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## ROMAinEU

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



## ROMAINEU IS REACHING ITS END...

### A FEW WORDS ABOUT ROMA CULTURE IN ROMAINEU COUNTRIES

#### SPAIN

Since the arrival of democracy in Spain, we can say the Roma communities in Spain have been alleviating significantly the problems of housing, work, education or discrimination. Despite these important achievements, ROMA communities continue to have a negative perception by the majority population therefore social programmes and initiatives are still necessary in order to ensure equal treatment and opportunities to all members in these communities. Thirty five years ago the illiteracy rate of the Spanish Roma community was over 80%. In absolute terms we can say that very few Roma men (and even less women) knew how to write and read.

#### HUNGARY

In Hungary, the Roma population is mainly divided into 3 sub-groups with their own particular cultural and social values .

**Romungro:** They have a better level of education than the other Roma groups and they often send their children to higher education. Romungros don't use their original language, anymore, they speak Hungarian. Their culture and sometimes their identity connect them with the middle class of the majority of the Hungarian society.

**Boyash:** They mainly live in the South of the Transdanubian region of Hungary. Their integration is usually fast and successful.

**Olah:** live scattered throughout of Hungary; however they have remained in close contacts. They consider themselves the one and real Gypsies (proud of being the true Gypsies).

**The central concept of the Roma culture is related to the community. They live in extended families where children are cherished and the elders are respected the most.**

#### ROMANIA

In the past, since the Roma used to be slaves in the Romanian countries they were very important for the economy of the states (the biggest number of Roma slaves was owned by the state).

In Romania it is estimated that a percentage of 40% of the Roma population still speak the Romani language, and the reason why the percentage dropped so much it's because of the politics of forced assimilation from the communist times.

In the last few years an increased interest for the Romani language has been noticed, including the study of the language in the educational institution,

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**Gelem Gelem (I have wandered, I have wandered is the Roma anthem.**

#### BULGARIA

Bulgaria is one of the countries with the most numerable Roma population. The exact number of the Roma people could hardly be determined, because a large majority of them prefer to be declared as Turkish, Bulgarian or Wallachians at the population census.

The Roma people come to Bulgaria at different times and from different places. That is the reason why today so many Roma groups exist, differing (more or less) from one another.

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## ROMAINEU PILOT COURSE

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Currently, **ROMAinEU pilot course** “Social and civil competences to work for the integration of Roma people” is taking place in all partner countries.

This course has as its main goal to provide participants with the necessary knowledge, skills and competences in order to promote an intercultural approach, the respect for differences and the educational, social and labor integration of Roma people.

It is mainly addressed to mediators working in Roma communities but also to social workers, teachers and counsellors working in the labour or education field.

ROMAinEU course follows a **BLENDED-LEARNING** methodology: one part of the course is organized in two face to face sessions (6 hours each) and the other part can be followed online through the e-learning platform [www.romaineu.eu/campus](http://www.romaineu.eu/campus)



The course has a total **duration of 40 hours**.

Face to face sessions have been scheduled at the beginning and at the end of the training period. During the first session the participants were guided through the course contents and the online platform in a practical way. The e-learning platform includes a set of case studies and practical exercise and allows a individual tutoring process of each student.

**The contents that you will find in the ROMAINEU course are the following:**

- The role of mediators in Spain, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria.
- Roma culture in Spain, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria.
- Motivation
- Communication
- Conflict management
- Toma de decisiones.
- Culture of Tolerance
- Good practice in the integration of Roma minorities.

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## LAST STEPS IN THE ROMAINEU PROJECT

ROMAinEU partnership will be meeting in Madrid on the next 12th and 13th of September where they will have the opportunity to discuss about the results of the pilot courses in all countries.

Additionally so, on the 13th of September, a **Final seminar “Working together for the integration of the Roma population: exchange of experiences in Europe”** will be held also in Madrid

If you are interested in attending this event, please don't hesitate to contact the partner organization in your country.

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