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Social and civil competences among mediators,
advisers and trainers working in school, social and/
or labour integration of Roma people



ROMAINEU PROJECT ENDS...

RESULTS OF THE PILOT COURSE CARRIED OUT IN ROMAINEU COUNTRIES

The pilot course “Social and civil competences to work for the integration of Roma people” were held in Spain, Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary. It was very well received by all participants and all of them were really motivated to take part in it. They really appreciated the course as they felt the gap related to the necessary development of social abilities in the mediation, and in general to work with Roma population,. They also found the contents really specialized on mediation and Roma communities, contents which are difficult to find available in the training offer in their countries.

Although the use of the e-learning platform was a challenge for some of the trainees, they like it because once you get familiar it is easy to use and it is always available. They really valued the face to face sessions and the practical exercises based on real cases.

After the pilot experience, partners agreed on some recommendations for further editions of the course, which are the following:

RECOMMENDATIONS

First of all, and in order to maximise the benefits of taking part on this course, the participants have to possess a minimum level of digital competences. Depending on the target group and if they do not count with a sufficient level of ITC skills we would suggest the organization of an introductory training before the course starts in order for students to get familiar with the e-learning platform and facilitate their independent use of the online course.

Ideally the ROMAinEU course should be available for participation during two months, and it should include at least 4 face to face sessions. It is strongly recommended the selection of a trainer with the necessary knowledge at content level together with competences and skills for managing a course in an e-learning environment. If not possible, we suggest including two trainers, one who can lead the content-related issues and the other one who can support the e-learning process.

ROMAINEU WIN AN AWARD AS BEST PRACTICE FOR ADULT EDUCATION!

Amalipe presented the project ROMAinEU as a good practise on a conference organized by the Ministry of Education, responsible for the Lifelong learning programme, and ROMAinEU won the award for best practice for adult education in Bulgaria . Congratulations to all!

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ROMAINEU COURSE

ROMAinEU course will remain available the e-learning platform www.romaineu.eu/campus for all mediators, advisers and trainers working for the integration of Roma people, and want to increase their competences.
If you or your organization are interested in this course, contact the partner in your country.

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ROMAINEU COURSE CONTENTS

Here you have a summary of the contents you can find in the modules that form the ROMAinEU course:

The role of mediators in Spain, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria

In this module you will get to know the role of mediators in the Roma community. They act as an intermediaries among users, facilitate the social normalization of this community promoting the communication and good understanding, stimulate the social participation, inform and advise in order to prevent conflicts and give support to reach their goals.

Roma culture in Spain, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria

You will learn that the Roma culture is an ancient one and has great influence in the countries through which they passed, until they settled. In addition, you will understand that the central concept of Roma culture is related to the community, in which all Roma are considered brothers, live in extended families and have a high respect for their elders.

Motivation

In this part of the course you will understand the motivation that people who work on behalf of a common cause should have. This motivation should be intrinsic, that means, a motivation that comes from the interior of an individual, provoked by the desire to become part of the change.

Communication

In this module you will be trained in specific communication abilities, that could be used profitably by people working with Roma population. Also, you will learn that communication is essentially interactive and takes place in a framework of relationship.

Conflict management

You will understand that conflicts are situations between two or more people who have a disagreement because their desires, positions, interests and needs are different. This module aims to provide an overview of how to manage the different types of conflicts from a sociocultural perspective, framed within the Roma community.

Decision making

People who work with Roma communities will find in this module helpful tools on how to deal with decision-making situations in order to support different parts of the communities.

Tolerance

Here you can familiarize yourself with various approaches of tolerance and how it applies to mediators, in order you can have an in-depth vision of the competences set that a mediator must have from the perspective of tolerance, providing practical tools for mediators.

Good practices in the integration of the Roma minority

Good practices are a way of learning, particularly powerful of institutional knowledge, helping you to save time and reduce risks without having to re-invent the wheel. Increase our efficiency by allowing us to work with processes that have proven to yield the best results with Roma communities.



ROMAINEU PROJECT ENDS, BUT CONTINUES...

After the **last meeting** and the **Final seminar “Working together for the integration of the Roma population: exchange of experiences in Europe”** held in Madrid last 12th and 13th of September, partners are willing to use the ROMAinEU course beyond the project end. Each partners have their own plans and ways to use it. All of them will **offer this course** to their mediators or any other interested people, in order to improve their competences while working in Roma communities.

If you are interested in the ROMAinEU course, please don't hesitate to contact the partner organization in your country.

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If you want to know more about the activities to be done beyond ROMAinEU Project with its results, please contact the partner organization in your country.

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