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Access of Roma and Traveller Women to Justice

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Background and Justification

Roma and Travellers women are subjected to intersectional forms of discrimination and are more vulnerable to violence, discrimination and exclusion.

Their situation is often further aggravated by:

- **Lack of awareness of their rights and discrimination**
- **Lack of knowledge about free legal aid**
- **Lack of trust in public institutions & confidence in reporting offences/criminal acts against them to the police**
- **Lack of knowledge of protective or enforcement agencies**
- **Lack of education or fluency in the national language**
- **Lack of identity documents and legal status**
- **Lack of financial means to pursue litigation**
- **Long, costly court proceedings**
- **Limited use of anti-discrimination legislation**
- **Poor capacity to apply international human rights standards**
- **Legal aid is often limited by types of proceedings**
- **Eligibility criteria for accessing legal aid may not be met by Roma; Roma may be refused legal aid on the merits**
- **Lack of knowledge by legal professionals of the situation of Roma and Travellers and of the ECJ/ECtHR case law on Roma and Travellers/discrimination**
- **Failure of member states to raise awareness of vulnerable groups about their rights and available protection mechanisms**

Background and Justification

Why Roma women?

- Increased vulnerability to discrimination, including multiple and intersectional forms of discrimination
- Gender inequalities
- Discrimination and inequality have a disproportionate impact on Roma women and young girls
- Access to justice of women is not a popular topic
- Empowering women and girls, we empower communities and societies

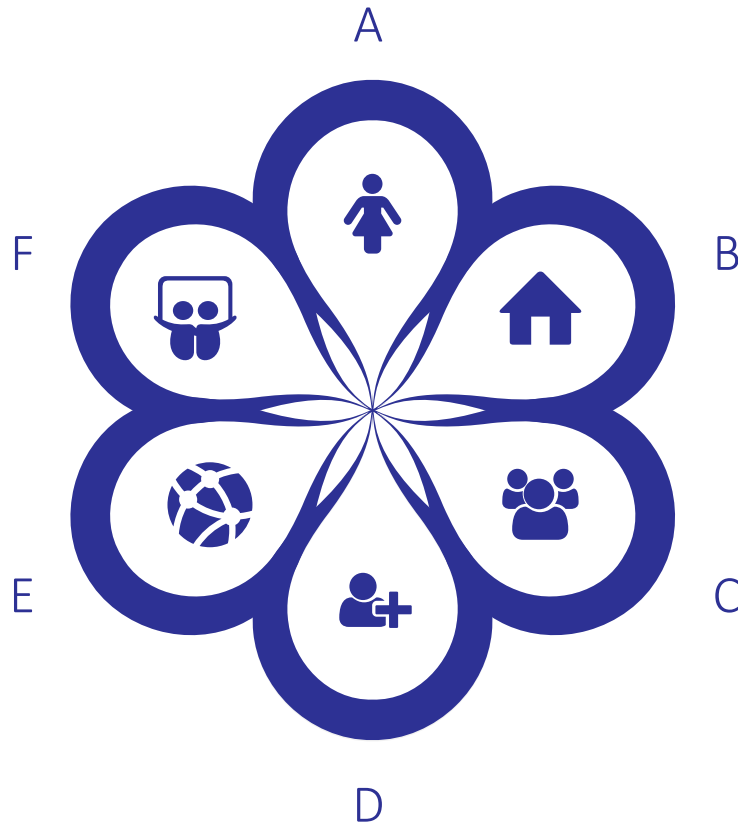
Joint Programme CoE & EC

General provisions

- It is joint programme of the Council of Europe and European Commission, DG Justice and Consumers
- CoE & EC as main implementers and partners
- National stakeholders are involved as associate partners
- Activities are implemented by experts or consultants
- Flexibility in the implementation of the project re: the involvement of the CoE and EC
- Time-line of the project: 1 October 2016- 31 March 2018
- Target countries: Bulgaria, Greece, Ireland and Romania

Project Aim and Objectives

The project aim is to improve Roma and Traveller women's access to justice in Bulgaria, Greece, Ireland, Italy and Romania.



