

ROMACT infographics



Snapshot April 2019

The ROMACT Methodology consists in 4 steps, implemented over 18 - 22 months, as described in the ROMACT Handbook (available in the Resources section of ROMACT website: <http://coe-romact.org/>)

From 2016
**ROMACT
Transnational
Cooperation
Component**

105* in BULGARIA & ROMANIA

Municipalities in ROMACT (October 2013 - April 2019)
In addition to Romania and Bulgaria, ROMACT was implemented in Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy and Slovakia between 2013 and 2017



**STEP 1 -
Becoming
Committed**



**STEP 2- Agreeing
on Needs and
Plans**



**STEP 3 - Translating
Community Priorities List
into concrete measures
and projects**



**STEP 4 - Funding,
implementing and
monitoring of the
process**

103 /105

Municipalities signed the letter of agreement to implement the ROMACT Programme

105 /105

Local Capacity Assessment done

84 /105

have Joint Action Plans elaborated by the Community in cooperation with the Local Authorities.

95 /105

Municipalities where Local Authorities & Roma communities were involved in ROMACT capacity building activities

103 /105

Municipalities appointed a Coordinator for the ROMACT Programme

93 /105

Municipalities where Community Needs were assessed

62 /105

Joint Action Plans adopted by Local Councils

105 /105

Municipalities for which screening of funding was conducted with the help of ROMACT experts

63 /105

Municipalities created a Municipal Taskforce for Roma inclusion

89 /105

Municipalities where community priorities were listed in preparation for the Joint Action Plans

26 /105

Joint Action Plans included in the mainstream Local Development Strategies

56 /105

Municipalities where project proposals were submitted for funding

95 /105

Community Action Groups established

69 /105

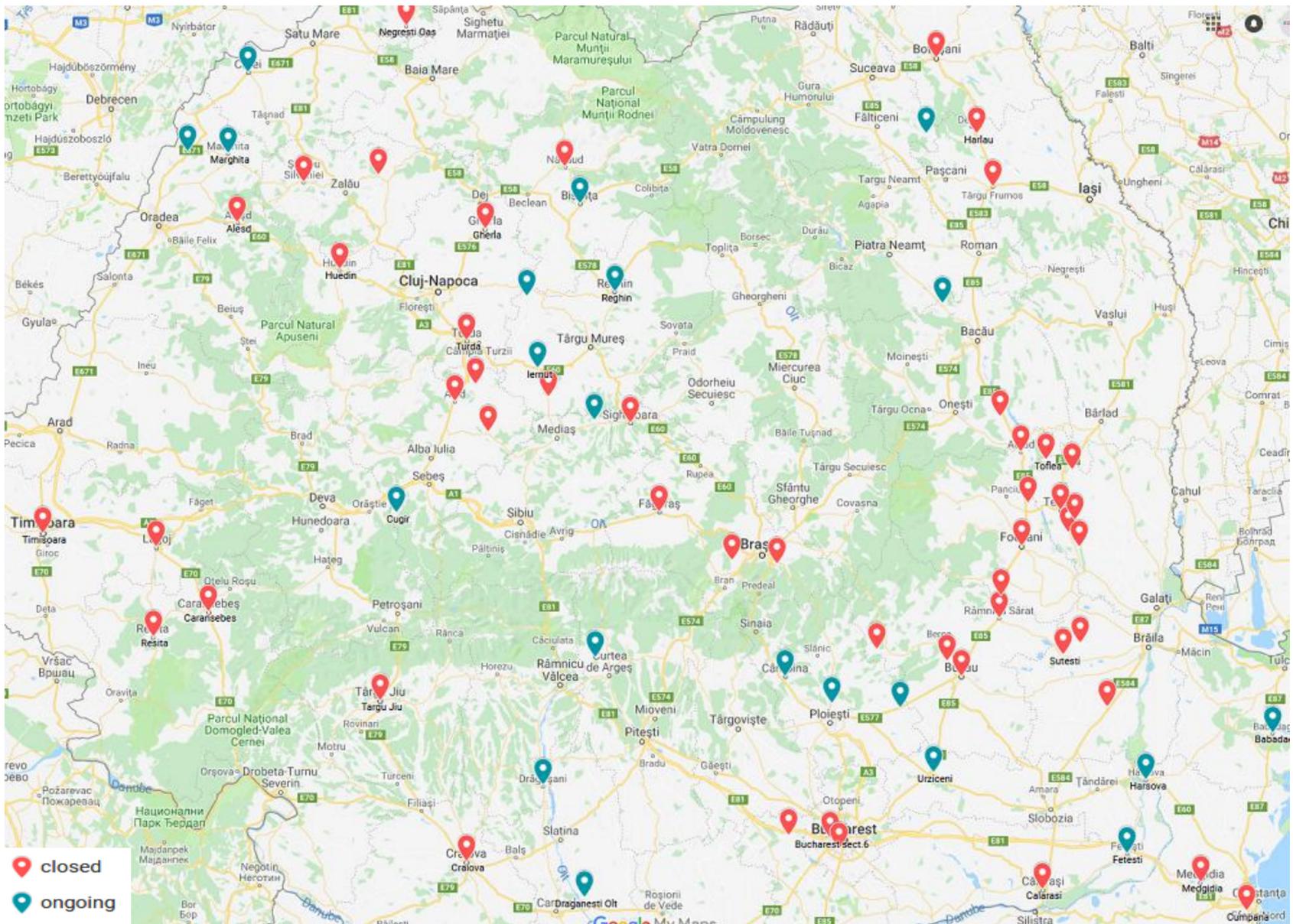
Municipalities are implementing projects as a result of ROMACT process & support

* (Total figures comprise ongoing, closed and excluded municipalities)

