

ROMACT Overview



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The ROMACT Methodology consists in 4 steps, implemented over 18 - 22 months, as described in the ROMACT Handbook (available in the Resources section of ROMACT website: <http://coe-romact.org/>)

141* in BULGARIA & ROMANIA

ROMACT Municipalities (October 2013 - February 2021)

In addition to Bulgaria and Romania, ROMACT was implemented in Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy and Slovakia between 2013 and 2017



STEP 1 - Becoming Committed

125 /136

Municipalities committed to implement the ROMACT Programme



STEP 2- Agreeing on Needs and Plans

120 /136

Local Capacity Assessment done



STEP 3 - Translating the Community Priorities List into concrete measures and projects

92 /136

have Joint Action Plans elaborated by the Community in cooperation with the Local Authorities.



STEP 4 - Funding, implementing and monitoring of the process

122 /136

Municipalities where Local Authorities were involved in ROMACT capacity building activities

120 /136

Municipalities appointed a Coordinator for the ROMACT Programme

120 /136

Municipalities where Community Needs were assessed

69 /136

Joint Action Plans adopted by Local Councils

129 /136

Municipalities where screening of funding was conducted with the help of ROMACT experts

74 /136

Municipalities created a Municipal Taskforce for Roma inclusion

107 /136

Municipalities where community priorities were listed in preparation for the Joint Action Plans

27 /136

Joint Action Plans included in the mainstream Local Development Strategies

88 /136

Municipalities where project proposals were submitted for funding

115 /136

Community Action Groups (CAG) established

95 /136

Municipalities are implementing projects as a result of ROMACT

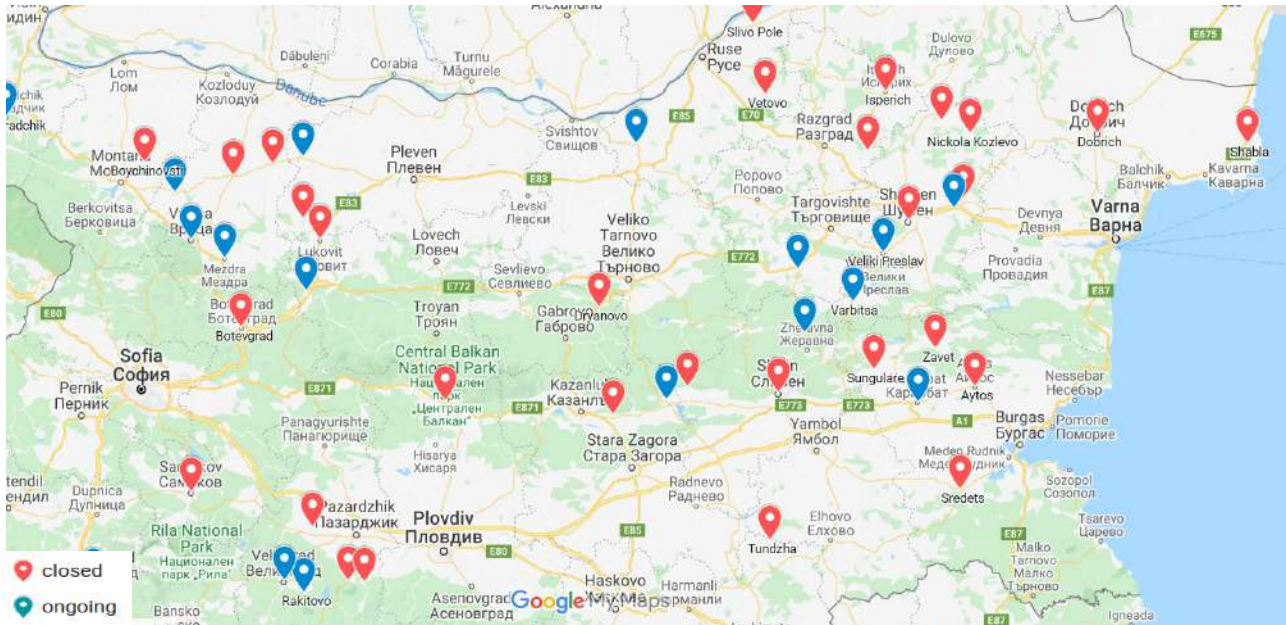
* Total figures comprise ongoing, closed and excluded municipalities.