A. Empower Roma women

to adequately address discrimination and other human rights violations committed against them, including early/forced marriage, trafficking, domestic violence, housing evictions, police abuse and hate crime.

B. Facilitate access to court

and court proceedings at national and international level, including whilst on probation or in prison.

C. Provide free legal advice

and legal aid and/or representation through legal clinics set up in two locations per country

D. Enhance the capacities of legal professionals and police

to adequately respond to Roma women's needs through training on non-discrimination and gender equality.

E. Strengthen partnerships

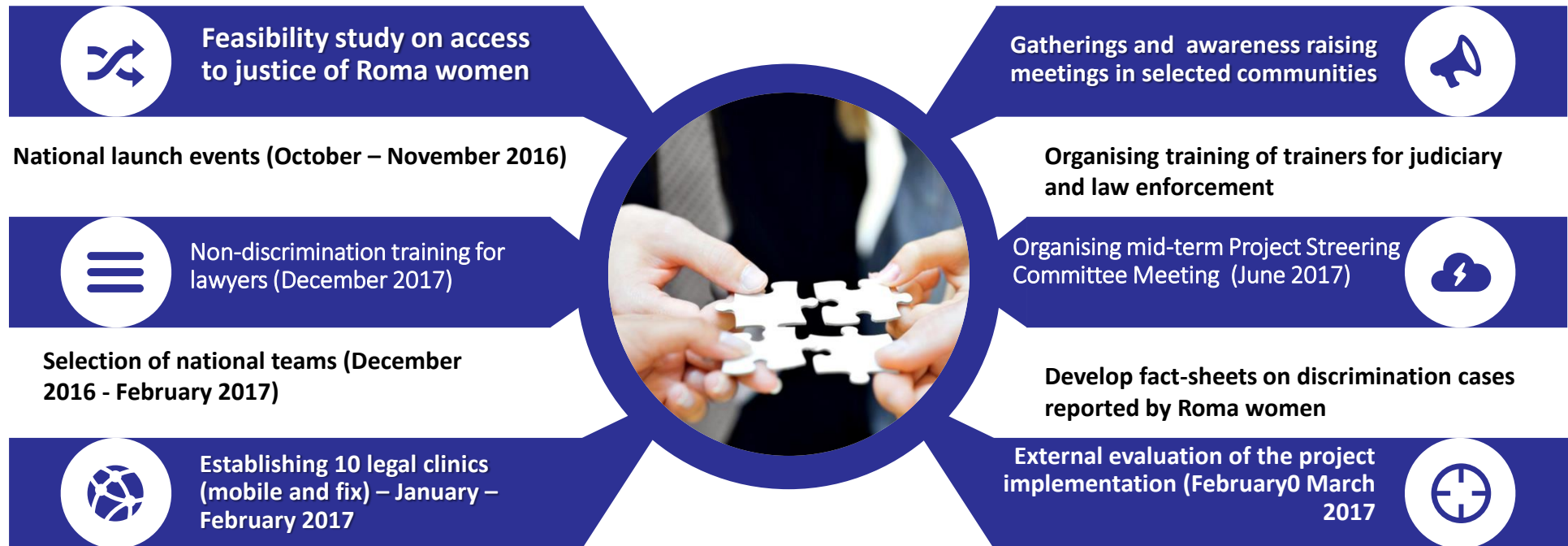
with national state institutions, local authorities, human rights institutions, legal aid bureaus, bar associations, NGOs and Roma communities.

F. Improve synergy and co-operation

between the Council of Europe and the European Commission on improving the situation of Roma and Travellers with a focus on the situation of women.

