



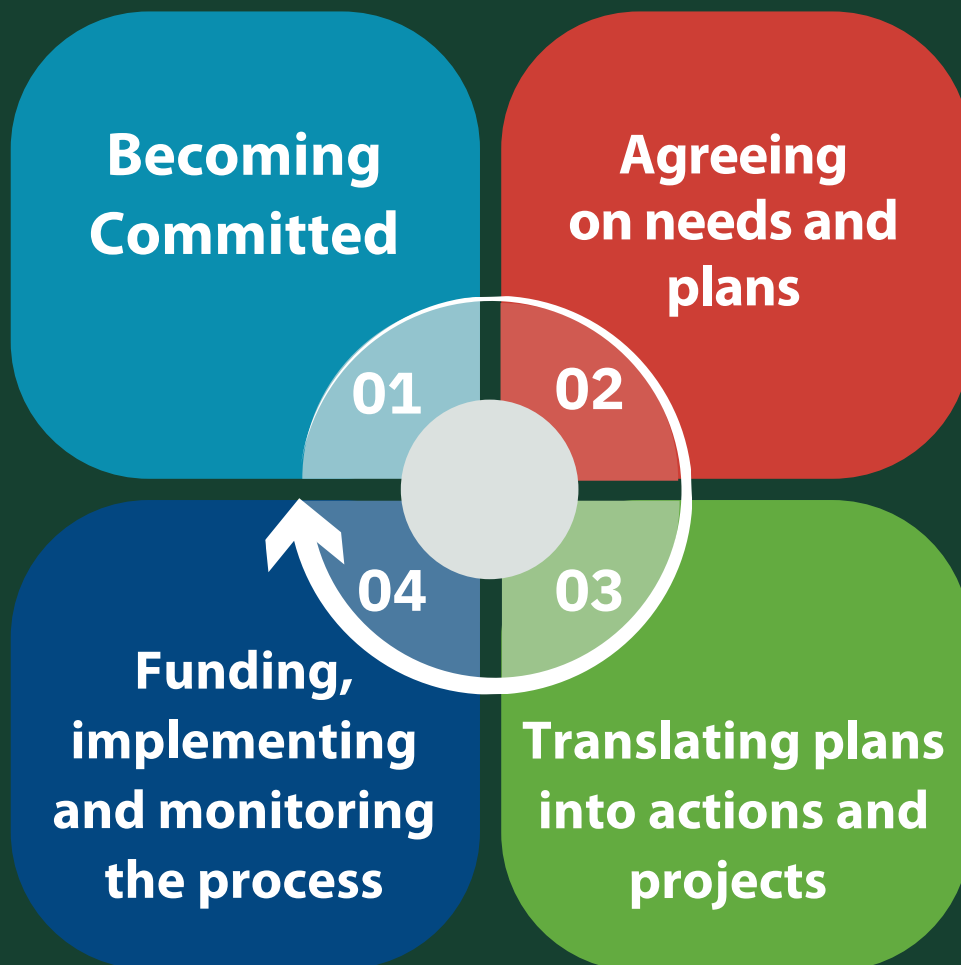
ROMACT PROGRAMME INFOGRAPHICS



ROMACT is a process that takes between eighteen to twenty-two months in each municipality.

It is designed to assist local authorities in improving the lives of all citizens, including Roma, by collaboratively assessing needs, planning actions alongside all relevant stakeholders, and facilitating implementation of these plans through capacity building and concrete measures.

