



Working Group on Social Inclusion Agenda

*6th and 7th May 2009
Budapest, Hungary*

Wednesday, 6th May

15.00-18.00 h.	<p>Mechanisms of coordination and monitoring of projects.</p> <p>One of the topics underlined by participants at the previous session of the Working Group on Social Inclusion held in Greece (October 2008) was the difficulty of coordinating and monitoring actions addressed to Roma population supported by Structural Funds and implemented by different Ministries (Education, Employment, Social Policy, Housing, Health, etc.), by different levels of the administrations (local, regional, state-wide) or by private organisations.</p> <p>There was a general agreement on the fact that Roma-targeted projects and actions could be more efficient and have more impact if there would be mechanisms for coordination and monitoring.</p> <p>Participants at this Working Group session will discuss on the different models existing in partner countries: formal or informal mechanisms; who is responsible for that, who leads the process; what kind of relationship is established among implementing bodies (through periodic meetings, interdepartmental groups, follow-up committees, regular communication...); which is the role of the SF Managing Authorities, how the Structural Funds are supporting national strategies and priorities and how are they linked; is it envisaged the participation of Roma, how Roma are represented in these mechanisms, etc.</p> <p>The aim of this session is to have an overview of how other partner countries are managing the coordination and monitoring of SF projects and actions aiming at the social inclusion of the Roma, how it works in practice and what lessons we could learn from those experiences.</p> <p>Technical Secretariat will send along this week a questionnaire as basis for debate.</p>
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Thursday, 7th May

9.00-13.30 h.	<p>Seminars on Administrative capacity for the implementation of SF projects addressed to the social inclusion of Roma.</p> <p>This action tries to give an answer to a main concern of participants at the Working Group: how to promote the use of the Structural Funds in favour of the social inclusion of the Roma.</p> <p>The idea of this session is to discuss and to advance on a programme of seminars to be organised within the Network with a key objective: to increase, to improve efficiency and to give visibility to actions implemented by Structural Funds with a positive impact on the Roma population.</p> <p>These seminars will be addressed to different target groups (local and regional administrations, NGOs, Roma organisations, etc.) and will be adapted to each of them. The idea is to start by organising before the end of 2009 a first seminar focused on local authorities, since this target group was one of the suggested by participants at the WG.</p> <p>It will be a great opportunity to give visibility to those municipalities investing Structural Funds on initiatives that promote the social inclusion of the Roma and to encourage other municipalities to work in this line.</p> <p>Participants at this WG session will discuss on the main topics of the seminars, the methodology, profile of invited administrations, experiences to be disseminated, etc.</p> <p>Technical Secretariat will draft a first proposal to be discussed during this working session in Budapest.</p>
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Participants:

We encourage the participation of:

- Network members participating at the WG on Social Inclusion
- Representatives of other Managing Authorities dealing with social inclusion issues
- Representatives of Intermediate Bodies managing projects on social inclusion (public or private bodies)
- Representatives of public bodies with competencies on social inclusion policies (such as regional governments).