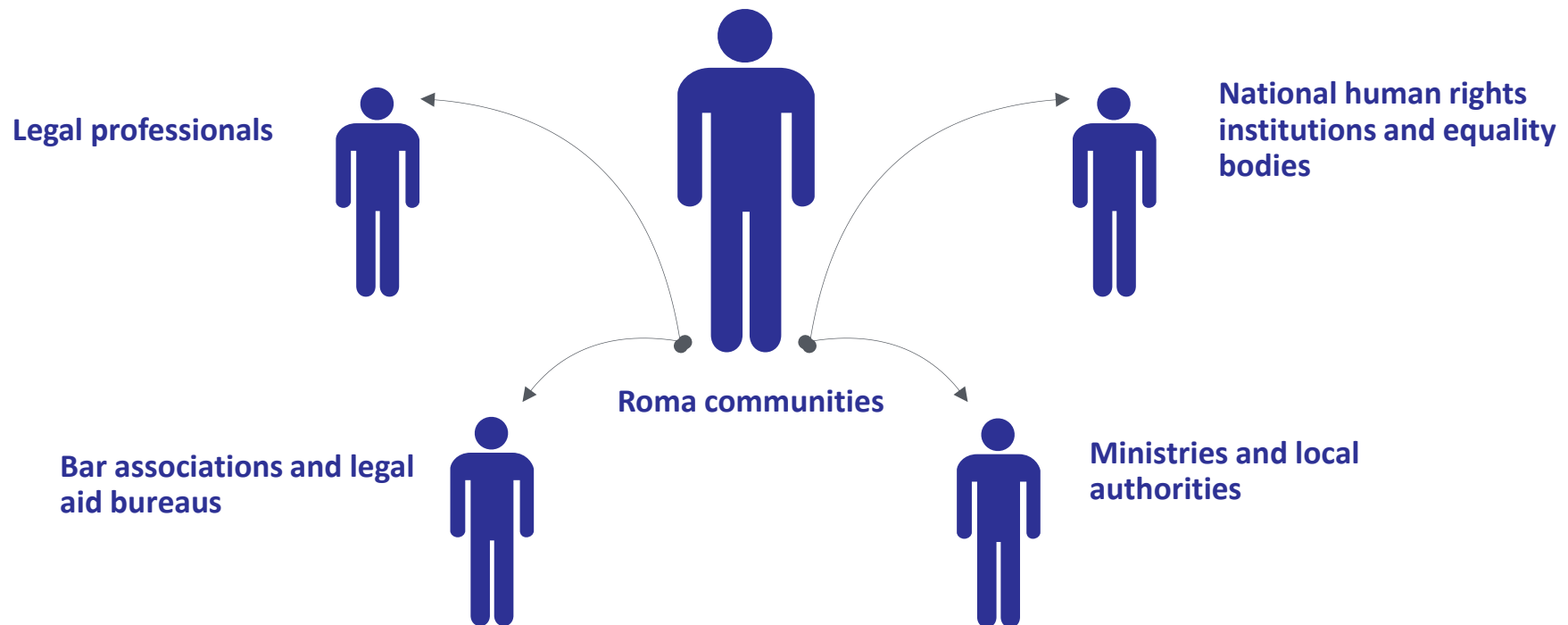
Project Activities

From 1 October 2016 until March 2018

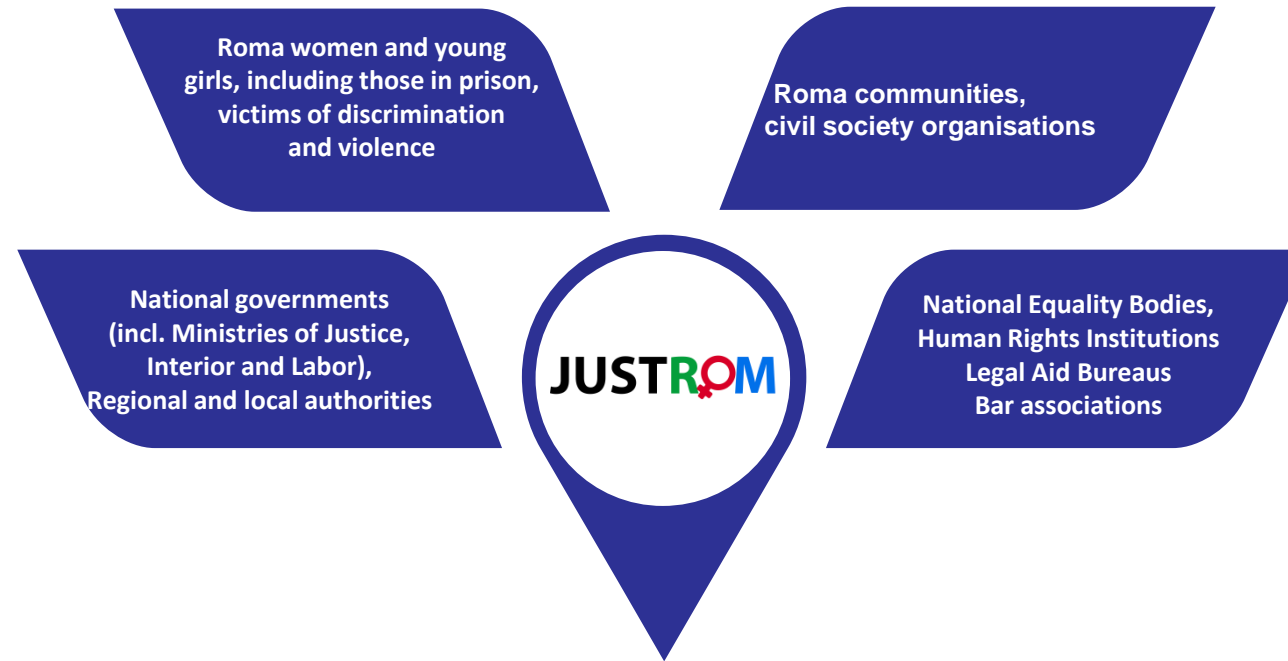


Project Target groups

The **target groups**: lawyers, bar associations & legal aid bureaus, Human Rights institutions and equality bodies, Ministries of Justice and National Justice Institutes, Ministries of Interior, specialised national