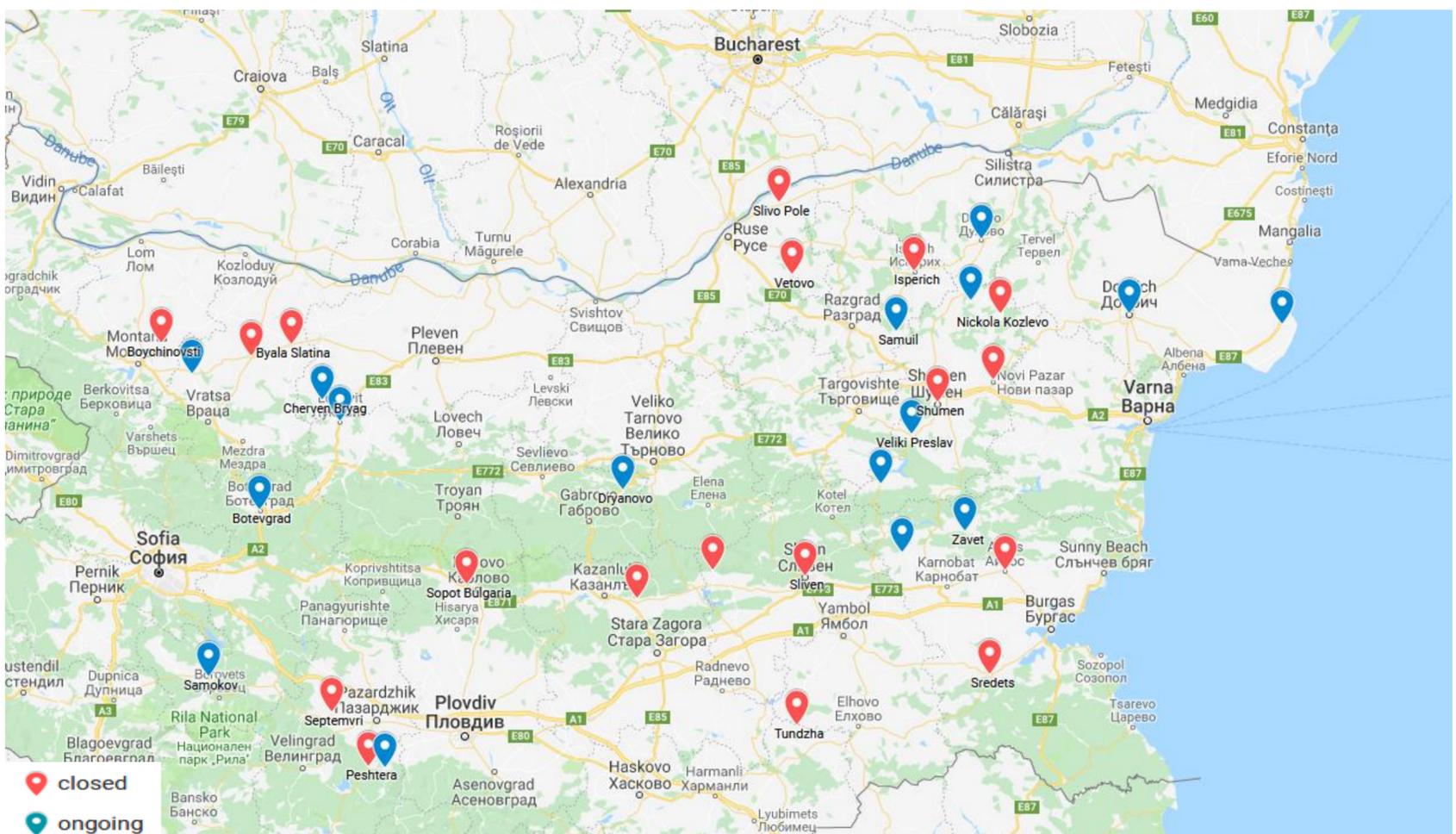
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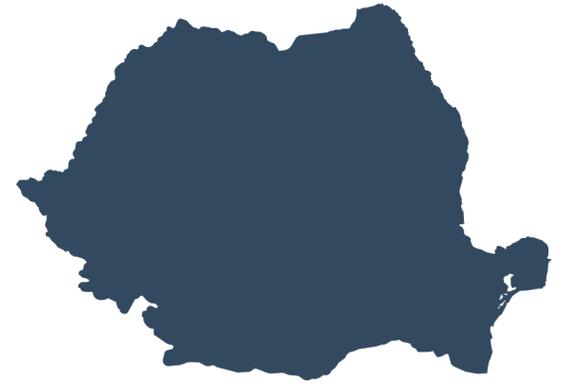
ROMACT in Bulgaria



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ROMANIA



68
Municipalities

50 Municipalities
ROMACT Cycle closed

* excluded municipalities are not counted in

18 Municipalities
ROMACT Cycle ongoing

Projects supported by ROMACT



25,000 €
invested by ROMACT /
municipality / year



112,016,699€

generated through 49 projects

15,827,103€

worth of projects currently
under evaluation

EXPERT SUPPORT FOR ACCESS TO FUNDING

EXAMPLE

ROMACT in Targu Frumos

"Strategic actions for reducing number of people at poverty risk and social exclusion"

4,666,666 €

Funded under ESF, Human Capital Operational Program (POCU) - Priority Axis 4.1 - Social inclusion and combating poverty in Roma marginalized communities

The main objective of the project FRUMOSS (Human Resources Development, Mediation, Orientation and Social Services) is reducing the risk of poverty and social exclusion by introducing integrated measures to address the access to education, health, employment and housing. The main focus of the activities is around education and employment, which represent the most pressing issues vulnerable Roma are faced with in Targu Frumos.



Expected results

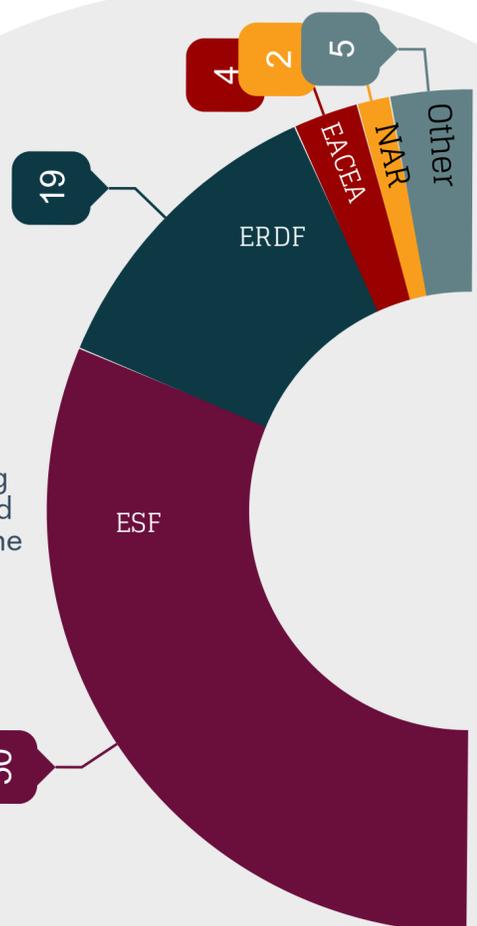
The project will give access to school after school and offer counselling services, vocational training and support to business creation for 560 people.