35 municipalities started between March 2020 and February 2021

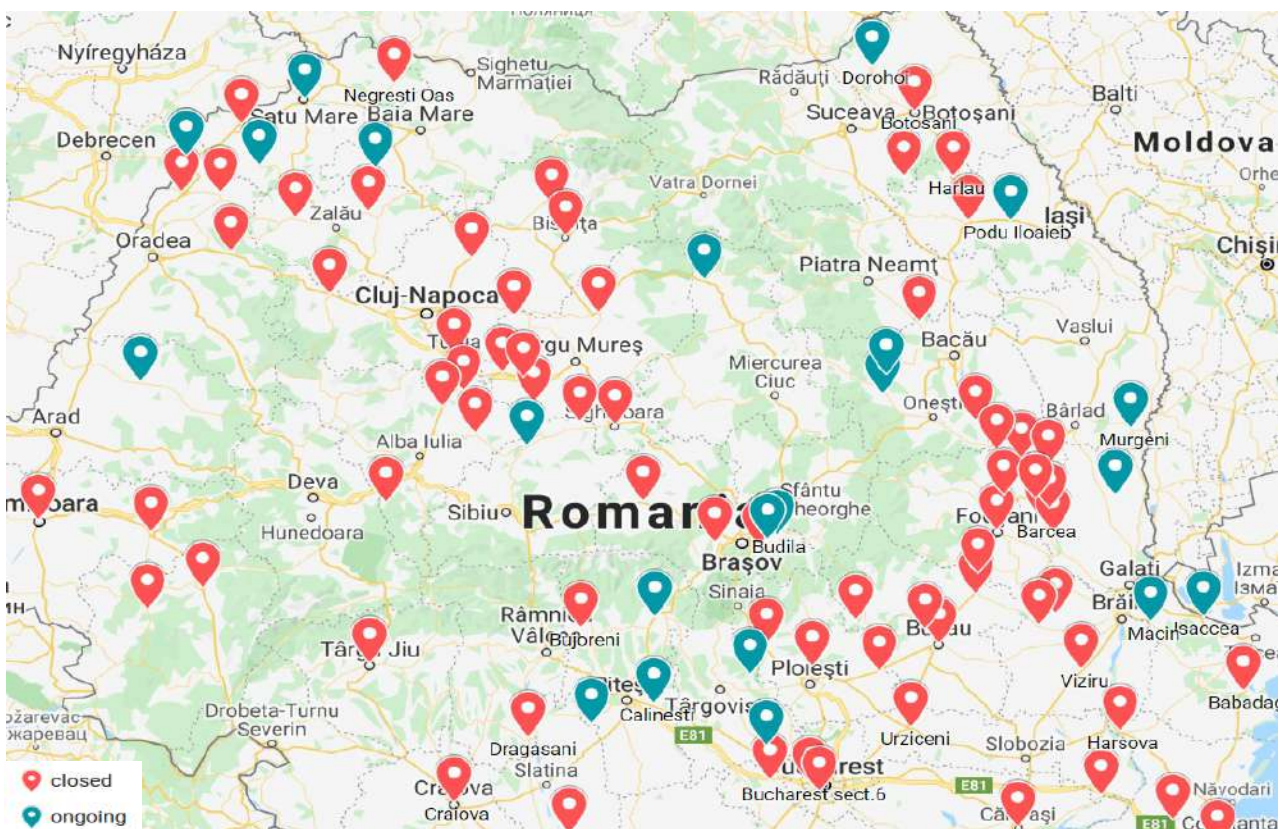
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BULGARIA