ROMACT METHODOLOGY - 4 STEPS



**233 municipalities across 6 countries
where the ROMACT process was
fully implemented**

FORMER ROMACT COUNTRIES



**7 Municipalities in Hungary
between 2016-2017**



**8 Municipalities in Italy between
2014-2016**



**4 Municipalities in Czechia
between 2015-2017**



**13 Municipalities in Slovakia between
2015-2017**

ACTIVE ROMACT COUNTRIES



**118 Municipalities in Romania
between 2013-2025**



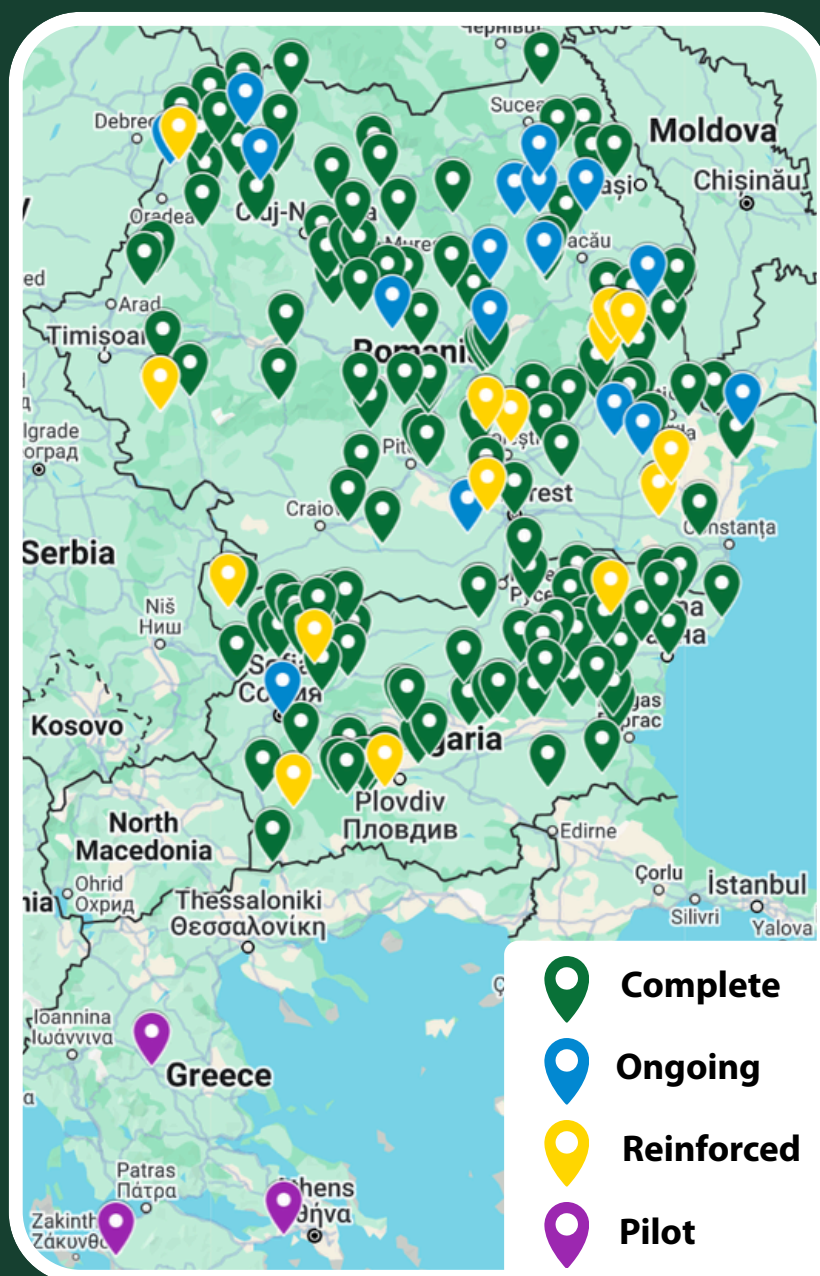
**84 Municipalities in Bulgaria
between 2013-2025**

In September 2024, ROMACT expanded to Greece. Since then, 3 municipalities were invited to pilot the ROMACT process.



Continuing in Bulgaria & Romania Starting in Greece

Since 2022, ROMACT reinforced process began to be implemented in former localities upon request, to enhance capacities and provide support to previously established structures through the Programme.





