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PR1: IDENTIFICATION OF CIVIC EDUCATIONAL MODELS FOR DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION OF ROMA ADULTS

LIST OF BEST PRACTICES- NORTH MACEDONIA

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List of Best Practices-North Macedonia

No1.

Name of Best Practice:	Promoting good governance and Roma empowerment at local level
Country:	North Macedonia
Short Description: (300 words max)	The European Union/Council of Europe Romacted Program II in the Western Balkans and Turkey is a consolidated and expend effort program to improve the integration of Roma population in local communities through enhanced participation in local policymaking and implementation of local actions. The ROMACTED program assists the local authorities to integrate Roma specific measures into the mainstream local policies, action plans, budgets and public service delivery, thereby enhancing democratic participation and empowerment of local Roma communities.
Trends and Potential Benefits from this Best Practice (250 words max)	<p>This project pursues improvement of local democracy, accountability, inclusiveness and responsiveness towards Roma citizens and thereby improved delivery of services. The program is designed to build up political will and sustained policy engagement of local authorities, to enhance democratic and local governance and t build up capacity and stimulate the empowerment of local Roma communities to contribute to the design, implementation and monitoring of plans and projects concerning them through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Empowering Roma on the individual level (assisting people to practice their basic rights and to expand their capacity and skills), as well as on the community level (assisting people to get organized to voice out their interests around community problem solving, and - Improving and expanding the institutions' commitment, capacities knowledge and skills in working for Roma inclusion, putting in practice the concepts of good governance; - Contributing to preparation of the local development actions that aim to improve the quality of life for Roma and to reduce the gap between Roma and non-Roma, including in relation to mitigating the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic.
How this Best Practice could be used/ transferred (250 words max)	This best practice can be used and transferred on any local level as it is designed for the exact purpose to provide help to the local authorities not only the Roma community within the inclusion on local level. By partnering and through good mapping and research the best practice can be easily transferred after assessing the needs of the local Roma community in any of the partnering countries, as this is a EU/Council of Europe suggested program. R=The program adapts its actions and activities to each beneficiary and to each selected location from the beneficiaries, in order to fit in the policy cycle and to the dynamic and reality of each municipality, thus bringing an additional input to existing policies and practices for an effective and more inclusive functioning.
Website link:	https://www.coe.int/en/web/skopje/promoting-good-governance-and-roma-empowerment-at-local-level-romacted-ii-1



More Info:	n/a
No2.	
Name of Best Practice:	National Strategy for Roma in the Republic of North Macedonia
Country:	North Macedonia
Short Description: (300 words max)	Due to the challenges in everyday life faced by the Roma population as the most marginalized in society, the Republic of North Macedonia in accordance with the Strategic Framework of the European Union for Roma Support and Inclusion creates the second National Strategy for Roma 2022-2030. When defining the list of priorities for strategic action, the basic cornerstone are the experiences of the state institutions that in their everyday work meet with the current problems of the Roma population. Significant contribution in this regard have had: the experiences and research conducted by citizens' organizations and individuals: comparative experiences and already promoted Roma strategies in the countries of the region; as well as the areas that the Roma Decade participants chose as the most acute.
Trends and Potential Benefits from this Best Practice (250 words max)	<p>Promotion and development of the socio-economic, legal position, cultural and linguistic rights of the Roma in the Republic of North Macedonia by ensuring adequate and equitable access to public goods and services, where the Roma community participates equally in building an inclusive society based on elimination against all forms of discrimination, anti-Roma sentiment and poverty.</p> <p>Starting from the vision, the national strategic framework for Roma presented in this strategy provides guidelines for addressing the challenges faced by Roma in social inclusion and in the realization of human rights.</p> <p>Hence, the general objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to reduce and eliminate the socio-economic gap between the Roma and the rest of the non-Roma population in the Macedonian society, - to reduce poverty and unemployment among the Roma population, - to conduct an effective fight against discrimination and anti-Gypsyism by promoting equality and ensuring the full participation of Roma in society.
How this Best Practice could be used/ transferred (250 words max)	As all of the partners are engaged and have its National strategy for Roma as EU members, the usage and transfer of the key measures and objectives of the NS for Roma from North Macedonia can be easily repainted in other countries' official documents. Therefore, a prior assessment and statistical operations are needed to be done for more observant image of the general living of the Roma community in partnership countries. Also CSO and NVO engagement in the processes is more than emphatic.
Website link:	https://www.mtsp.gov.mk/content/pdf/2022/Strategija%20za%20inkluzija%20na%20Romite%202022-2030%2003-02-2022%20finalna%20verzija.pdf
More Info:	n/a



No3.