46

Municipalities

33

Municipalities
Process closed

13

Municipalities
Process ongoing

Projects supported by ROMACT



25,000 €

invested by ROMACT /
municipality / year



15,410,728€

generated through
45 projects

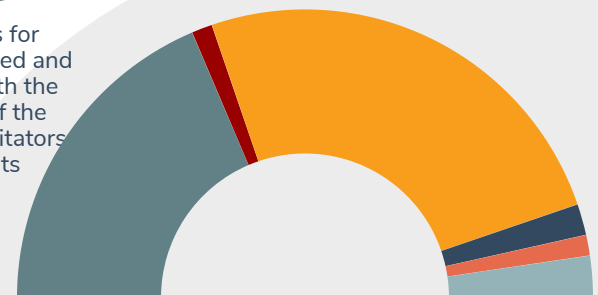


1,220,770 €

worth of projects currently
under evaluation

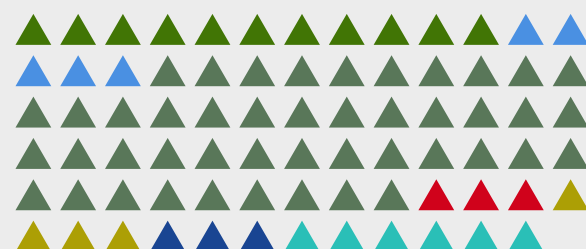
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applications for
funding prepared and
submitted with the
assistance of the
ROMACT facilitators
and experts



Education (37.21%) Employment (2.33%)
Inclusion (50%) Infrastructure (3.49%)
Housing (2.33%) Health/COVID19 (4.65%)

Distribution by field



National Funds (14.29%) ERDF (6.49%)
ESF (58.44%) Others (3.9%) EACEA (5.19%)
EEA-NG (3.9%) EAFRD (7.79%)

Funding sources

EXAMPLES

Ispirich

Empowering women from vulnerable communities

Contribution to the socio -
economic integration of women
from vulnerable communities
by applying Mothers Centre
model in 4 Ispirich settlements

102,463 €

Funded under Local Development
Strategy of Ispirich under CLLD of
Rural Development Programme,
OPHRD



Beneficiaries

100 women from 4
Roma settlements

Krivodol

Krivodol&Borovan - Partners to care for a better life

Improvement of the quality of life
and opportunities for social
inclusion of people with disabilities
and adults through ensuring of
number of services in home
environment

88,821 €

Funded under OPHRD

Beneficiaries

63 people with disabilities& lonely
elderly people



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Examples of activities from the Joint Action Plans / Strategies implemented