Projects submitted

80

applications for funding prepared and submitted with the assistance of the ROMACT experts and facilitators



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EXAMPLES

Bolintin Vale

Rehabilitation & extension of Technological High School



55,362 €

Funded by the National Programme for Local Development

Beneficiaries

The project benefits to 300 students

EXPERT SUPPORT FOR ACCESS TO FUNDING

Focsani

Focsani municipality local development strategy (CLLD for urban areas)



8,580,000€

Funded under EFRD, Regional Operational Programme

Beneficiaries

Disadvantaged population from 2 Urban Marginalized Areas (ZUM) will benefit from a package of hard and soft measures

Tecuci

Improving energetic efficiency of Social support canteen



210,023 €

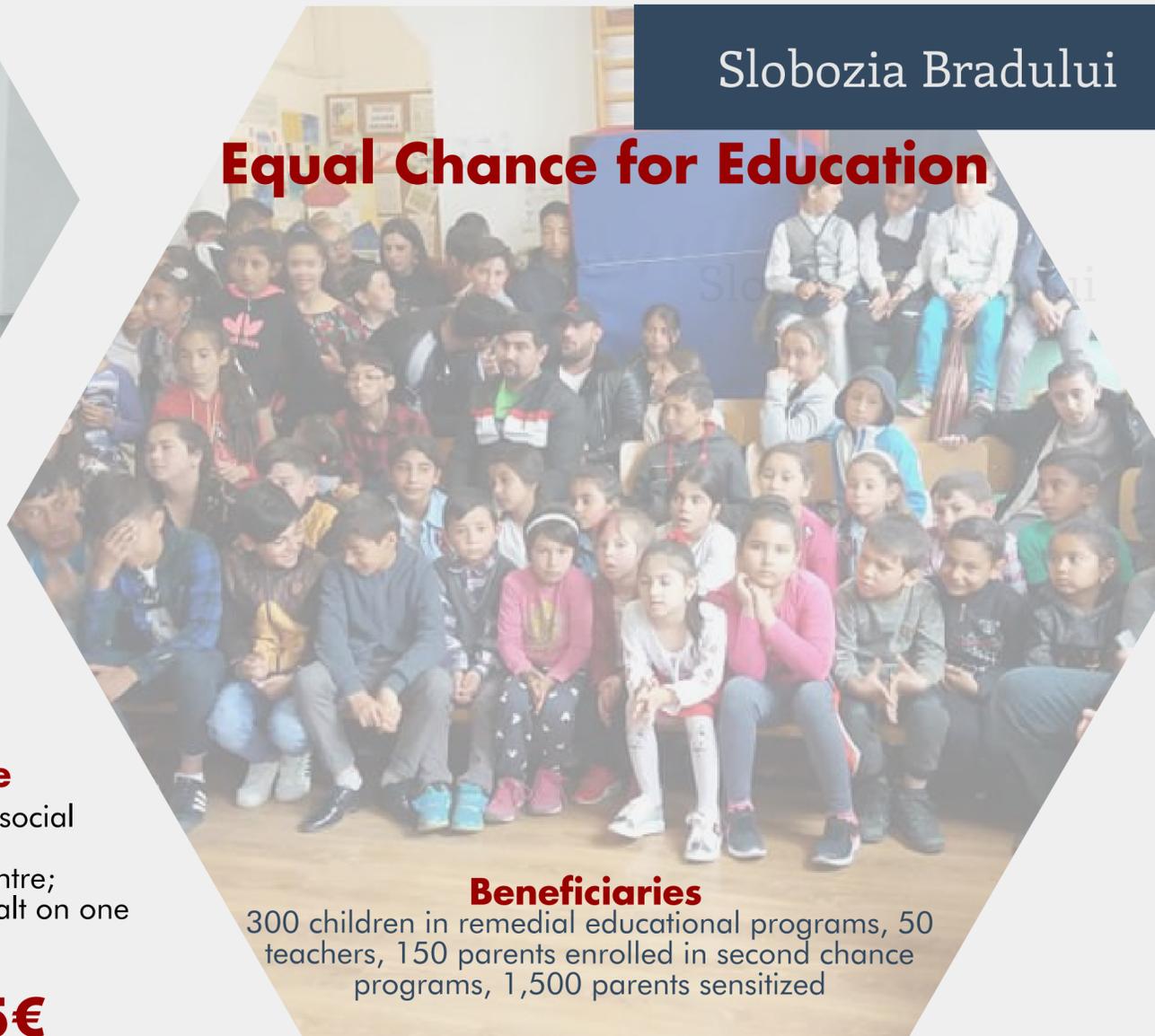
Funded under EFRD, Regional Operational Programme, Axis 13.1

Beneficiaries

4,120 vulnerable citizens

Slobozia Bradului

Equal Chance for Education



Beneficiaries

300 children in remedial educational programs, 50 teachers, 150 parents enrolled in second chance programs, 1,500 parents sensitized

2,058,307€

Funded under ESF, Human Capital Operational Program-POCU - Axis 6.1

Iernut

Improving quality of life

Construction of 2 social blocks of flats & a multifunctional centre; sewage and asphalt on one road



5,017,405€

Funded under EFDR, Regional Operational Programme, Axis 13.1

Beneficiaries

8,705 citizens (whole population)

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different interventions,
measures and activities
funded mainly through
local, regional and national
budgets

Examples of activities from the Joint Action Plans / Strategies implemented

63

Infrastructure
projects implemented
(roads, bridges, sewage and
electricity network
constructions)

32

cities invested local budget

26

Small Infrastructure
projects implemented

(water & sewage systems repair,
cleaning, speed bumpers, waste
collection set up)

15

cities invested local budget

62

Education
projects implemented
(Second Chance schools, School
after school Programmes,
campaigns against drop-out,
kindergartens construction)

30

cities invested local budget

30

Health
related activities

(information/vaccination campaigns,
support in registering for health
insurance/ family GP etc.)