3 Pilot Municipalities

After identifying the relevant and willing municipalities, a network of experts organized around a coordinator was formed and trained on the ROMACT methodology to provide support for municipalities, capacity development, training and guidance to prepare project proposals and implement inclusive policies to improve the living conditions and social integration of vulnerable populations, including the Roma. Local councils in municipalities have agreed to join the process and letter of engagements' signatures are imminent.

MEETING MUNICIPALITIES AND STAKEHOLDERS



TRAINING OF TRAINERS: 25 EXPERTS TRAINED





84 Municipalities participated in ROMACT between 2013-2025

ROMACT support for municipalities involves capacity development, training and guidance to prepare project proposals and implement inclusive policies to improve the living conditions and social integration of vulnerable populations, including the Roma.



178

Project proposals submitted with ROMACT facilitators and experts support to generate funding for local authorities.



Average ROMACT investment per municipality

25 000€



Net worth of projects currently under evaluation

6 754 170,44€



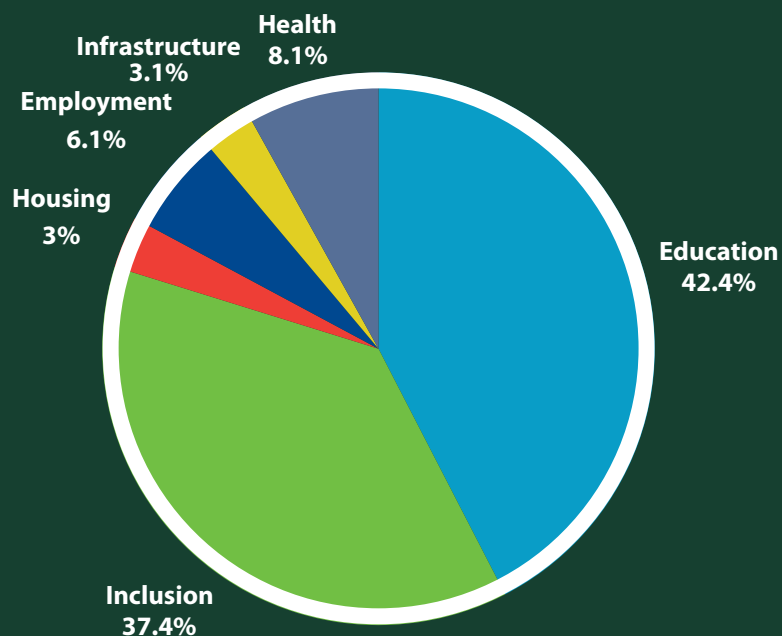
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21 817 859€





Type of projects



 **103**

Projects approved and funded at national and EU level

European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)

46

National Funds

26

Others (Recovery and resilience plan, HRD)

19

EEA and Norway Grants

12

Funding Sources



SUPPORTED PROJECT EXAMPLES



Antonovo
544 372€



**Local development, poverty
reduction and enhanced
inclusion of vulnerable groups**

- Improving access to services for Roma people and other vulnerable groups in segregated communities

- Targeting social assistance, education, employment, and healthcare

- Empowering Roma communities, including women and youth, to engage in decision-making processes

- Beneficiaries: 2000 Roma community members

Funded under Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area (EEA) and the Financial Mechanism of Norway 2022- 2024.



Sungulare
255 941€



**Promoting Intercultural
Education through Culture,
Science, and Sports**

- Promoting a positive attitude towards diversity

- Stimulating educational integration by involving 7 educational institutions, with high and low percentage of Roma children in common curricular and extra-curricular activities such as: clubs, interest based classes, sports competitions, visits to museums etc.

- Training events for teachers and parents, ongoing informational campaign promoting the project goals, values, and activities

- Beneficiaries: 300 students, 65% Roma

Funded under EU fund Program "Education" 2021-2027.