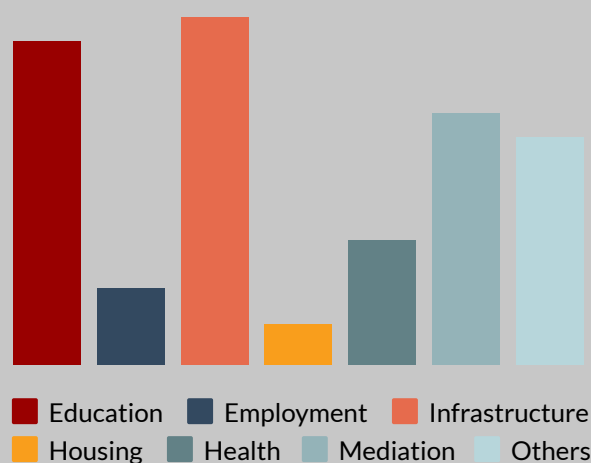


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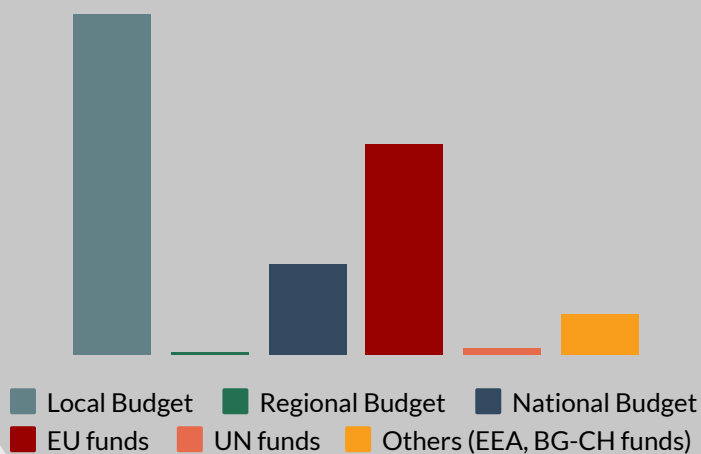
different interventions, measures and activities funded mainly through local, regional and national budgets



Distribution by field



Distribution by sources of funding %



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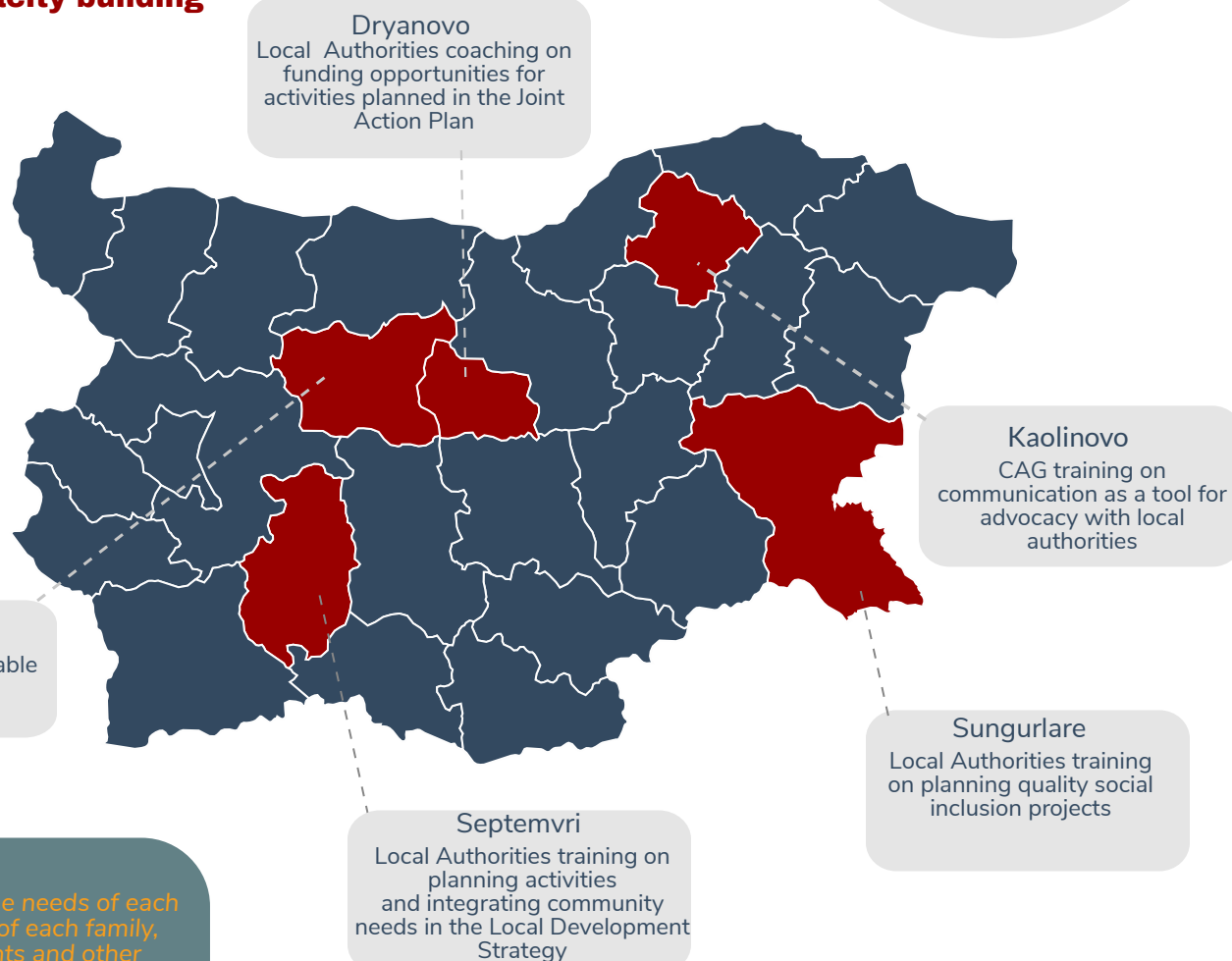


