

THE FUTURE OF THE ROMA ASSOCIATION

The Future of the Roma Association is a non-governmental organization, founded in 2006 in Constanta. The purpose of the organization is to promote the Roma culture in order to help with the development and social integration of Roma people. Also, the association aims to increase communication and cooperation with local, national and international authorities. In this context, the main target of our projects is to create activities focused on enhancing the integration and active participation in the labor market, involving qualifications and increased training and education, of people of Roma and pro-social involvement in activities. Our mission is to help improve the gaps between the Roma population and non-Roma in terms of education. Our main activities goal is to support, promote and protect children's rights as well as their families regardless of ethnicity and religion, disability or level of social vulnerability.

Project – The Right to Identity

December 2007 - January 2009

The Right to Identity is one of the major projects of the Association "Future of Roma Ethnic Group", financed from Phare 2005 - Accelerating the Strategy to Improve the Situation of the Roma, whose purpose was the implementation of legality, with identity documents, birth certificates, marital status and / or acts of ownership of Roma, was held in conjunction with the County Council and the Department of Population Records Constanta. The project was conducted in 10 villages in Constanta County and as a result there were 1957 beneficiaries successfully trained and 5 information centers were created.

Of great importance were the initiatives of the association to organize in 2009-2010 humanitarian campaigns, targeting Roma people and people with disabilities from the Celuloza area - Constanta and Harsova city-Constanta. Also, the association site www.viitorulromilor.home.ro was created as a source of information and volunteers were involved in projects of the association.

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Also, annually, the association was involved in identifying people of Roma to be placed on special places for Roma in Kindergartens, Schools, High schools and Universities (e.g. Ovidius University Constanta, Maritime University Constanta, Andrei Saguna University) and in offering scholarships studies designed specifically for Roma (OSI Budapest) and in organizing Job Fair for people of Roma, Roma women and people with disability with a huge help from The Agency for Employment Constanta.

Project - Over Obstacles with Hope and Confidence

November 2009 - April 2011

Over Obstacles with Hope and Confidence" project financed by European Social Fund through Human Resources Development Operational Program, Call: 6," Promoting Social Inclusion ", Key Area of Intervention: 6.1, "Social Economy Development" – project under implementation the main partner being the Association "Future of Roma Ethnic Group" together with the initiator of this projects, Poarta Alba Prison, and our partner "Training and Regional Development Center" Constanta.

The project ran for 18 months and sustained social inclusion of Roma people deprived of freedom, a category deeply affected by legislative changes, by people's mentality, lack of knowledge, ignorance and other emergencies and priorities imposed. Results of the project - target group (detainees) has received: a lower penalty, counseling, information, support for access to employment, participation in various cultural and artistic action, the right for more visits and packages, professional training courses accredited by CNFPA, indirect beneficiaries (detainees families) 524 people.

The Purposes and Goals of the Organization

PURPOSE

- Protection of Roma people rights
- Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Roma people
- Collaboration with local, national and international institutions into developing programs and projects designed to improve the situation of Roma
- Equal access to education, health and employment for Roma people
- Keeping their traditions and cultural values
- Educational and social integration of Roma children,
- Promotion of educational activities;

ACTIONS

- Participation in campaigns meant to inform on admission to high school and college places awarded to Roma
- Participation in Jobs Fair for Roma people and people with disabilities
- Organizing fundraisings during Easter and Christmas for Roma children

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PARTNERSHIPS

- Founders of "Roma Students Network" from "Ovidius" University Constanta
- Members of the "Mixed Working Group" of Roma Organizations Constanta
- Permanent collaborators of the adviser for Roma problems within the County Office-Constanta Prefecture
- Collaborators within the "PROROMI" questionnaires developed by the National Agency for Roma
- Members of the House of Roma Representatives
- Members of the National Association of Young Roma
- ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
- Infrastructure and economic development
- Social development, improvement of social problems
- Jobs, training and assistance
- Community and local development
- Housing
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EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

- Preschool education
- Elementary education
- High school education
- University and post-university education
- Technical-vocational schools
- Alternative-education
- Continuing education (for adults)

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DEFENDING ROMA RIGHTS AND PROMOTING CITIZENS INTERESTS

- Civil rights, civic education, public participation
- Public safety, prevent juvenile delinquency
- Victims support
- Keeping and promoting the ethnic solidarity and cultural traditions.

PARTENER'S PROFILE

1. The partner is a training provider authorized by CNFPA. Participates in initial and continuing vocational training for adults in many fields such as management, human resources, health and safety at work, communication, national and community legislation, quality- environment, IT and technical fields. Provides expert advice and assistance.

Since the beginning he helped with the organization of studies and research in technical, social and human fields and has extensive experience in vocational training (annual offer include 80 types of courses and qualifications).

He is recognized as providing training in various fields (general management, public acquisitions, foreign languages, quality management, human resources and electricians). He organized courses, seminars, round tables on topics that promote equal opportunities between women and men, social inclusion, health and safety at work. Being accredited for courses approved by union leader, he collaborates with numerous federations, leagues and unions, independent unions. As a result, the partner has extensive experience in the field of qualitative competencies growth of RU for the labor market.

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2. Partner organization was created between 1948-1949. The applicant (partner) provides:

- Custody of persons sentenced to prison and those against which to take preventive custody
- Compliance of obligations by detainees
- Granting the rights provided by law for detainees

Protection of fundamental rights and freedoms of man, so it allows unlimited access of representatives of organizations with responsibilities in this area. Carrying out activities designed to help inmates' re-socialization and collaborating with governmental institutions in order to achieve this goal. Our partner' "Education and Psychosocial Support Services" offers inmates a wide range of therapeutic and occupational programs, social and religious intervention, occupational activities, sports, library, contests, shows, local TV shows. Persons in custody have health, religious, educational and psychological quality care, premises of good social reintegration. The collaboration with different non-governmental organizations such as the foundation of "Rock of Ages", " Human Rights Defense Organization", "Prison Fellowship Romania ", " Humanitarian Services for Penitentiary ", " Jehovah's Witnesses Congregation ", " The Romanian Evangelical Church ", " Romanian Center for Human Development" is particularly profitable, providing moral and religious support for disadvantaged prisoners and vulnerable groups.

At various cultural, historical and religious events held throughout the year, there are activities organized to mark this important moments both for the Romanian people and ethnic minorities' representative in the area. To complete the level of school education we organize schooling courses in partnership with local school group.

Particularly effective is the collaboration with universities and religious institutions providing diversification of activities that involves detainees. Since November 2009, the partner implements a project, in partnership, with the overall objective to promote adaptability, employability, social inclusion and to facilitate labor market access and participation of Roma people that are currently serving a custodial sentence.

3. The applicant is an ethnic association, aimed at promoting Roma culture, socio-professional rising of Roma and promoting their social integration. He has experience in implementing projects that were aimed at social integration and reintegration of Roma, by increasing their level of training, education and involvement in pro-social activities. He ran as a partner, PHAREE projects (in 2005 in collaboration with local authorities) and POSDRU (DMI 6.1 in collaboration with an institution subordinated to the National Penitentiary Administration) to improve Roma situation by providing them identity documents, birth certificates (a total of 1957 persons) and by promoting social inclusion of Roma persons deprived of liberty. The applicant knows well the situation and needs of Roma and has a close relationship with the target group. He also works with Public Administration and numerous local training providers.