



Roma Political Schools

Promoting Roma Political Participation and Civil Engagement



Programme LOCATION

8 countries

1 pilot initiative

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Türkiye, Ukraine and 1 pilot initiative in Kosovo*



6 years

Launched in 2017

*All references to Kosovo, whether the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations' Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.



Programme SYNERGIES

Implementation process in line with:

Conclusions and priorities of the 6th International Roma Women's Conference on "Women and Political Representation: the case of Roma and Traveller Women" (November 2017)

Recommendations of the Council of Europe's 5th Dialogue with Roma and Traveller Civil Society (June 2018)

Study on the active political participation of national minority youth in the Council of Europe member States adopted (in June 2021) by the CDADI – Steering Committee on Anti-discrimination Diversity and Inclusion

ROMACTED EU/CoE Joint Programme in the Western Balkans and Turkey "Promoting Good Governance and Roma Empowerment at local Level"

The CoE 12 Principles of Good Governance covering issues such as ethical conduct, rule of law, efficiency and effectiveness, transparency, sound financial management and accountability



RPS complement strategically the Barvalipe Schools initiative of the Roma Initiatives Office (RIO)/Open Society Foundations.



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Programme OBJECTIVES

OVERALL OBJECTIVE



FOSTERING THE POLITICAL PARTICIPATION OF ROMA

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

Promote civic and community engagement, political participation and Roma presence in the public sphere

Foster enthusiasm and provide skills for an improved participation of Roma in relevant political processes, including elections

Increase the understanding of the importance of the fundamentals of democracy and the need for active citizenship

Increase the networking and political capacity of the Roma communities in order to reduce the inequality and representation gap of Roma

Help to generate and maintain a safe environment for the expression of the Roma collective identity and aspirations with the affirmation of the Roma as a political actor



Highlights 2020-2021

412 | participants

192 | Roma women

220 | Roma men

24
SESSIONS

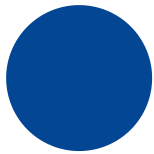


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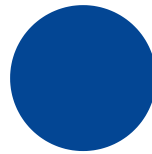
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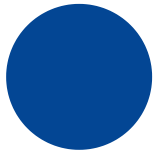
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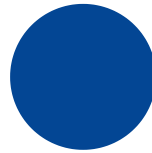
Roma history, history of Roma participation, Roma emancipation



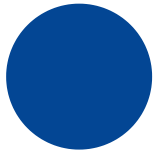
Gender equality and Roma women participation



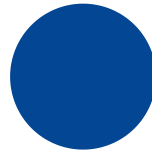
Rights and participation of minority groups



Political systems, political culture and electoral systems



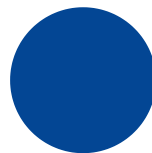
Democracy, rule of law and human rights



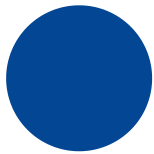
Political parties



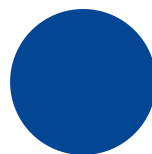
Racism, discrimination, antigypsyism



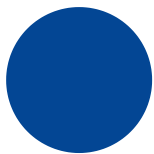
Public administration



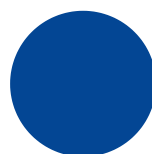
Leadership and public service



Public speaking



Community organising and civil society



Fundraising, campaigning