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training and coaching sessions

Examples of capacity building activities



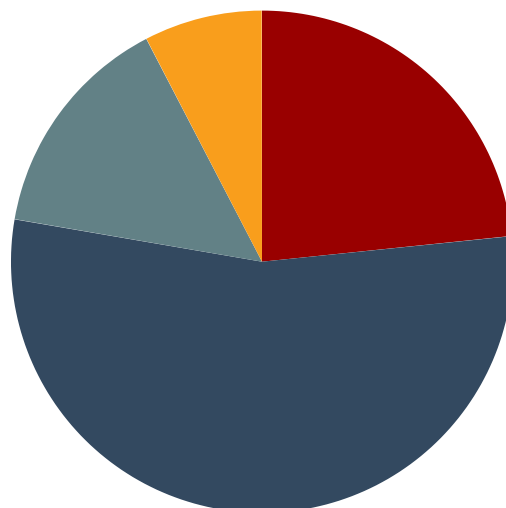
"Better understanding the needs of each child and the situation of each family, partnering with parents and other responsible parties. Thanks to ROMACT training, I understood that this is the basis for successful inclusion."

Municipal staff member, Borovan

Training target groups

3011

participants to training & coaching sessions



Local Authorities (LA) (23.37%) CAG (54.35%)
LA & CAG (14.67%) Other (7.61%)



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ROMANIA



90

Municipalities

68

Municipalities

Process closed

22

Municipalities

Process ongoing

Projects supported by ROMACT



25,000 €

invested by ROMACT /
municipality / year



123,200,451€

generated through 52 projects

10,117,142€

worth of projects currently
under evaluation

EXAMPLES

Iernut

"Building social blocks"

3 social blocks with 36 apartments

will be build by the end of 2021 with the
support of the Romanian Ministry of
Regional Development.



2,488,462 €

Funded under the Romanian
Programme for Building
Social houses under
114/1996 law framework

"Improve the quality of life for Iernut population"

The integrated project includes the construction
of 2 social blocks of flats, the sewage and
asphalting of a road and the creation of a multi-
functional centre that will include an after school
care and should be completed by December
2022.

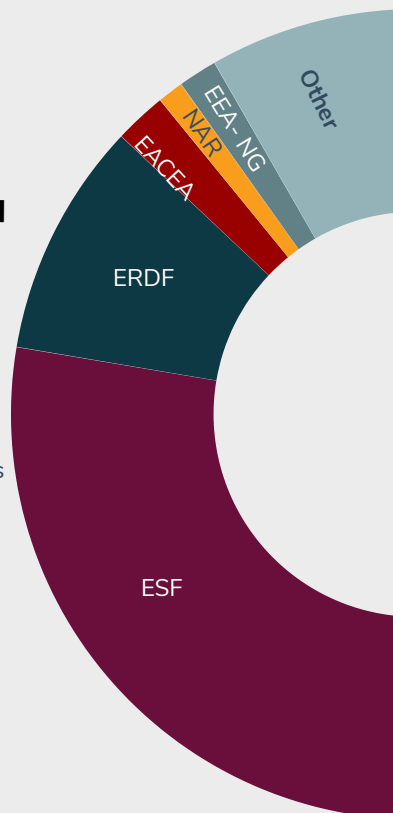
5,017,405 €

Funded under Regional Operational Program 'Priority Axis 13.1'