agencies for Roma and/or Social Inclusion, National Roma Contact Points, local authorities, Roma communities and NGOs.

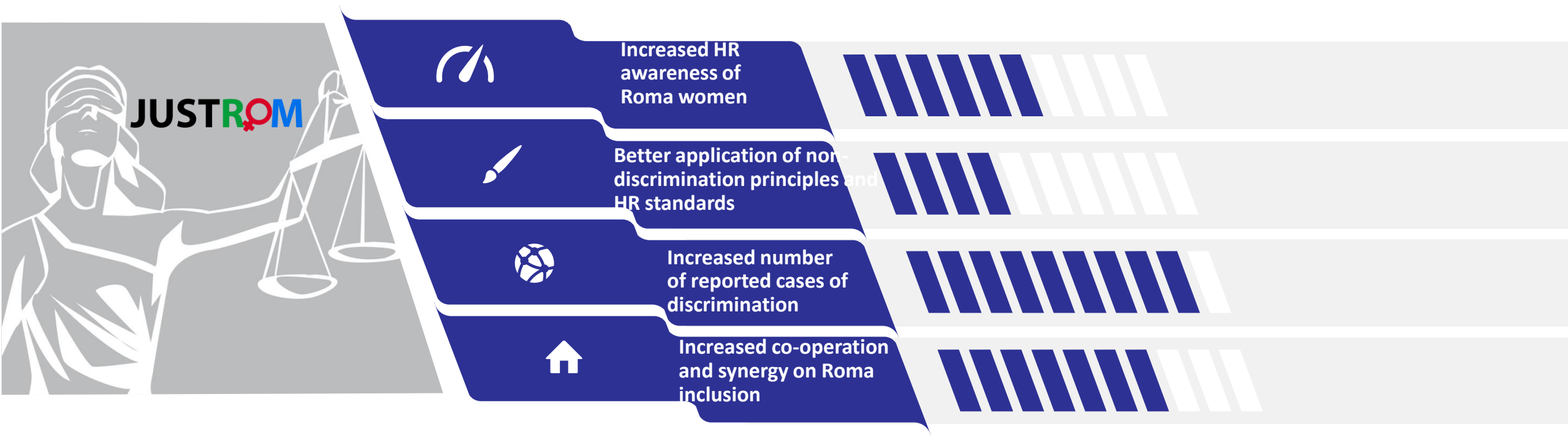


Project Beneficiaries



Final project beneficiaries

Expected results



Legal clinics

Bulgaria

Plovdiv

Communities: Stolipinovo and Sheker Mahala in Plovdiv, villages of Bolyartsi, towns of Peshtera, Rakovski, Asenovgrad

