

2nd meeting of the National Working Group - Romania
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Participants:

1. Matei Nicoleta, teacher, school Stefanesti, Ilfov county
2. Stoica Anastasea, primary school teacher, school Stefanesti, Ilfov county
3. Florina Busuioc, inspector within the Direction for Social Assistance and Child Protection, City Hall of 6th District of Bucharest (also an ex-health mediator)
4. Ungureanu Luiza, teacher, school Stefanesti, Ilfov county
5. Steluta Batir – president of the Association Generation 2008, Brasov, Romania
6. Calin Iosif – president of the association Forum Art, Buzau, Romania
7. Liliana Mihai – young Roma women working on educational projects
8. Dinca Mariana – young Roma women involved in the educational projects of the school
9. Simona Barbu – Romani CRISS

Excused:

1. Florin Fleican, inspector within the Ministry of Education – the Direction of Minorities
2. Miclea Teodora – scholar inspector on the minorities theme, School Inspectorate of Ilfov county
3. Stefan Cristian, head master, school Stefanesti, Ilfov county

The national work group hold its second meeting in order to discuss the national strategy and make proposals for how to adapt the education experiences to our Romanian context.

The themes approached during the discussions were:

1. Information campaign addressed to schools, teachers and educational agents
2. Information campaign addressed to the Roma community and other organizations, institutions working for and with the Roma
3. Implementation and necessary resources
4. Sustainability
5. Needed commitments for its implementation

Main ideas/recommendations in implementing the educational experiences at national level

- ⇒ To prepare a presentation of the action - information campaign
- ⇒ To send letters to be sent to the main actors, with the presentation of the proposal (School Inspectorates, headmasters of the schools from the communities where the number of Roma is high)
- ⇒ Present them the results that can be achieved and the changes this action can introduce in the academic activity of the children, but also in the relation of the family with the school
- ⇒ Sign written agreement with the authorities
- ⇒ To raise the interest of the educational stakeholders and to obtain their agreement that they will get involved in the implementation of the action proposed
- ⇒ institutional or organizations working with and for the Roma will be involved in the activities
- ⇒ provide evidence to the parents regarding the results of the proposed activities and discuss the methodology of the action, so that they will be aware of their responsibilities
- ⇒ plan well the activities to be implemented
- ⇒ create a **group of coordination**
- ⇒ involve the representatives of the community
- ⇒ **parents** are responsible of preparing together with the teachers and the mediators/leaders, etc., the list of activities, of interest for their children, and to bring the cultural contributions in the implementation of the activities
- ⇒ An important resource to be involved in the project is the one of the

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volunteers.

- ⇒ The implementation of the selected action to be adapted and implemented in Romania it's highly to have a long term sustainability since it's an activity done in the schools, by teachers together with parents and volunteers, so it can be easily organized after the end of the Rom UP project, but also it can be transferred to other classes, schools or teachers.