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Pilot Integrated Housing Scheme – the combination of Operational Programme Human Resources Development and Operational Programme Regional Development

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HRD OP: background information

- Human Resources Development Operational Programme 2007 - 2013:
 - Budget: 1 213 869 575 billion euro (EU contribution)
 - Managing Authority: Ministry of Labour and Social Policy
- Equal opportunities and anti-discrimination are horizontal principles
- Integration of marginalised groups is a horizontal priority
- Specific chapter dedicated to Roma inclusion:
 - Measurable targets
 - Actions in the most important policy domains (employment, education and training, social inclusion)



Political and institutional context

- National Strategy for Roma Integration (2012-2020)
- Permanent working group to the minister responsible for EU funds management:
 - Structure: public authorities and NGOs
 - <u>Tasks</u>: to establish a mechanism for the implementation of EU co-funded integrated schemes in favour of marginalised groups
- HRD OP Monitoring Committee approved the Criteria for selection of operation under the integrated pilot scheme named INTEGRA, dated 31.05.2012.



Pilot integrated housing scheme: HRD OP contribution (1)

- Direct award procedure budget 3 579 098 mln. euro
- Beneficiaries: 4 (four) Bulgarian municipalities
- 4 Policy domains:
 - integration in employment,
 - access to education and training,
 - social inclusion,
 - measures for sustainable desegregation
- Delivery mechanisms:
 - based on the experience gained in the field of deinstitutionalisation of children living in specialised institutions
 - tailor-made procedures







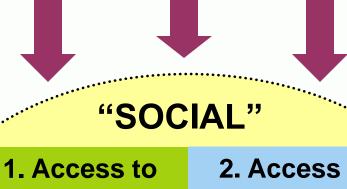
Pilot integrated housing scheme: HRD OP contribution (2)

3. Elaboration of individual action plans for sustainable social integration of the representatives of the target groups

- 2. Capacity building activities
- 1. Establishing a coordination unit at municipal level: public authorities and stakeholders

Before accommodation

After accommodation



- 1. Access to employment
 - 3. Social inclusion measures
- 2. Access to education and training
- 4. Measures for sustainable desegregation

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Pilot integrated housing scheme: HRD OP contribution (3)

- Focus on partnership:
 - Partners: employers and NGOs
 - Associate partners: employers, NGOs, Employment Agency, Social Assistance Agency, State Agency for Child Protection, Regional Inspectorates for Education, Regional Health Inspectorates
- The objective is to establish a partnership network at local level - prerequisite for achieving greater sustainability



Critical success factors (1)

- Political leadership
- Sufficient administrative capacity:
 - Public administration
 - Beneficiaries
- Positive attitudes:
 - Broad public, local community, stakeholders, incl. media and NGOs
 - Target groups
- Delivery mechanisms



Critical success factors (2)

Design of the intervention:

- Strategic vision
- Coordinated <u>and</u> integrated approach
- Targeting (diversity of the target group; adequate information on characteristics of the target group)

Strong partnership:

- Active involvement of stakeholders at all stages
- Involvement of local community
- Monitoring and evaluation of results









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