

**Monitoring the  
implementation of  
local strategies for  
Roma inclusion**

**KRUŠEVAC, SERBIA, 2013**

# About Kruševac



Population of  
around 130,000,  
including around  
3,500 Roma  
(2,461 according to  
the last census)

There are 16 Roma settlements, mostly with access to water and electricity but without the sewage system. The settlements of *Jasika*, *Trebotin* and *10. oktobar* do not have any infrastructure.

# The beginning

- The assembly of the City of Kruševac adopted the local Strategy for Improving the Position of Roma in November 2009. The Strategy covers four areas:
  - Education
  - Health
  - Employment
  - Housing.
- The Strategy was adopted for the period of 2009-2012, but the City Assembly extended it until the end of 2014.

# Municipal bodies

- **Council for the implementation of the Strategy** for improving the position of Roma of the City of Kruševac
- **Committee for the selection of projects and evaluating the impact of the Strategy**
- **Committee for the development and implementation of the Local Action Plan for Housing**, within the Strategy
- **Local team for upgrading the education of minority and marginalized groups**

# Responsibilities of the Council

- Monitors and directs the implementation of the Strategy
- **Proposes any modifications to Local Action Plans for Strategy implementation** (defines the services, activities and tasks, indicators, timeframes and determines responsible actors)
- **Appoints Commissions in the field of education, housing and other areas**, with the Mayor's approval, who then report on progress in these fields
- **Analyses the needs of beneficiaries and proposes necessary resources**
- **Submits a report about activities to the City Council and Assembly**

## Tasks of the Committee for the selection of projects and evaluating the impact of the Strategy, as well as of the Committee for housing

- Reviewing the Action Plans and resources allocated for their implementation. Adopting a decision on procurement and **funding of services defined in the action plans:**
  - Defining guidelines for Calls for Proposals
  - Adopting a decision about the advertisement of the Call for Project Proposals, which is approved by the Mayor
  - Selecting projects, correcting the budget if needed
- Submitting a report about the Action Plan implementation and results to the Council
- Reporting about the Committee's work to the City Council, the Mayor and City Assembly. Assessing the impact of the Strategy on poverty reduction and improvement of living conditions of Roma.

# Local team for upgrading the education of minority and marginalized groups

## **The task of the local team is to:**

- Map out problems and needs in the local community related to the education of minority and marginalized groups. Follow the implementation of operational plans and achieved results in this field.

## **Noted:**

- Increase in the number of Roma children enrolled in primary school (65 children in 2006, 91 in 2007, 88 in 2008)
- Mild increase of those who complete their primary education (30 graduated in 2007, 59 a year later, 30 in 2009)

# Composition of municipal bodies

- **The Council** is composed of:
  - Assistant Mayors in charge of social affairs and ecology, sustainable development and energy,
  - Head of sanitary inspection,
  - Representative of police,
  - Representatives of local NGOs and City administration.
- **Committee for the selection of projects and evaluating the impact of the Strategy:**
  - School management,
  - Institute for Public Health,
  - National Employment Service,
  - Healthcare centre and Social Work Centre.
- **Local team for minority and marginalized groups:** primary and high-schools, City administration, police, NGOs.



# Composition of municipal bodies

- **Committee for development and implementation of the LAP on Housing:**
  - Directorate for Urbanism and Construction,
  - Department for Urbanism and Construction,
  - Construction and communal inspection,
  - Department for property-legal and housing-utility affairs,
  - Public utility enterprise Kruševac, water provision company, electrical company,
  - Cadaster,
  - Centre for Social Work,
  - Department for social affairs,
  - Department for investment, economy and environmental protection.

In **2010**, the budget for implementation of the Strategy for Improving the Position of Roma was **10,200,000 dinars** (just under 90.000 Euros)

- 35% each for education and housing, 15% each for healthcare and employment

## **DELIVERY**

- Project “**Education Development Centre**“, 2,060,740 dinars (48% from the City budget, 52% from UNICEF)
- 2008 – 1 million dinars from the City budget, 1.2 million dinars from UNICEF
- 2009 – 500.000 dinars from the City budget, 1 million dinars from UNICEF

In **2011**, the budget for implementation of the Strategy for Improving the Position of Roma was **9,500,000 dinars** (over 80.000 Euros)

- 33% each for education and housing, and 17% each for health and employment

## **DELIVERY**

- Housing – **Production of the cadaster-topography plan**, 400,000 dinars.
- Healthcare – project **“Prevention of cardio-vascular diseases in Roma settlements”**, 400,000 dinars.
- Employment – project **“I want to work”**, 1.2 million din
- Education – **Transportation of Roma children to high-school** outside of their place of residence, 270,550 dinars

**In 2012 and 2013**, the budget for implementation of the Strategy for Improving the Position of Roma was **6.5 million dinars per year** (57,000 Euros)

- The largest part was allocated for employment (30%), and another 23% each for education, healthcare and housing

## **2012**

Employment: 2,000,000 din  
Education: transportation of Roma students to high-schools outside of their place of residence, 316,000din and 100,000din for supplies  
Healthcare: 1,199,736 dinars  
Total: 3,614,677 dinars

## **2013**

Education: 746,350din  
Healthcare: 500,000din  
In addition: transportation of children from rural areas to high-schools (400,000 dinars) and supplies (100,000 dinars)

# Methodology for the functioning of municipal bodies

- The municipal body adopts the proposal for funding of Strategy activities
- Mayor or City Council adopts this decision
- After the budget is approved, the implementation of activities begins
- Dynamic of activities depends on other planned tasks and workload during the year

## For example – Local team for upgrading the education of minority and marginalized groups


- **Defining the term ‘minority and marginalized groups’**
- **Analysis of drop out from the education system**
- Distribution of supplies
- Implementation of 8 workshops in schools, 5 workshops about intercultural relations at the Centre for Professional Development
- Accredited seminars for school and NGO reps.
- Supported the initiative “There is a wealth in diversity”, debates “We all have equal access to education” and “Discrimination” for Human Rights Day, concert “Multiculturalism”

## Local team for upgrading the education of minority and marginalized groups

- Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination: debate on racial discrimination was held
- 6 high-school students, including 2 Roma, attended the two-week training on interculturalism in Trogen, thanks to funding from Children's Foundation Pestaloci



**THERE IS A  
WEALTH IN  
DIVERSITY**

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