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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. 20 presents information on the publishing of the project Research volume, publishing of the project Album and the COJES meeting organized on the 1st of September in Timisoara



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Activity 1.4. Collaboration COJES

The Roma Women's Association 'For Our Children' from Timisoara together with the Equal Opportunities Commission from Timis County (COJES) organized on the 1st of September a meeting between the COJES members and representatives of the "Equality through Difference. Roma Women's Access on the Labor Market" project, at the Unions House (Casa Sindicatelor) in Timisoara.

The president of COJES Sara Tataru presented the members the changing the nominal composition of the Equal Opportunities Commission from Timis County, in the field of equality between men and women. The Roma Women's Association 'For Our Children' from Timisoara has become a member of the Commission.

This act is an important result of the collaboration between the Association, Desire Foundation and the Commission, and also the Directive of Equal Opportunities between Women and Men (former ANES), the Ministry of Labor, Family and Social Protection which developed and

strengthened under the "Equality through Difference. Roma Women's Access on the Labor Market" project.

With this occasion Ms. Letitia Mark and Eniko Vincze presented their proposal regarding the attributions of COJES defined by the Government Decision no. 1054 from 08.09.2005. This proposal will be sent to the Ministry of Labor, Family and Social Protection and Equal Opportunities Commission from Cluj. The proposal comes as a following of the previous approaches of the Roma Women's Association 'For Our Children' from Timisoara and Desire Foundation from Cluj, through which these organizations promote equal opportunities in Romania and support initiatives of the institutional representation of the central and local activities in this field .



Activity 6.6.

Project Research Volume

The project research volume was edited and published within the "Equality through Difference. Roma Women's Access on the Labor Market" project co-financed 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 volume publishes the original collection and translation of the results of a project that wishes to improve the socio-economic and cultural recognition of the Roma communities and individuals. In September the teams from Roma Women's Association 'For Our Children' from Timisoara and Desire Foundation from Cluj began the dissemination of the publication.



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Activity 6.7. The project album

The album edited and published is intended to be the mirror of the entire project. As such, it has text and images in all its activities. After an introductory part which is a brief description of the project, the album is divided into six main chapters according to project activities. In September the teams from Roma Women's Association 'For Our Children' from Timisoara and Desire Foundation from Cluj began the dissemination of the publication.



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