20

cities invested local budget

10

Social housing
projects (building or rehabilitation)

9

cities invested local budget

575

Identity Documents

ownership or registration
cases addressed by local
authorities

5

cities invested local budget

48

Culture
related activities
(intercultural events, 8 April, 16
May, 2 August celebrations, etc.)

23

cities invested local budget

23

Mediation
mediators and Roma experts
hired by local authorities

10

municipalities

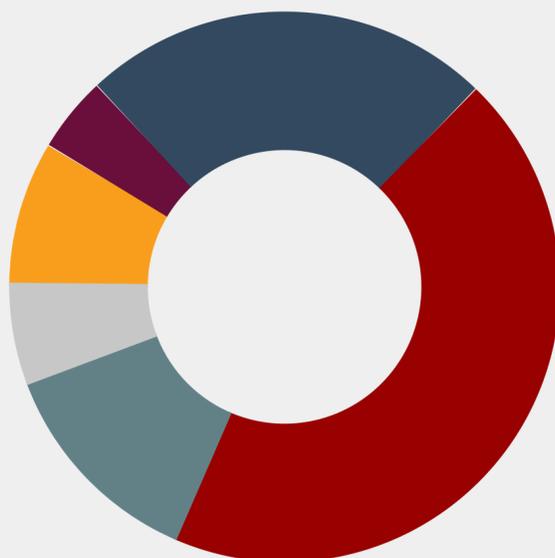
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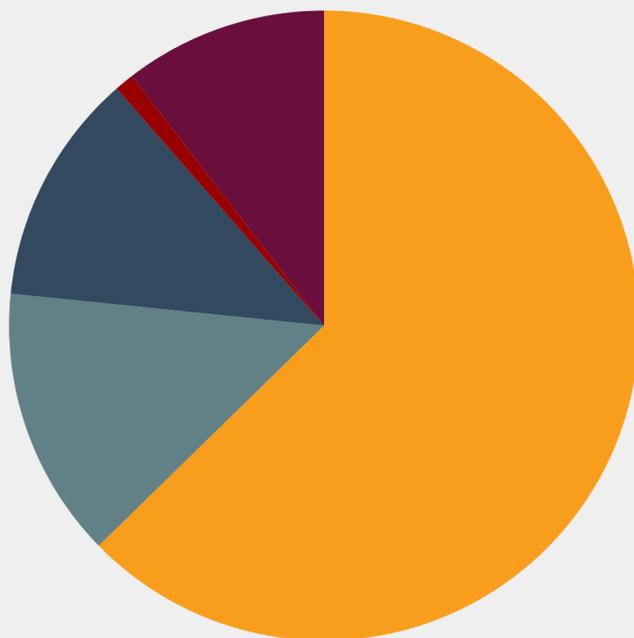
Activities from the Joint Action Plans / Strategies implemented

Distribution by field

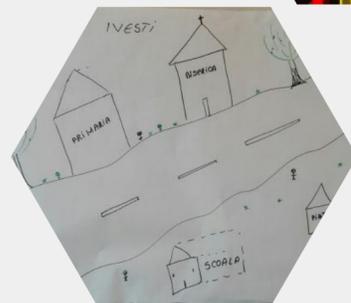


■ Housing (8.56%)
 ■ Employment (4.28%)
 ■ Education (24.12%)
 ■ Infrastructure (44.36%)
■ Health (12.84%)
 ■ others (mediation, cult.. (5.84%)

Funding sources



■ Local funds (62.69%)
 ■ National Funds (13.93%)
 ■ EU Funds (11.94%)
■ UN Funds (1%)
 ■ Others (Private compani.. (10.45%)



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317

training and coaching sessions

Examples of capacity building activities

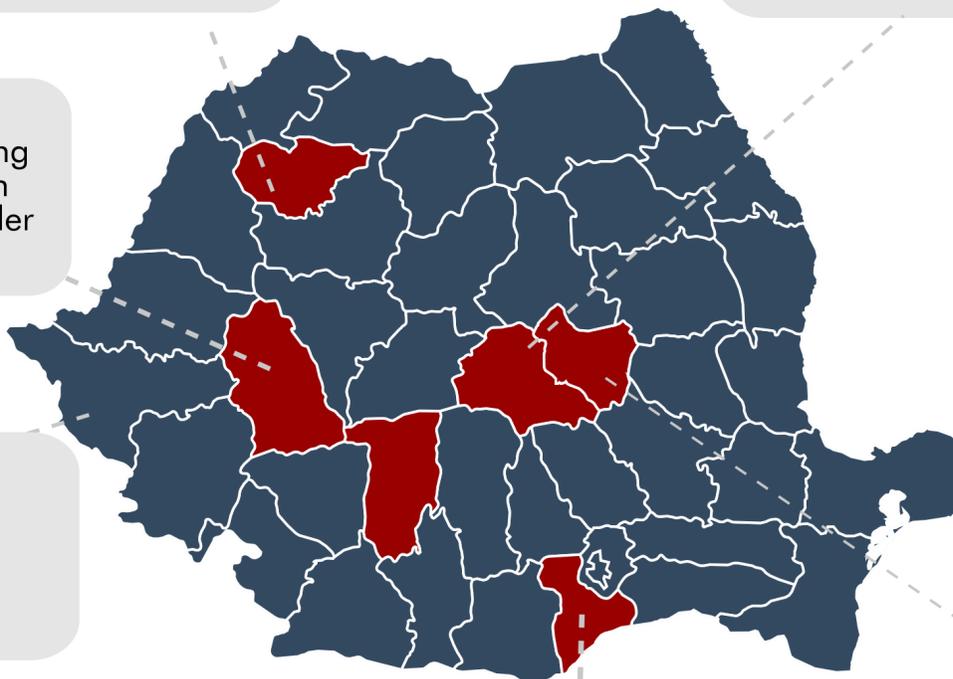
Jibou
CAG training on fundraising at local level

Fagaras
Local Authorities training on preventing child separation from family

Vulcan
Local authorities training on the implementation of projects funded under HCOP

" ROMACT training & coaching made a big difference for us. We did not have experience and sufficient knowledge to implement HCOP (ESF) funded projects and ROMACT support was crucial".
Marasesti Head of Procurement Department