SUPPORTED PROJECT EXAMPLES



Shabla
146 370€



**“United in difference, we learn
about life”**

- Creating a tolerant multicultural environment in the municipal educational institutions
- Implementing activities aimed at working with children and students to achieve intercultural education
- Providing training for pedagogical specialists
- Building a community of engaged parents, and conducting information campaigns to prevent discrimination
- Beneficiaries: 211 children/students, 52,6% Roma

Funded under EU fund Program “Education” 2021-2027.





Training and coaching sessions for local authorities and Community Action Groups

684

Coaching and training sessions

4174

participants



Borovan

Intercultural approach in education and work with Roma parents

Rakitovo

Identifying the needs and priorities of the community

Lukovit

CAG coaching on participation in the local budget consultation process

Varbitsa

National programs 2021 - 2027 funded by the EU structural and cohesion funds in support of municipal policies for social inclusion

Sliven

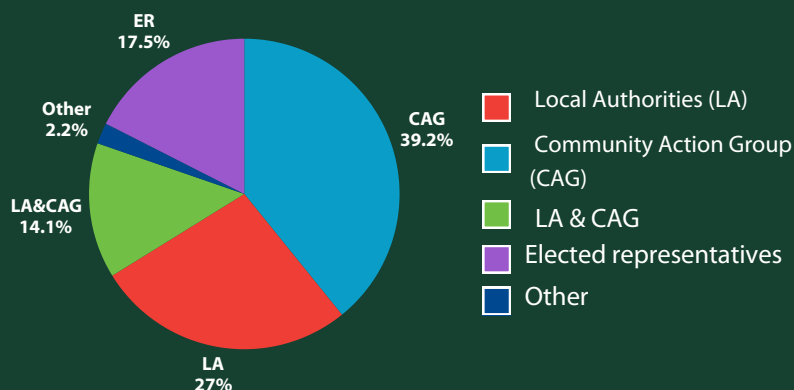
Local Authorities training on project planning and management

“ Better understanding the needs of each child and the situation of each family, partnering with parents and other responsible parties. Thanks to ROMACT training, I understood that this is the basis for successful inclusion. ”

