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Social Entrepreneurship for Roma Communities

**Objectives:**
* To promote social economy as an effective instrument for national and EU Roma social inclusion strategies
* To promote capacity-building and personalised support for sustainable social enterprise creation in Roma communities
* To provide Roma mediators with the necessary skills for supporting the planning, establishment and sustainability of social enterprises within Roma communities
* To encourage mutual learning, exchange of good practice and collaboration between all relevant stakeholders, with an emphasis to Roma communities, policy-makers, public authorities and NGOs
* To raise cultural awareness through the direct participation of Roma communities and stakeholders

**Activities:**
* Analysing and comparatively assess the impact of social economy within Roma communities
* Providing specific policy recommendations at national and EU level
* Generation of practical guidelines and resources promoting social economy initiatives in Roma communities
* Developing a culturally-informed joint transnational training programme for Roma mediators
* Supporting lasting cooperation and establish a Network for Roma Social Economy

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**Results:**
* Online consultation of European Commission to set up agenda of the EU Roma Platform
* Mapping Social Entrepreneurship – National Report, Italy
* Needs Assessment Report [national and comparative]
* Practical Compendiums on institutional barriers for social entrepreneurship and business ideas, applicable within Roma communities
* Guidelines for Roma social entrepreneurship and Policy Recommendations
* Two ‘train the trainers’ circles (Roma mediators), mentoring with potential Roma social entrepreneurs: mutual and flexible learning (moodle) and 4 training modules
* Mutual learning and exchange of good practices: 6 roundtables on exchange of good practice

**Partners:**
* Coordinator: University of Piraeus Research Center (Greece)
* ERIO - European Roma Information Office (Belgium)
* IDEA ROM Onlus (Italy)
* AMALIPE - Center for Intercultural Dialogue and Tolerance (Bulgaria)
* AEMPR - Association for Lifelong Learning in Rural Areas (Romania)
* FPC - Fundació Privada Pere Closa (Spain)
* FOUR ELEMENTS (Greece)
* TMAF - Tolerance and Mutual Aid Foundation (Bulgaria)
* CESIE (Italy)

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