

## SERCo

### Social Entrepreneurship for Roma Communities

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#### **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 Interethnic Dialogue and Tolerance (Bulgaria)
- \* AEPMR - 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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