



The ROMunicare Project

Empowerment related to Roma Inclusion

FINAL CONFERENCE

Rome 27 June 2018
Palazzo Merulana – Via Merulana, 121
Ore 9.00 – 13.30

ROMunicare (www.romunicare.eu) is a project co-funded by the European Commission's DG JUST within the REC Program (Rights, Equality and Citizenship). The partnership is made up of CNR's Research Institute on Population and Social Policies (the lead institution), the Department of Social Policies of Roma Capitale, ARES 2.0 and the NGO POPÍCA Onlus.

Beginning at the end of October 2016 and now nearing completion, the project has developed communications and training activities in frontal and mutual learning methods involving 150 operators of services within Roma Capitale and the non-profit sector and 30 Romani people from informal camps, for the most part of Romanian nationality, with a twofold objective: on the one hand, to overcome mutual prejudices and mistrust resulting both in discriminatory practices and in attitudes and behaviours demonstrating scant respect for the rules; on the other hand, to draw up guidelines aimed at encouraging inclusive, more effective and fairer access to and participation in rights, for the benefit of both those directly involved and the more general social context. For this purpose, information and dissemination products have also been produced in the form of explanatory videos.

The social inclusion of the Romani people is a difficult objective to pursue. There are several factors contributing to this: regulatory complications, cultural differences, the relative state of poverty and marginalisation in which a large majority of them live. The efforts made during the project, both by the partnership and by the participants (who took a leading part in the training activities), were aimed at identifying and suggesting hypotheses for the use of some services (welcome services, school, work), even if these do not resolve all the aforementioned difficulties.

The conference is intended as an opportunity to deliver the project results to political and administrative decision-makers, as well as offering a comparison of different Italian and European experiences.



- 9.00 Registration of the participants
- 9.30 Welcome by various Institutions:
Dr. Corrado Bonifazi, Director of the CNR's Research Institute on Population and Social Policies (IRPPS-CNR), Rome and Fisciano
Dr. Laura Baldassarre, Councillor for the Person, School and Community of Roma Capitale
Dr. Michela Micheli, Director of the Special Office for the Roma, Sinti e Caminanti Peoples (RSC), Cabinet of the Mayor of Roma Capitale
Dr. Claudia De Stefanis, European Commission – Representation in Italy
- 10.00 *The results of ROMunicare*
Dr. Sandro Turcio, Researcher of IRPPS-CNR
- 10.15 *The point of view of the Roma participating in the project*
Mrs Elena Constantin
- 10.30 *The point of view of the operators participating in the project: the social proximity service*
Dr. Elio Pittilio, Social Worker, Department of Social Policies of Roma Capitale
- 10.45 *Methodology and internationalisation of Roma, Sinti and Caminanti Plan of Roma Capitale*
Dr. Monica Rossi, Cabinet of the Mayor of Roma Capitale
- 11.00 *The right to education: the experience of the Learning Communities*
Dr. Rocío García Carrión, Universidad de Deusto (Bilbao) – Discussant
- 11.15 Coffee break
- 11.45 *Social and health intervention plan in favour of the RSC communities in Rome: an example of "proximity medicine"*
Dr. Giovanni Baglio, National Institute for the Promotion of the Health of Migrants and for the Fight Against Poverty Diseases, Rome
- 12.00 *Results of the pathways toward inclusion of RSC in Turin*
Dr. Maria Cardino, Special Nomad Project, City of Turin
- 12.15 The role of language and technology in combating discrimination
Dr. Ilaria Graziano, Mondo Digitale Foundation
- 12.30 *The state of implementation of the National Strategy for Inclusion of RSC 2012-2020*
Dr. Federica Graziani, National Office for Racial Anti-Discrimination (UNAR), Roma
- 12.45 *The role of the non-profit sector in a European perspective:
Cooperation between municipalities, women and Romani communities in problem-solving and decision-making processes - ROMED2 Project*
Dr. Magdalini Alexandropoulou, Social worker, Berlin
Romani school mediation: the inclusive approach and the right to education
Dr. Sabina Salimovksa, Cultural Mediator, Berlin
- 13.15 *A European perspective on actions for inclusion of the RSC communities. Complementarity among funds*
Dr. Giancarlo Defazio, Director of Department of European Development and Funding Projects, Roma Capitale

Chairman: Dr. Paolo Landri, Responsabile Sede Secondaria IRPPS-CNR, Fisciano, Salerno