**Projects
submitted**

96

applications for funding
prepared and submitted
with the assistance of
the ROMACT facilitators
and experts



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EXAMPLES



Reghin

Rehabilitation of a former school into a Kindergarten "Spiridusii Veseli"

784,900€ Funded under Regional Operational Program 'Priority Axis 10'

Beneficiaries

The project will benefit 40 children and should be finalised by December 2021

Sarmasu

Recruitment of a school mediator

5,000€

Beneficiaries

250 pupils



Carei

Recruitment of a school mediator

After school

Funded by the municipality for 12 months

50,000€

Beneficiaries 135 Roma children



Focsani

Municipality Local Development Strategy

8,580,000€ Funded under Regional Operational Programme

Beneficiaries

Disadvantaged population from 2 Urban Marginalized Areas (ZUM) will benefit from a package of hard and soft measures

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different interventions,
measures and activities
funded mainly through
local, regional and national
budgets

**Examples of activities from the Joint Action Plans /
Strategies implemented**

74

Projects implemented

Infrastructure

(roads, bridges, sewage and
electricity network
construction)

32

municipalities

36

Projects implemented

Small infrastructure

(water & sewage
systems repair, cleaning,
speed bumpers, waste
collection set up)

19

**municipalities invested
local budget**

79

Projects implemented

Education

(Second Chance Schools, School
after school Programmes,
campaigns against drop-out,
kindergarten construction)

34

**municipalities invested
local budget**

38

Activities implemented

Health

(information/vaccination
campaigns, support in
registering for health
insurance/ family GP,
etc.)

21

**municipalities invested
local budget**

16

**Projects (building or
rehabilitation, support to
access)**

Housing

10

**municipalities invested
local budget**

1123

IDs

provided by

9

municipalities

48

Activities implemented

Culture

(8 April, 16 May, 2 August
intercultural events)

23

**municipalities invested
local budget**

46

Mediation

**mediators and Roma
experts recruited by**

20

municipalities

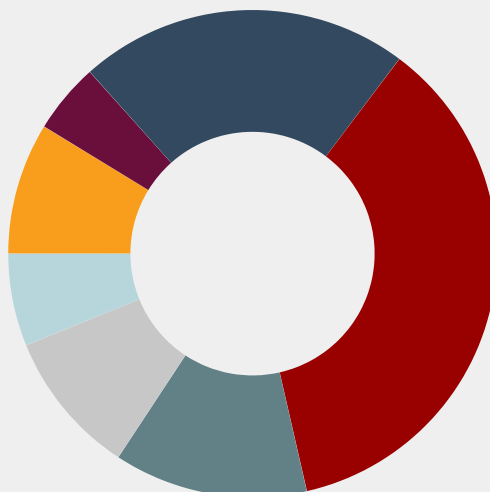
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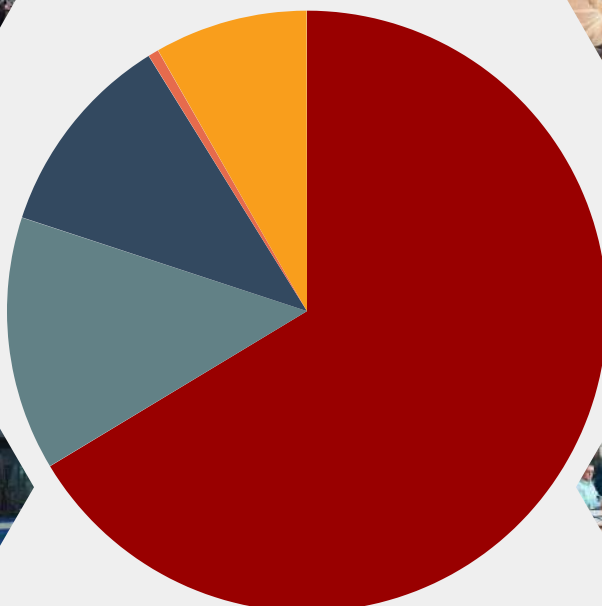
Examples of activities from the Joint Action Plans / Strategies implemented