Municipal staff member, Borovan



TRAINING PARTICIPANTS





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92

PROCESS COMPLETE

16

ONGOING PROCESS

10

REINFORCED PROCESS

Average ROMACT investment per municipality

25 000€



Net worth of projects currently under evaluation

8 931 129€



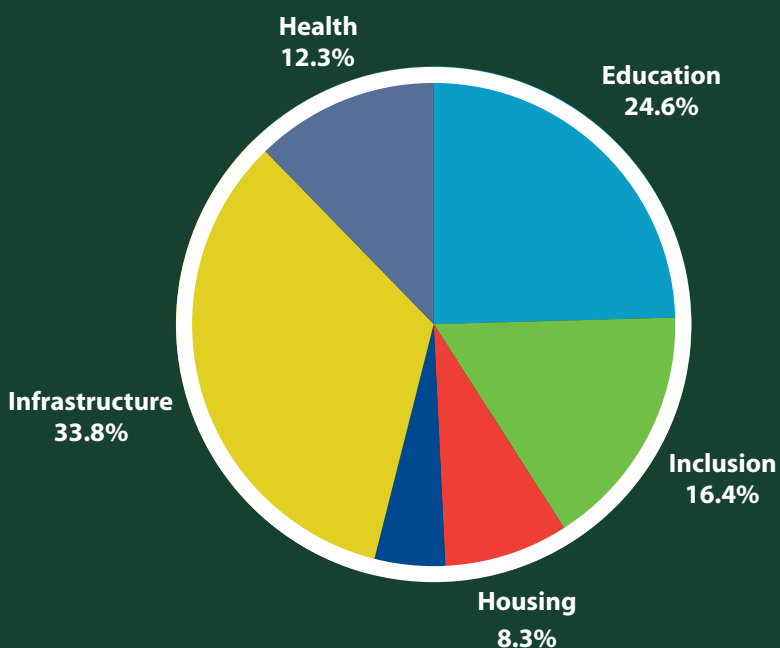
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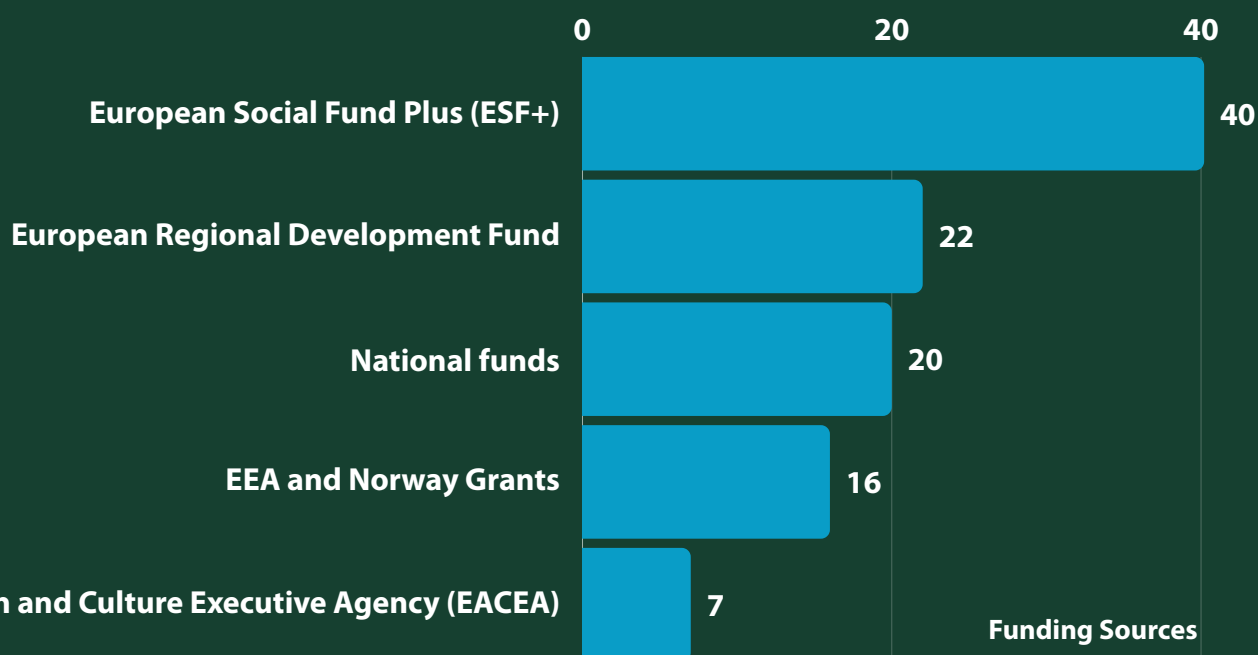


Types of projects



105

Projects approved and funded at national and EU level





SUPPORTED PROJECT EXAMPLES



Videle
298 000€



Education for future generation

- Preventing absenteeism and school dropout among students from vulnerable background and with learning difficulties
- Organizing and conducting remedial education classes, school and extracurricular educational activities
- Investing in school infrastructure
- Improving quality of education for 639 students

PNRR- National Recovery and Resilience Plan, investment 4. Supporting educational units with a high risk of dropping out.



Piatra Neamt
1 437 282€



Developing support and assistance services for adults with different disabilities

- Creating a day centre for adults with disabilities, providing comprehensive support and assistance services for 90 adults with different disabilities
- Personalized care, social integration programmes, therapeutic activities, vocational training, and psychological support to enhance the well-being and independence of its beneficiaries
- Ensuring access to rehabilitation therapies, life skills development, and recreational activities tailored to individual needs
- Foster inclusion, reduce social isolation, and empower individuals with disabilities to actively participate in the community while supporting their families through counseling services

Funded under National Plan for Recovery and Resilience, C13- Social reforms, I2.