Bujoreni
Public procurement expert training
10 municipalities participating



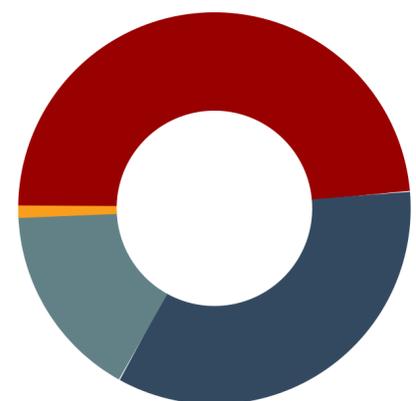
Bolintin Vale
CAG and Local Authorities joint training on Local Development Strategy

Covasna
Accessing structural and cohesion funds
11 municipalities participating

2506

participants to training and coaching sessions

Training target groups



■ Local Authorities (LA) (48.39%)
■ CAG (34.41%) ■ LA & CAG (16.13%)
■ Other (1.08%)



BUGET CATELOR

| ACTIVITATE | UM | NR. CATELOR | PREZ. UNITATE | VALOR. TOTALA |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. Activitate de cercetare | 1 | 20 luni | 1500 | 105.000 lei |
| 2. Numar echipa | 3 | 25 luni | 1500 | 6.000 lei |
| 3. Achizitii | 1 | 4 luni | 1500 | 20.000 lei |
| 4. Firms DALL | 1 | 2 luni | 10.000 | 5.000 lei |
| 5. Taxe (chirie, salarii, etc.) | 1 | 1 | 5000 | 10.000 lei |
| 6. Consumabile (materie prime, etc.) | luc | 24 luni | 10.000 | 40.000.000 lei |
| 7. Control firme | 1 | 20 luni | 1500 | 30.000 lei |
| 8. Contract dirijinta | 1 | 20 luni | 1500 | 400.000 lei |
| 9. Taxe | 2 | | 400.000 | |

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BULGARIA



33

Municipalities*

24

Municipalities
Cycle closed

9

Municipalities
ROMACT Cycle ongoing

* excluded municipalities are not counted

Projects supported by ROMACT



25,000 €

invested by ROMACT / municipality / year



14,713,622 €

generated through 16 projects



489,492 €

worth of projects currently under evaluation

56

applications for funding prepared and submitted with the assistance of the ROMACT experts and facilitators

EXPERT SUPPORT FOR ACCESS TO FUNDING

EXAMPLES

ROMACT in Sungurlare



Early child development opportunities for Roma children

Addressing functional illiteracy among Roma students in partnership with the Center of Expertise of Social Welfare in S-E Finland

Beneficiaries

150 children between 0-6 years old from vulnerable families

98,273 €

Funded under OPHRD Transnational Cooperation

ROMACT in Samuil

Socio-economic integration and access to education

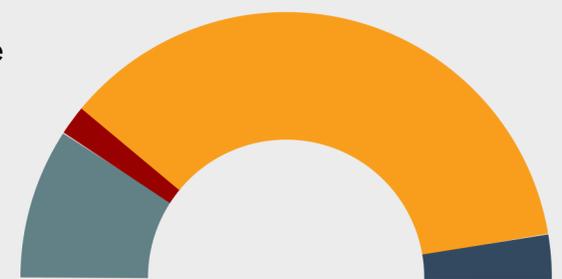
Integrated project for citizens from vulnerable groups with improvement of access to education, employment, social & health services

Beneficiaries

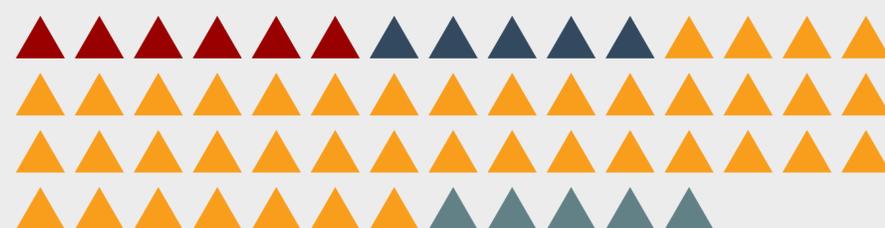
400 citizens from vulnerable groups (low educated, unemployed, unschooled and children & students from Roma background)

435,631 €

Funded under OPHRD-OPSEISG integrated procedure



Distribution by field



Funding sources



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BULGARIA



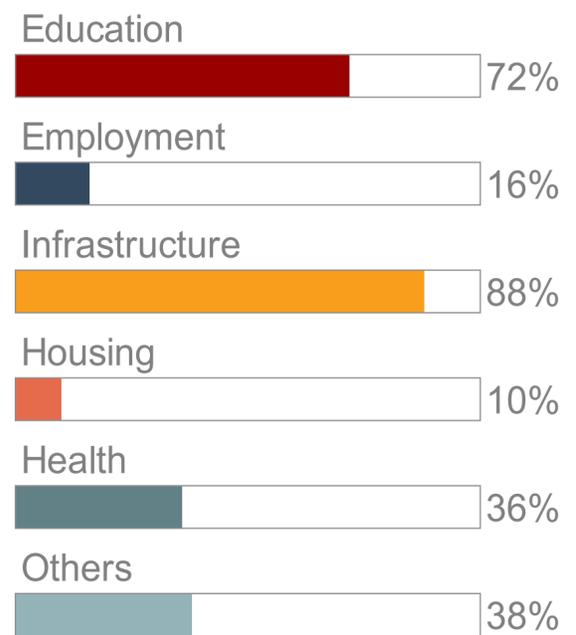
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Examples of activities from the Joint Action Plans / Strategies implemented