Distribution by field



■ Housing (8.75%)
 ■ Employment (4.66%)
 ■ Education (21.87%)
■ Infrastructure (36.15%)
 ■ Health (12.83%)
■ Others (culture, IDs, etc.) (9.62%)
 ■ Humanitarian (6.12%)

Sources of funding



■ Local budget (66.38%)
 ■ National funds (13.68%)
■ European funds (11.11%)
 ■ UN funds (0.57%)
■ Others (Private companies, NGOs, fundraising campaigns) (8.26%)

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training and coaching
sessions

Examples of capacity building activities

Cluj

CAGs training on
community mobilisation

Poiana Brasov

Project Management
certified Training

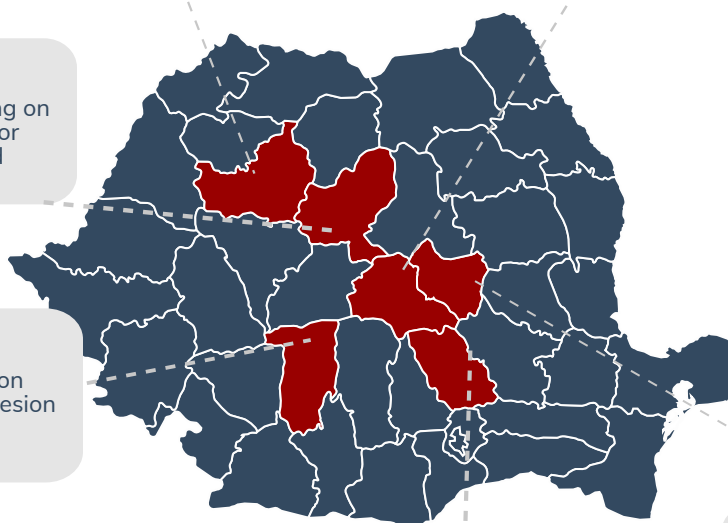
10 municipalities
represented

Sarmasu

Local authorities training on
children protection for
children left behind

Dragasani

Local Authorities training on
accessing structural and cohesion
funds



"An opportunity provided at
an adequate moment. Thank
you for the chance to attend
this training course – I
have been waiting for it in
the last 10 years!"

A municipal civil servant after a
certified EU funds expert training

Mizil

Local Authorities and
CAG joint coaching on
EEA and Norwegian
Grants 2014-2021

Covasna

Partnership management
Training

12 municipalities

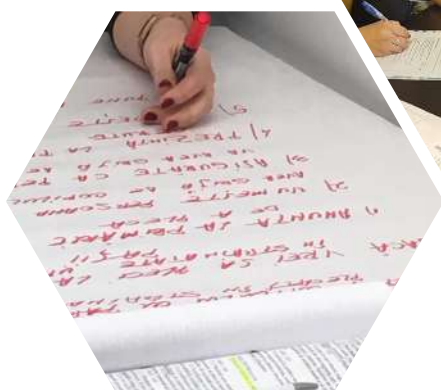
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participants to training &
coaching sessions

Training target groups



Local Authorities (LA) (54.73%)
CAG (26.35%) LA & CAG (14.86%)
Other (4.05%)



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Small grants scheme

83
grants
max. 5,000€ each

Since 2020, the scheme supports the implementation of immediate priorities of Roma communities, benefiting to approximatively **60,000 persons**