SUPPORTED PROJECT EXAMPLES



Zalau
1 600 000€



Construction of an elderly Day Care Centre

- Preventing the marginalisation of over 800 elderly persons, as defined by law, in Zalău county, which are unable to take care of, or support, themselves
- Providing services for the prevention and reduction of social exclusion for 600 eligible individuals
- Providing home care services to 200 elderly people during a 18-month period

Program for Inclusion and Social Dignity 2021-2027 Priority P06: Support services for elderly persons – Senior communities.





Training and coaching sessions for local authorities and Community Action Groups

859

Coaching and training sessions

5050

participants



Dolhasca

Training for Community Action Groups on community development

Sarmasu

Training for Local Authorities on the protection of children affected by migration

Draganesti Olt

Expertise for accessing structural and cohesion funds

Bolintin Vale

Local Authorities and CAG joint training on Local Strategy development

Focsani

Local Authorities Training on Challenges in using MySMIS platform

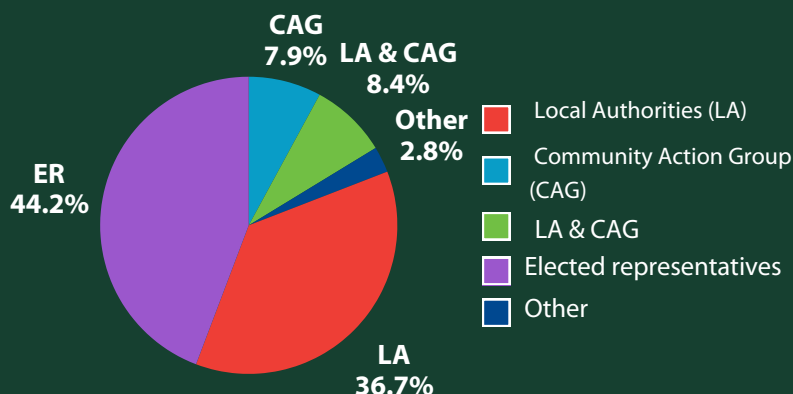
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An opportunity provided at an adequate moment. Thank you for the chance to attend this training course, I have been waiting for it for 10 years!

A municipal civil servant after a certified EU funds expert training in Brasov

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TRAINING PARTICIPANTS



A collaborative strategy developed by multiple stakeholders to address specific challenges and achieve common goals



Since 2020, the small grant support was provided to municipalities and Community Action Groups to build capacity of vulnerable communities and multiply good practices



145

max. 5 000€ each

Municipalities,
Community Action
Groups and Schools

644 700€



Support for educational activities aiming at reducing school dropouts



Improvement of public infrastructure



Awareness raising campaigns on health care and education

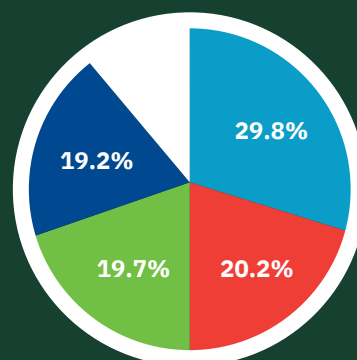


Provision of information and hygiene kits in response COVID-19 pandemic



Food and essential material assistance to mitigate COVID-19 outbreak

DISTRIBUTION BY FIELD



- Health
- Education
- Aid
- Infrastructure
- Awareness raising (11.1%)





Berkovitsa



Environmental cleaning and minimising health hazards

- Manual cleaning of the "Rakovitsa" river and ravine
- Purchase and delivery of 4 waste containers and 70 rubbish bins
- Information campaign on good practices in waste management

Contribution: 4967,22€ ROMACT - 567,5€ Municipality.