Clinic: Social Policy Department, Plovdiv

Municipality

38, 4 Yanuari str., entr. B, fl. 2 - 4000, Plovdiv

Consultation hours: Wednesday, from 09:00 - 17:00

Telephone number: 09895553920



Bulgaria

Veliko Tarnovo

Communities: Veliko Tarnovo, Zlataritsa, Gorna Oryahovitsa, Rodina, Elena, Konstantin, Pavlikeni, Lyaskovets, Strajitsa

Clinic: Bar association Veliko Tarnovo

39 Tsanko Tserkovski street, office No 106, ground floor, 5000 Veliko Tarnovo

Consultation hours: Friday, 12:00 - 16:00

Telephone number: 09888734943

Legal clinics

Greece

Attica (Athens)

Communities: Elefsina, Aspropyrgos, Mandra, Shoisto

Clinic 1: Heromact association

Stadiou 33, 2nd floor, office 15, Athens

Consultation hours: 09:00 - 17:00

Telephone number: 06906986421

Clinic 2: Roma Support Office

Ethnikis Antistaseos 80, 19200, Elefsina

Consultation hours: 09:00 - 17:00

Telephone number: 06906986421



Greece

Thessaloniki

Community: Dendropotamos

Clinic: Greek Roma Women's Association

Kyprou 6, 54628, Dendropotamos

Thessaloniki

Consultation hours: Tuesday – Thursday –

Friday: 18:00-21:00

Telephone number: +30 (0)6908764483

Legal clinics

Ireland

Dublin

Communities: Traveller women sites and Roma families in the city

Clinic: Free Legal Advice Centers (FLAC)

13 Lower Dorset Street, Dublin 1

Consultation hours: Thursdays, 09:00 - 13:00

Telephone number: 018873600



Ireland

Tallaght

Communities: Roma women

Clinic: The Russell Centre Tallaght Cross,
Dublin 24

Consultation hours: Tuesday and Thursday,
14:00 - 17:00

Telephone number: 018873600

Legal clinics

Italy

Rome

Roma and Sinti communities/camps:
Borghesiana; Salviati 1-2; River; Candoni;
Gordiani; Monachina; Castelromano; Arco di
Travertino, Monte Mario

Clinic: Giulia's Perin Law Firm (temporary)

Via Piemonte 117, Rome

Consultation hours: 09:00 - 17:00

Telephone number: 03927357395



Italy

Naples

Roma communities/camps: Scampia,
Giugliano, Gianturco

**Clinic: Ilaria Alpi- Carlo Levi Education
Institute**

Via Baku' 4, Naples

Consultation hours: 09:00 - 17:00

Telephone numbers: 03927357395

Legal clinics

Romania

Calarasi county

Communities: Calarasi, Soldanu, Curcani, Budesti, Vasilati, Galbinasi, Nana, Frumusani, Oltenita, Chiselet, Dor Marunt, Manastirea, Mitreni, Sarulesti, Ulmeni

Clinic: Office space of the Calarasi Municipality

Consultation hours: 09:00 - 17:00

Telephone number: 0762314869



Romania

Ialomita county

Communities: Bora and "500% neighborhood" in Slobozia, Fetesti, Bordusani, Tandarei, Urziceni, Ograda, Traian, Cazanesti, Andrasesti, Sinesti

Clinic: Multifunctional Center of the Bora Municipality, Slobozia

Consultation hours: 09:00 - 17:00

Telephone number: 0720552781

Thank you for your attention

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