



Funded by
the European Union



ROMANSE – Young Roma Women Social Entrepreneurship in North Macedonia

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

ROMANSE is an EU-funded initiative that creates an inclusive environment where Roma women can develop entrepreneurial ideas, access training and mentoring, and reach finance through sub-grants, contributing to employment, reduced social exclusion and increased civic participation at local and national level.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

To increase the social and economic participation of young Roma women by supporting the development of social entrepreneurship, with a focus on local communities in 10 municipalities in North Macedonia: Shuto Orizari, Chair/Topaana, Gjorche Petrov, Gazi Baba, Tetovo, Prilep, Bitola, Kumanovo, Shtip and Kochani.

The project promotes economic independence, equal opportunities and active participation in the labour market.

TARGET GROUPS

Roma CSOs (Roma-led & Pro-Roma) and youth CSOs (working in the field of entrepreneurship and/or support of vulnerable youth);

Young Roma women (18-29) in 10 localities;

local/regional public authorities and institutions, existing social enterprises, local business support organizations; local communities (incl. Roma) in 10 localities

Partnerships established among CSOs, local/regional public institutions, and existing SEs in 10 localities promoting/supporting social entrepreneurship of young Roma women;

Enhanced awareness of Roma communities, esp. young women, on the benefits of (and attitude change towards) social entrepreneurship as formal (self)employment (5.000+ persons)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead applicant: Roma Resource Centre – North Macedonia

Partners: DIESIS (Belgium); Symplexis (Greece); Women's Rights Initiative (North Macedonia)

Implementation period: 36 months

Funding: European Union – IPA Civil Society Facility 2022–2023

Budget: Total budget – 388,816.60 EUR; EU budget – 349,934.94 EUR; Contribution by the partners – 38,881.66 EUR.

Contacts: www.rrc.org.mk; info@rrc.org.mk / phone: +38976200747

KEY ACTIVITIES (WORK PACKAGES)

WP1 – CSO capacity building;

WP2 – Skills building and support for young Roma women in social entrepreneurship (120 trained, 30 mentored)

WP3 – Sub-grants for local organisations (EUR 9,000–11,000)

WP4 – Partnership building (10 working groups, action plans, MoUs)

WP5 – Awareness raising and dissemination (website, TV spot, videos, 10 public events, B2B fair)

WP6 – Project management and coordination

EXPECTED RESULTS / IMPACT

(15) Roma and youth CSOs with enhanced capacities (skills and/or financial) on supporting young Roma women social entrepreneurship;

(120) Young Roma women with developed social entrepreneurship and relevant soft skills;

Enhanced access of young Roma women to guides and support on social entrepreneurship designed to address their needs;



ROMANSE
Young Roma Women for Social
Entrepreneurship