



# NEWSLETTER

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## ROMA PLUS 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter

### Boosting Literacy and Numeracy Skills for Roma people

#### BACKGROUND

Roma people form Europe's largest ethnic minority and have for centuries constituted an integral part of the European society. But despite efforts at national and European level to improve the protection of their fundamental rights and their social integration, many Roma still face severe poverty, profound social integration and barriers to exercise their fundamental rights.

These problems affect their access to high quality education, which, in turn, undermines their future employment and income prospects, housing conditions and health status. Improving the educational situation of Roma is a critical test of the EU's ability to achieve progress in the inclusion of all extremely marginalised and socially excluded groups.

#### ROMA PLUS OBJECTIVES

Roma Plus project's main objective is the development of a new thriving peer learning experience for Adult (low-literate) Roma, aiming at increasing the attractiveness of training and reducing drop-out rates among the Roma population, while enhancing the skills and competences of adult Trainers & Teachers in the use of new adult training techniques, tailored to the needs and particularities of the low-literate Adult Roma Population.

#### ROMA PLUS in numbers

- » **2-year project** (Nov.20 – Nov.22)
- » **4 partners** from 4 countries
- » **+170 Adult Roma (learners and educators)** will improve their skills and knowledge
- » **+3 Roma Representatives and associations** acting as "ambassadors" to spread the word and sensitise others
- » **+6 Grass-root NGOs** and relevant **stakeholders** equipped with new skills, knowledge and resources able to better help Roma people
- » **4 Transnational Meetings**
- » **4 Multiplier Events**

The primary objective is going to be achieved through the development of:

1. Open educational resources (OER) for educators working with adult Roma with low literacy, to enhance their relevant competences.



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- Peer learning material that will target low skilled adult Roma, creating a learning experience that will increase their literacy level.

## EXPECTED RESULTS

Throughout its 2 years' duration ROMA PLUS aims at delivering the following results:

- Increased knowledge of the new adult training methodologies with a specific focus on Adult Roma groups;
- Individuals are going to have a better understanding of the available training material and the peer learning activities;
- Increased acceptance of the Adult Roma Population through their increase in literacy skills;
- Higher promotion and awareness raised on the Adult Roma upskilling necessity and process is going to be achieved;

- Active involvement of stakeholders (Roma Associations/representatives) from all relevant areas (local, Regional, National even EU level), and promotion of the cooperation among adult education providers and individuals (Adult Roma learners) in the upskilling of their literacy skills is going to be achieved
- Increased awareness and visibility of Europass among stakeholders;
- Roma Representing Associations are going to have the opportunity to expand their awareness on the importance of literacy among the Roma Population.

## LONG TERM BENEFIT

ROMA PLUS' long term benefit is to strengthen the cultural, educational and social connections between the Republic of North Macedonia, Greece and Bulgaria, increasing prosperity for all and beyond the Adult Roma.

## Join us and spread the word!

As our partners are getting ready for the next steps of the project, there are plenty of opportunities in each country to get involved in the project!

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