Belogradchik



Creating safe and welcoming public spaces for children

- Playground landscaping and installing play equipment for children
- Workshops promoting socially responsible and tolerant behaviour in society
- Improving security through installing additional lighting and video monitoring of the playground

Contribution: 5000€ ROMACT - in-kind for the Municipality



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video example





**Podu
Iloaiei**



**Water is not a luxury, it is
a necessity!**

- Awareness raising campaigns on the importance of access to water
- Extending the water network by 300 meters to provide water access to nearly 40 families

Contribution: 5000€ ROMACT - 1500€ Municipality



Isaccea



**Socio-medical protection for
vulnerable communities**

- Provision of information materials to hamper the spread of COVID19
- Purchase & distribution of 300 hygiene kits
- Setting up a telephone helpline and specialized assistance for high-risk people
- Distribution of 100 basic food packages to isolated population

Contribution: 4357€ ROMACT - In-kind for Municipality



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video example**



ROMACT produces reports, guides and studies, based on the evidence from the ground, to support local, national, and European stakeholders in policy design and adaptation



Guide on Social Housing Allocation Criteria

The Guide is based on needs assessments in ROMACT municipalities in Romania. It supports local authorities in better understanding of the social housing allocation methodology.

It combines legal and social approaches and exemplifies potential restrictive criteria and criteria that are accessible and already used by some municipalities to prevent discriminatory allocation practices.



Study on “children left behind”

This ROMACT study identifies the challenges faced by children left behind, by parents going abroad for work, in selected municipalities in Bulgaria.

The report includes several specific recommendations directed at various stakeholders (parents, guardians, relevant institutions) with the goal of minimizing the consequences for the children left behind.



**Scan for the video on
children left behind**





Guide & awareness raising campaign on the protection of children with parents going to work abroad

Thousands of children are left behind in Romania and Bulgaria as their parents move abroad for work. This puts at risk the fundamental rights of these children, such as the right to family and protection, education, leisure, right to play, right to opinion and participation.

The Guide supports local authorities in fulfilling their responsibilities regarding the protection of children whose parents moved abroad to work and includes the list of steps to be followed when it comes to public sector action.



Toolkit: Possible solutions for informal settlements

The Toolkit is dedicated to local public authorities in Romania who wish to start a process of legalizing informal settlements and design development projects together with the community.

It lists all the necessary steps and tools to accomplish them: analysis of the informal settlements, demarche of legalization and local development planning.

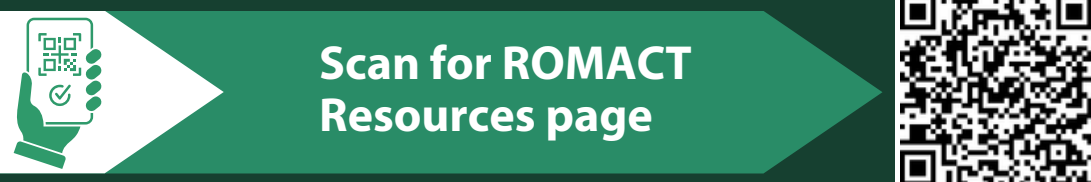


Scan to see the Toolkit



Other ROMACT Reports and Studies

- Report on children left behind in Bulgaria: between labour migration, institutional standards and extended family
- Analysis of the challenges concerning registration at a permanent address and possession of identity documents of persons living in homes without valid lawful basis in Bulgaria
- Analysis of the application of the Social Services Act with regard to preventive community work in Roma communities
- ROMACT Review of the Operational Programmes proposed for Romania in the programming period 2021-2027
- 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 of the Programming period 2021- 2027
- Report on the analysis of the legal provisions regarding the social component of the public procurement in Romania
- Report on the Situation of Social Economy Structures in the ROMACT municipalities in Romania
- Guidelines for Conducting Public Procurement with Social Criteria in the ROMACT Municipalities in Romania
- Guidelines for Permanent Address Registration and Issuance of an Identity Document in Bulgaria
- Guidelines for Obtaining a Sustainable Status of Housing Constructions built without Construction Papers in Bulgaria
- Analysis of Municipal Development Plans & Integrated Urban Reconstruction & Development plans of municipalities participating in ROMACT in Bulgaria



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