Name of Best Practice:	Roma Inclusion Activity
Country:	North Macedonia
Short Description: (300 words max)	The aim of the Roma Inclusion Activity is Roma community members and civil society organizations (CSOs) take leadership roles in the development and implementation of national policies and strategies to empower Roma inclusion, and to hold government institutions accountable for addressing Roma and needs. Through a partnership between the USAID and the Institute of Research and Policy Analysis Romalítico, promotion of actions to address the human rights issues that Roma communities, themselves, have identified as priorities. The Roma Inclusion Activity supports public education activities that empower Roma to use mechanisms for protection and addressing violations of their human rights. The activity will empower the community to participate in local decision-making processes and include their priorities in the local agenda.
Trends and Potential Benefits from this Best Practice (250 words max)	The Activity aims to diminish stereotypes and prejudices against Roma people by reducing their vulnerability to economic destitution and lessening their dependence on public assistance. By support of activities to increase the general public's awareness of Roma needs and the Roma community's potential to contribute to society.
How this Best Practice could be used/ transferred (250 words max)	This best practice could be used or transferred with the help of the CSOs by engaging themselves in inclusion and empowerment processes of Roma community on local or national level through clear state of the goals of the National Strategies for Roma in all partnering countries, how are they being implemented and how is this civic engagement of Roma being stated in these Strategies. Through public education activities could be provided much easier usage or transferring of this best practice.
Website link:	https://www.euro.who.int/en/countries/north-macedonia/news/news/2021/11/roma-communities-build-resilience-to-emergencies-in-north-macedonia
More Info:	n/a

No4.

Name of Best Practice:	Move Your Finger - "Mrdni so prst"
Country:	North Macedonia
Short Description: (300 words max)	The "Move Your Finger" initiative aims to raise public awareness of the various opportunities for social change that are in the domain of each individual, as well as to offer ideas and



	opportunities to contribute to specific activities within the community in which citizens can involve, individually but also collectively.
Trends and Potential Benefits from this Best Practice (250 words max)	By encouraging civic actions and initiatives for increased involvement of each individual or collective through ideas and individual responsibility to make a certain social change in the any region.
How this Best Practice could be used/ transferred (250 words max)	Through a publishing call for actions in which interested citizens in cooperation with institutions will have the opportunity to propose and initiate ideas through creative access and internet activism, as well as through advocacy that will contribute to change in their local community.
Website link:	https://khamdelcevo.org.mk/%D0%B3%D1%80%D0%B0%D1%93%D0%B0%D0%BD%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B0-%D0%B2%D0%BA%D0%BB%D1%83%D1%87%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BE%D1%81%D1%82/
More Info:	n/a

No5.

Name of Best Practice:	Civil Society - Citizen Participation
Country:	North Macedonia
Short Description: (300 words max)	Civic participation as a concept is an essential component of a healthy democratic society. Engaged citizenship, ie. citizens who are actively involved in the betterment of their communities and their country are of great benefit to civil society and a key indicator of healthy communities, a democratic state and satisfied citizens.
Trends and Potential Benefits from this Best Practice (250 words max)	The Potential benefits of the project are invigorate citizen engagement in political and social life, simulate civil society to press for democratic reforms, especially relating to contentious issues and improved synergies and alliances to strengthen civic responsibility.
How this Best Practice could be used/ transferred (250 words max)	Through civic Activism and Participation is designed to empower citizens and young people to recognize the ways they can engage in their communities and to provide different novel mechanisms for their participation, oversight and advocacy will stimulate genuine civil society organizations to address contentious issues and press the government to undertake democratic reforms and cooperation and mobilization will promote greater CSO mobilization, cooperation and solidarity. It will support actions jointly developed through CSO partnerships and networks, forums for exchange of experiences, and discussions of mutual problems, possible solutions and future activities.



Website link:	https://reactor.org.mk/en/usaaid-civil-society-project/
More Info:	n/a