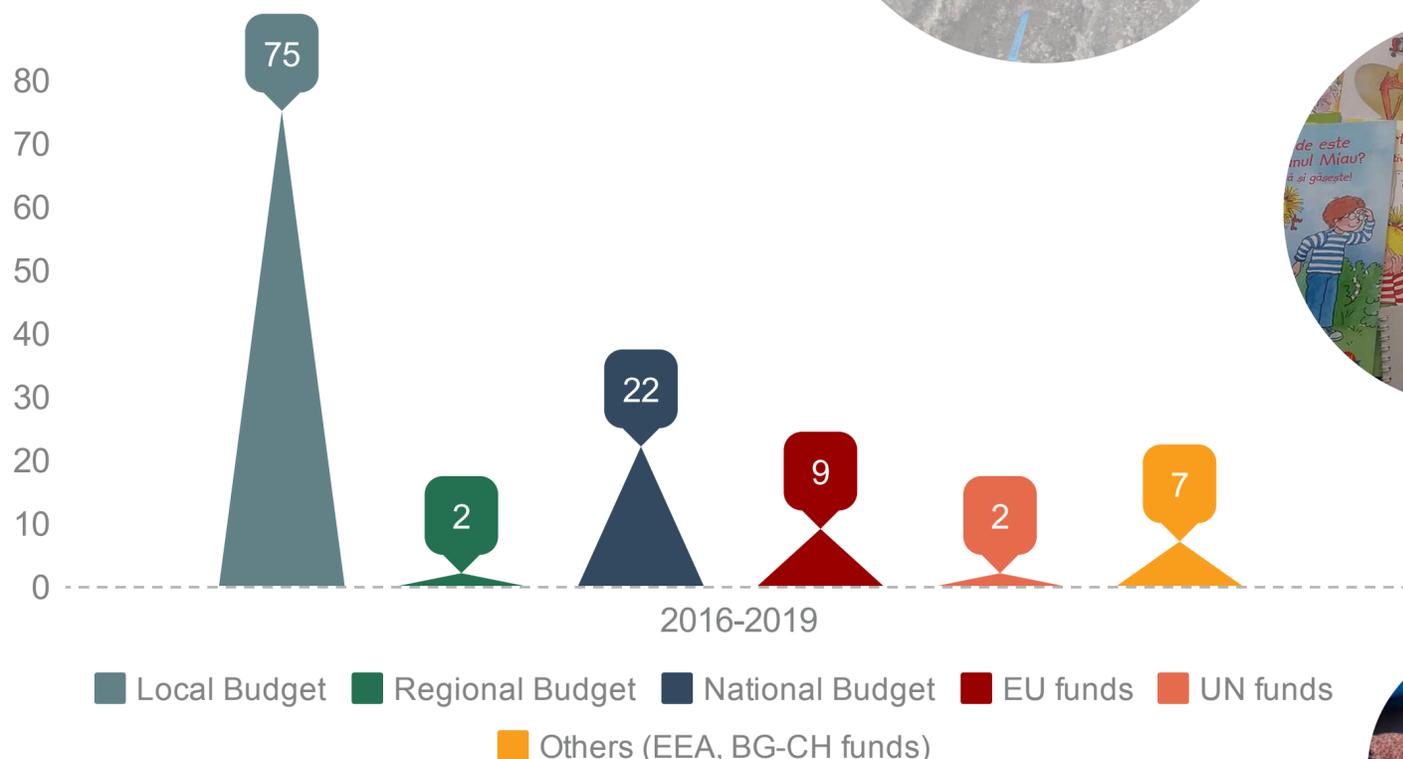


127 different interventions, measures and activities funded mainly through local, regional and national budgets

Distribution by field



Distribution by sources of funding



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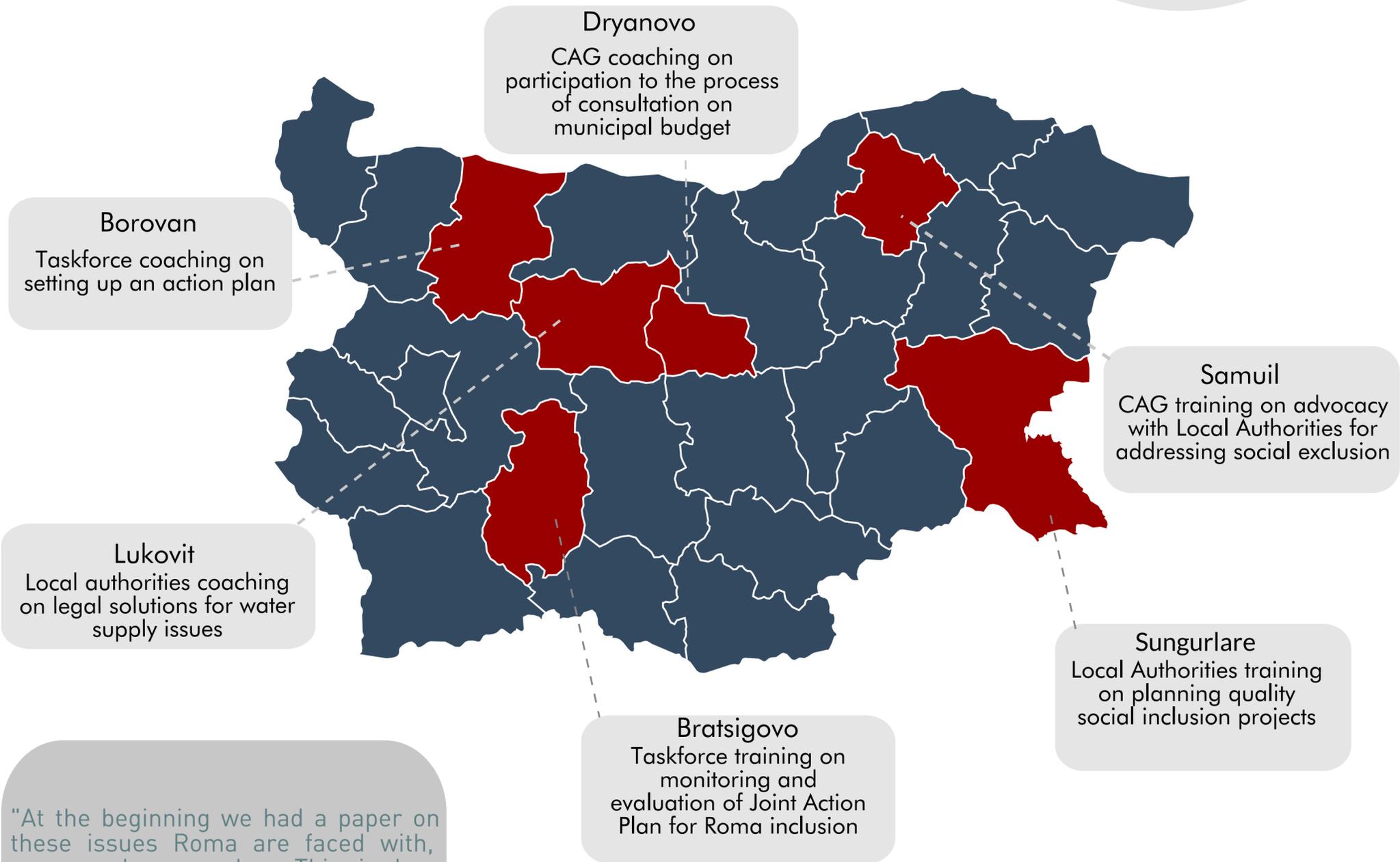


