to identify the challenges faced by children left behind, by parents going abroad for work, in selected municipalities in Bulgaria.

The report includes several specific recommendations directed at various stakeholders (parents, guardians, relevant institutions) with the goal of minimizing the consequences for the children left behind.



**Scan for the video on
Children left behind**





Guide & awareness raising campaign on the protection of children with parents going to work abroad

Thousands of children are left behind in Romania and Bulgaria as their parents move abroad for work. This puts at risk the fundamental rights of these children, such as the right to family and protection, education, leisure, right to play, right to opinion and participation.

The Guide supports local authorities in fulfilling their responsibilities regarding the protection of children whose parents moved abroad to work and includes the list of steps to be followed when it comes to public sector action.



Toolkit: Possible solutions for informal settlements

The Toolkit is dedicated to local public authorities in Romania who wish to start a process of legalizing informal settlements and design development projects together with the community.

It addresses all the necessary steps and all the necessary tools to accomplish them: analysis of the informal settlements, demarche of legalization and local development planning.



Scan to see the Toolkit



Other ROMACT Reports and Studies

- Report on children left behind in Bulgaria: between labour migration, institutional standards and extended family
- Analysis of the challenges concerning registration at a permanent address and possession of identity documents of persons living in homes without valid lawful basis in Bulgaria
- Analysis of the application of the Social Services Act with regard to preventive community work in Roma communities
- 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 in Romania
- Report on the Situation of Social Economy Structures in the ROMACT municipalities in Romania
- Guidelines for Conducting Public Procurement with Social Criteria in the ROMACT Municipalities in Romania
- Guidelines for Permanent Address Registration and Issuance of an Identity Document in Bulgaria
- Guidelines for Obtaining a Sustainable Status of Housing Constructions built without Construction Papers in Bulgaria
- Analysis of Municipal Development Plans & Integrated Urban Reconstruction & Development plans of municipalities participating in ROMACT in Bulgaria



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