Adaptability to needs in a crisis context

46 grants to Municipalities or CAGs:



Provision of information and hygiene kits to help keeping the COVID19 pandemic under control



Provision of food and basic material assistance to help overcoming the COVID19 pandemic impact

for a total of

162,115€



37* grants to Municipalities, CAGs or schools:



Support to educational activities to help fighting school dropout



Improvement of street furniture

A basis for further development

for a total of

162,644€

* 12 grants were provided through financial resources of the Council of Europe Roma and Travellers Team using ROMACT expertise and logistics.

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Small grants scheme



Targu Bujor, Romania

Provision of **350 hygiene kits** and **500 information brochures** to protect the most vulnerable against COVID19

4,998 € ROMACT **555 € Municipality**

Isperich, Bulgaria

Provision of **hygiene kits**, **food packages** and **information leaflet** on protection measures against COVID19 for **90 vulnerable families**

2,040€ ROMACT **200 € Municipality**
CAG in kind contribution



Bistrita, Romania

Provision of hygiene & educational supply sets for **54 children** & counselling program on protection measures against COVID19 for their parents

3,890€ ROMACT **150€ Municipality**



Kotel, Bulgaria

Construction of a **recreation area** and **playground** in the village of Gradets

4,869€ ROMACT **400€ Municipality**
CAG in kind contribution



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Evidence-based support to the local & national authorities

ROMACT reports and Guides are shared and debated with local, national and European stakeholders, including mayors, associations of municipalities, ministries and European Commission representatives



The implementation of ROMACT Programme implies joint planning with the participation of local communities, revision and update of strategies and plans for Roma inclusion, as well as their integration into the mainstream municipal development strategies and plans.

Guide on Social Housing Allocation Criteria

CRITERII DE ATRIBUIRE A LOCUINTELOR SOCIALE
GHID pentru autorități publice locale



This Guide is based on continuous needs assessment in ROMACT municipalities in Romania.



It comes in support to the Romanian local authorities to better understand the social housing allocation methodology and promote the prevention of discriminatory policies in access to housing.

It combines both legal and social approaches and exemplifies potential restrictive criteria as well as criteria that are accessible and already used by some municipalities.



Analysis of Municipal Development Plans & Integrated Urban Reconstruction & Development plans of municipalities participating in ROMACT

The study prepared by ROMACT experts identified challenges met in Bulgaria regarding the planning process. It contributes to the work on mainstreaming of the issues of the vulnerable and marginalized communities, including Roma, in the strategies and plans of municipalities in Bulgaria.

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Evidence-based support to the local & national authorities

Toolkit: Possible solutions for informal settlements

This Toolkit is dedicated to local public authorities in Romania who decide to enter in the process of legalizing these types of settlements and to design development projects together with the community.

The toolkit addresses issues such as the steps to be taken, the analysis of informal settlements, the demarche for legalization and the local development planning. The local team can easily identify the tools it needs from the toolkit, as appropriate.



Guide for carrying out a local information & awareness campaign on the protection of children with parents going to work abroad

Fundamental rights of children left at home, such as the right to family and protection, the right to education, leisure, play and the right to opinion and participation are likely to be at risk.

This guide is intended for local specialists in Romania, who identify the need to organize such a campaign, taking into account the steps to be followed when it comes to public sector action.

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Other ROMACT Reports and Studies

- ✓ ROMACT Review of the Operational Programmes proposed for Romania in the programming period 2021-2027
- ✓ Urban CLLD Projects in Romania. Report on challenges encountered by Local Public Authorities in nine ROMACT municipalities in implementing the 2014-2020 Projects and Recommendations of the Programming period 2021-2027
- ✓ Report on the analysis of the legal provisions regarding the social component of the public procurement
- ✓ Report on the Situation of Social Economy Structures in the ROMACT municipalities in Romania

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