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training and coaching sessions

Examples of capacity building activities



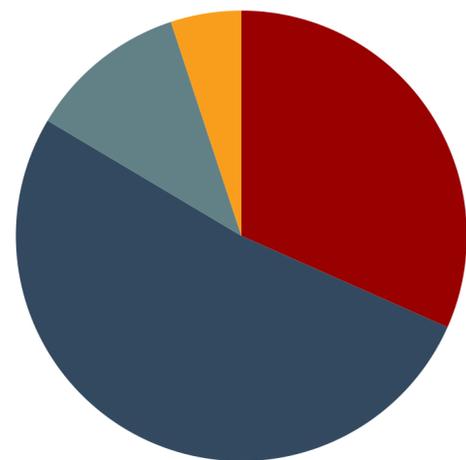
"At the beginning we had a paper on these issues Roma are faced with, now we have a plan. This is how ROMACT helped us."

Local Representative, Bratsigovo

Training target groups

2181

participants to training and coaching sessions



Local Authorities (LA) (31.65%) CAG (51.90%) LA & CAG (11.39%) Other (5.06%)

ROMACT

Evidence-based support to the national authorities

ROMACT Reports and Guides are shared and debated with local, national and European stakeholders including mayors, associations of Municipalities, ministries and European Commission representatives.



The implementation of ROMACT Programme implies joint planning with the participation of local communities, revision and update of strategies and plans for Roma inclusion, as well as their integration into the mainstream municipal development strategies and plans.

The study prepared by ROMACT experts identified challenges met in Bulgaria regarding that act of the process. It contributes to the work on mainstreaming of the issues of the vulnerable and marginalized communities, including Roma, in the strategies and plans of municipalities in Bulgaria.

Analysis of Municipal Development Plans & Integrated Urban Reconstruction & Development Plans of municipalities participating in ROMACT

Other ROMACT Reports

+ Report on the Situation of Social Economy Structures in the ROMACT municipalities in Romania

+ Urban CLLD Projects in Romania. Report on challenges encountered by Local Public Authorities in nine ROMACT municipalities in implementing the 2014-2020 Projects and Recommendations for the Programming period 2021-2027

Guide on Social Housing Allocation Criteria

CRITERII DE ATRIBUIRE A LOCUINTELOR SOCIALE
GHID pentru autorități publice locale



The Guide is based on the continuous needs assessment in ROMACT municipalities



It comes in support to the Romanian local authorities to better understand the social housing allocation methodology and promote the prevention of discriminatory policies in access to housing.

It combines both legal and social approaches and exemplifies potential restrictive criteria as well as criteria that are accessible and already used by some municipalities.

Read the guide

<http://coe-romact.org/resources>





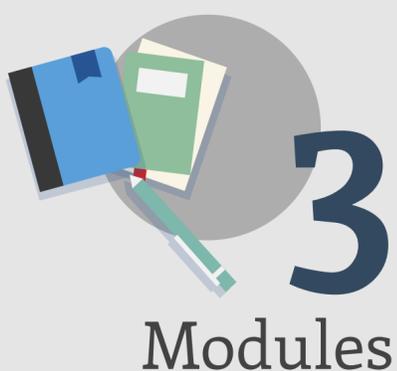
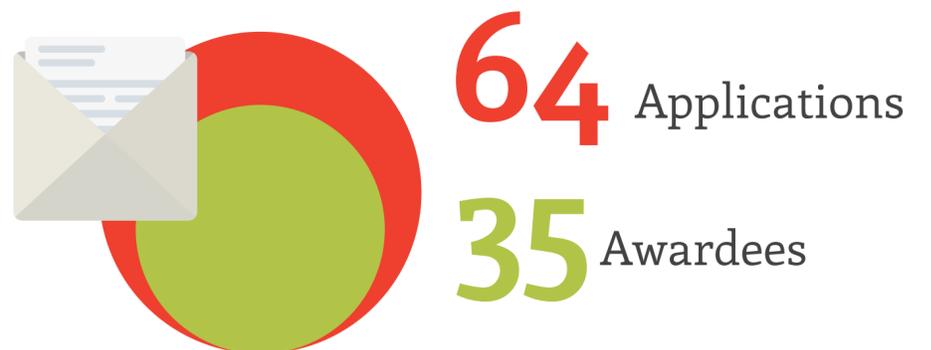
ROMACT T.C.C.

Transnational Cooperation Component

What is ROMACT T.C.C.?

Launched in 2016, ROMACT T.C.C. is a component of the ROMACT Programme that assists local authorities in better integrating marginalised people, in particular non-nationals of Roma ethnicity.

ROMACT T.C.C. focuses on the cooperation between municipalities from or to which movements of marginalised populations occur, with a focus on Roma.



Module A

Intercultural Trainings

Module B

Training of Mediators

Module C

Study Visits

Module A

Intercultural
Training



Italy

United
Kingdom

Belgium

Florence

Glasgow

Ghent

Belfast

Sheffield

Germany

Hamburg

Bremen

Bremerhaven

Aachen

Dortmund

Duisburg

Essen

Gelsenkirchen

Hamm

Lippe

Wuppertal

Berlin

Freiburg

Ireland

Dublin

South
Tipperary:
Waterford
Carlow,
Kilkenny,
Wexford

79

Trainings
delivered

1328

Participants

France

Lille

Rezé

Toulouse

Sweden

Uppsala

Gothenburg

Austria

Innsbruck



Module B

Training of Mediators

France



Ireland



United Kingdom



6 Trainings delivered
2 sessions each with 6 months break for practice
62 Participants



Sweden



Germany



Module C

Study Visits

to Romania

France

Sweden



42 Participants
9 Visits

Germany

Study Visit: Nantes (FR) - Dolj & Mehedinti Counties (RO)



Meeting with representatives of Dolj County and Prefecture

The French and Romanian partners identified main lines of actions for the future, including exchange of information and expertise, improvement of seasonal migrations conditions, fight against prejudices against Roma in Nantes.



