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## Warmly accepted the programme for Financial literacy of Roma



Within the international project Grundtvig Multilateral – Financial literacy for Roma (FINALLY: <http://finally.splet.arnes.si/>), RIC Novo mesto together with partners from 5 countries has developed an educational program and special tools adapted to the specific needs of the Roma minority and focused on gaining new practical skills of financial literacy. During the spring and summer months we implemented pilot actions and testing the programme and tools in almost all partners countries. The training of teachers and trainers in Slovenia was implemented in May and lasted 24 hours. First group of Roma participants have finished their 56 hour program at the end of

June. The project results and developed tools were tested by 19 Roma. 17 participants have successfully finished the programme.

The Program consists of 4 modules:

- Household Budgeting – Plan Ahead And Spend Wisely
- Saving For The Future
- Sensible Borrowing
- Increasing Your Income



This will improve their attitude towards money, efficiency in budget management, quality of life and their trust in bank services. Besides RIC's mentors the programme was enriched by the visit of a bank employee and an entrepreneur. The programme and tools received positive feedback from Roma and from professionals. The program can also be adapted, with just minor adaptations, for training of other vulnerable groups both adults and children.

The programme and tools in all partner languages are now in the final stage of development.

## Positive feedback about the Financial literacy training course from Bulgarian Roma

During the summer months HESED performed the pilot actions of the Finally project's training activities with Roma. The results of the pilot actions are very optimistic. The participants gave a very positive feedback about the program and the approach used to involve them in the topics. The training course provided to the participants a new way of dealing with money and new opportunities for planning the future related with financial planning of expected events during the lifespan. Most of the participants found very useful the topic related with saving and reducing the expenses of the household on the basis of a saving plan. Additionally the pilot actions provided

valuable feedback about the content of the training and the practical exercises included in the curriculum.



## Testing Finally Course in Piacenza in Italy

Parts of the training course developed for Finally project were tested by Codici in collaboration with ARCO social cooperative in a 20-hours training held in Piacenza. The participants were living in the camp hosted by the Municipality of Piacenza and in social housing. After the course they acknowledged the importance of improving their capacities. The most important issue, in their opinion, was related to finding a job or entrepreneurial opportunities, as most of the families collect iron for recycling and this activity is bringing ever lower incomes, leading to financial insecurity. The Italian version of the course materials will be soon available online in a user-friendly design, making it easy for whoever wants to develop Roma adult's financial skills to access these validated training materials.



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## Successful pilot training in Slovakia

In May the Faculty of Health Sciences and Social Work, Trnava University implemented the training of trainers. Community workers with Roma population and community outreach workers with Roma population pilot tested the educational materials. During the three days, participants had the opportunity to test educational materials under the supervision of coaches. During the modules was a discussion on filling modules, on the experience of community outreach workers with education of Roma population and barriers to the introduction of education on financial literacy in practice.



After training they will train the target group of Roma population. During September we implemented training for Roma in central Slovakia. Trainers shared their experiences and comments on training with each other and with coaches. Currently we are in the phase of evaluation of all the activities in the project FINALLY.

## Most of the participants in Serbia expressed their undisguised satisfaction with the content of the program



In month of September, the Faculty of Economics in Niš successfully completed the pilot implementation of FINALLY training course. This activity is considered crucial for the final quality checks and conformity of the teaching materials and other deliverables produced in the previous project activities. Trainings began in May, and continued during the month of September. Through the training program, we educated not only twenty trainers - educators, mostly the members of the Roma population that are very active in organizations dedicated to

Roma issues, but also more than twenty members of the target population. The full time program of education has been done with generous support of already educated trainers. Most of the participants expressed their undisguised satisfaction with the organization and content of the program as well as they expressed their interest in this training program suggesting that it should continue through clusters of trainings in different Roma communities.

Training was covered and filmed by the electronic media specialized in Roma issues. A reportage that lasts more than five minutes, along with web presentation of the project finally can be found at the following link <http://romaworld.rs/?p=905>. This video recorded statement of the participants, trainers, and some of the lectures given.

Action Synergy, the Greek partner of the project has reached an agreement with the Municipality of Megara, a municipality of 30.000 inhabitants in the Western part of Attica with a big Roma community, in order to organize training courses for the improvement of the Financial Literacy of the local Roma population. The training courses are going to be organized with the active participation of the local authority, a local training centre and the Roma association of the region. The direct involvement of both the local authority and the Roma association in the implementation of the course will guarantee the sustainability of the project after the project's end. The Roma people that are going to be trained are mostly young (18-30 years old) men and women. Before the start of the Financial Literacy Courses, the trainers are going to be trained first on the methodology and curriculum of the course. These trainers are going to be both adult educators and social workers with considerable experience in working with this target group.



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