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The project "Equality through Difference. Roma Women's Access on the Labor Market" promotes social inclusion of Roma women and young individuals by acknowledging their particular needs and interests. It is funded by the European Social Fund, Operational Program for Human Resources Development 2007 -2013. "Invest in people!" Priority axis and domain field "Equal opportunities and respect."

The project runs for three years, starting in November 2008. The following partner organizations contribute to its implementation: Roma Women's Association "For Our Children" from Timisoara, Desire Foundation from Cluj, Parudimos Association from Timisoara, National Agency for Roma,

the Municipality of Timisoara, Autonomy Foundation (Budapest).

Project activities take place on local, multiregional, national and transnational levels.

Some activities are informative (provide information for Roma communities, or sensitize public awareness on problems encountered by Roma in the domain of labor). Other activities formative (aiming to have a direct impact on target groups we work with, and on the degree our society knows and acknowledges the reality of ethnic and gender discrimination, and the importance of eliminating it. Research and social intervention mutually supports each other.

Newsletter No. 18 presents information on information campaigns, the Cojes meeting in Timisoara, the Visit of the transnational partner in Romania and the project album



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1.2. Information campaigns

Project materials (posters, leaflets, guides and Nevi Sara Kali journals) were distributed to Romanian Institute for research on national minorities, to The Research Centre on Interethnic Relations, to civic organizations and journals were distributed to authors.

4.3. Visit of the transnational partner in Romania

On the 2nd of July at the headquarters of the Roma Women's Association "For Our Children" the transnational partner meeting took place with the attendance of the Autonomia Foundation from Budapest and Desire Foundation. The meeting was attended by: Mark Letitia, Lazar Theofild, Atanasescu Alina, Mariana Faur, from the Roma Women's Association "For Our Children" from Timisoara, Enikő Vincze, Harbula Hajnalka, Magyar Noemi from Desire Foundation from Cluj, Anna Csongor, Nun András, György Lukács from the Autonomia Foundation from Budapest.

At this meeting the results of the project "Equality through Difference. Roma Women's Access on the Labor Market" were presented (achieved indicators), the publications of the project were also presented, and the activity 2.6. Study on national and transnational good practices and the activities to be implemented by the end of the project.

The agenda of the meeting

15.00 - 16.00

Presentation of project results "Equality through Difference. Roma Women's Access on the Labor Market". (achieved indicators) - Letitia Mark and Lazar Theofild

16.00 - 17.00

Presentation of the publications - Enikő Vincze, Harbula Hainalca, Magyar Noémi

17.00 -17.15 Break

17.15 -18.00

Presentation of the activity 2.6. Study on national and transnational good practices (Anna Csongor, Nun András, Lukács György and Lazar Theofild)

18.00 -19.00

Presentation of the activities to be implemented by the end of the project, organizational issues

19.00 -19.15 Discussion

1.4. Collaboration with Cojes

On the 25th of July the team of the Roma Women's Association "For Our Children" and the team of Parudimos Association and Desire Foundation organized a meeting with the representatives from CEA, former members of Cojes from Timisoara, NGO representatives, media representatives. Letiția Mark, the president of the Roma Women's Association "For Our Children" spoke about the difficulties encountered during the project but also about its successes.

The president of the Desire Foundation, Vincze Eniko spoke about the issues of equal opportunities in Romania, possibilities and limits of the field projects implemented by NGOs. Mrs. Tataru Sava, the president of COJES Timiș presented the new members of the Commission, their proposals, including the acceptance as a member of this Commission the Roma Women's Association "For Our Children". Participants also discussed the causes of disturbances arising in the functioning of COJES and drew some ideas for improving it. Concrete plans will be discussed at the next meeting in September, with the members of COJES and representatives of our project.

For those who were present at this meeting

project materials were distributed, posters, leaflets, and DVD of the film project. Overall 18 people attended this event.



6.7. Project album

In July the designer from Desire Foundation developed three variants of the project album cover, editing and proofreading for print was also elaborated.

The final cover of the project album



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