Meeting with Ms Solomonesc, State Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Social Justice



Meeting with National Agency for the Roma



Ms. Nedelec, Vice- President- Nantes Metropole
Ms Pichon, Deputy- Mayor, Sainte Luce sur Loire
Mr Dobrescu, Mayor, Vartop

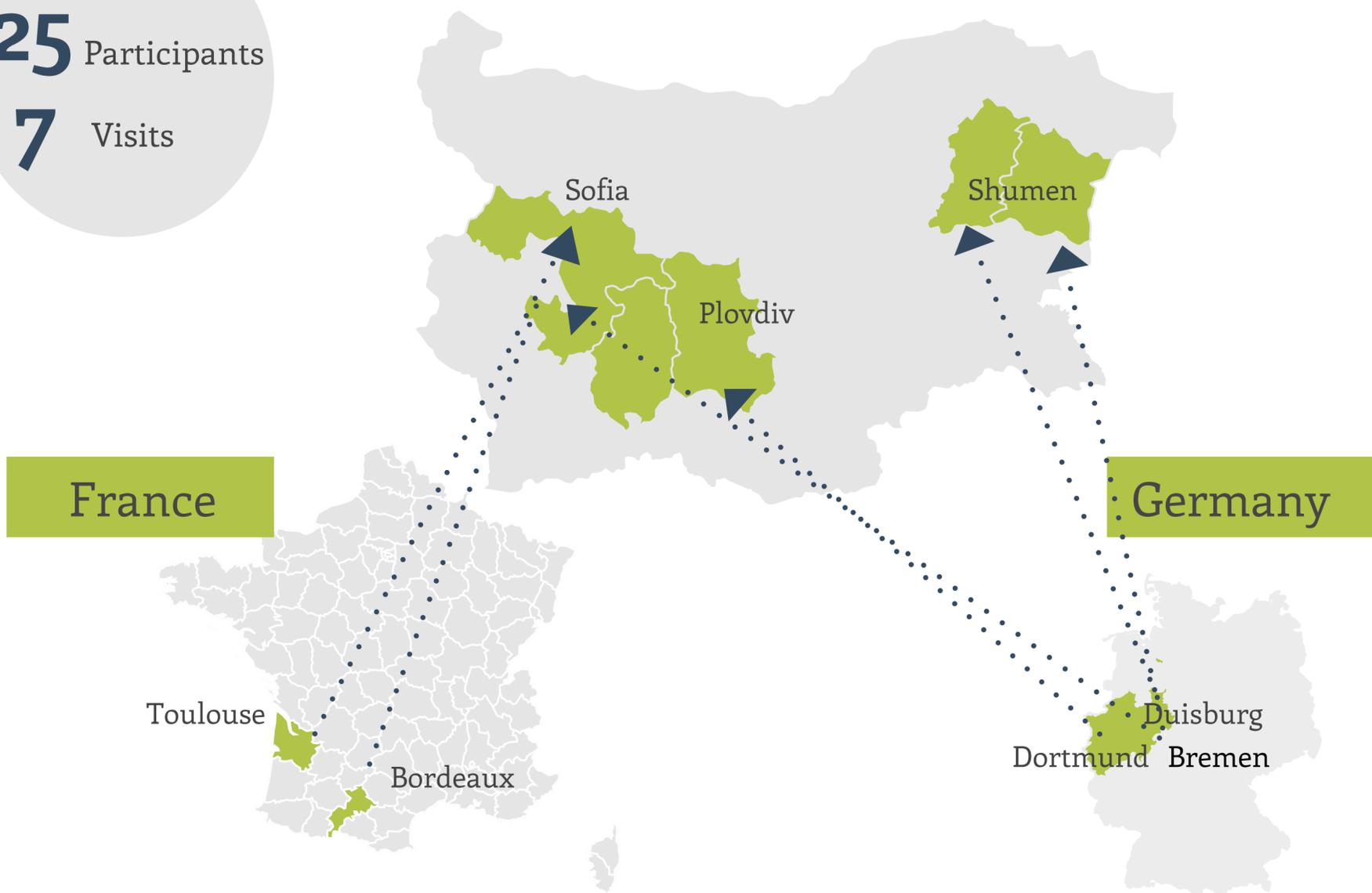
Module C

Study Visits

to Bulgaria

25 Participants

7 Visits



France

Germany

Toulouse

Bordeaux

Sofia

Plovdiv

Shumen

Duisburg

Dortmund Bremen

Study Visit: Bordeaux and Toulouse (FR) - Peshtera, Plovdiv and Pazardzhik (BG)

The cities of Toulouse and Bordeaux applied to the ROMACT TCC Call for Proposals with a joint project. The French delegation composed of public servants from both cities reported that the mission resulted in a fruitful collaboration between all the municipalities involved in this exchange. They visited the Roma communities in Sofia and Pazardzhik and met representatives of the public authorities.

«The City of Toulouse is grateful to the ROMACT team and the French Institute for the support and the help provided throughout the duration of the project. Their involvement allowed us to materialize the cooperation between the two countries»
Audrey HERNANDEZ
City of Toulouse

«The participation to the ROMACT programme allowed us to obtain a different point of view on the realities of the field work and to better understand the migrational context of the families we are working with in Bordeaux. Furthermore, this allowed us to identify a new network of stakeholders in the cities of origin»
David DUMEAU
Social Mediator - City Bordeaux



In 2019



ROMACT T.C.C.

develops

From **June 2019** on, ROMACT Programme will assist local authorities in addressing the issues faced by the **vulnerable EU migrants**, including Roma, in a **sustained and integrated manner**, based on the ROMACT process:



STEP 1

Raising awareness and building the commitment of local authorities towards improving the situation of vulnerable EU migrants, including Roma



STEP 2

Agreeing on needs and plans to improve the situation of vulnerable EU migrants, including Roma



STEP 3

Translating priorities into concrete measures and projects

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