



**Inclusion of Roma and Migrants in Schools**  
Trainings, Open Discussions  
and Youth Volunteering Activities

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### **Invited target groups:**

- Representatives of policymakers in education, international/national/regional level ....
- academics, researchers ...
- educators in kindergartens and teachers, cultural mediators, Roma assistants ....
- Youth - volunteers ...
- representatives from Roma communities, migrants ...
- general public and media

### **Invited Countries:**

- project countries (Slovenia, Germany, Italy, Spain, North Macedonia, Turkey)
- other topic related countries: Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Serbia, Austria, Greece, Malta ...

## **International conference - RoMigSc**

### **Inclusion of Roma and Migrants in Schools: Training, Open Discussions and Youth Volunteering Activities**

**9-10 October 2019**

**Slovenia, Celje, ISSBS (MFDPŠ) Mariborska 7**

International conference RoMigSc is the final dissemination event of project RoMigSc, <https://romigsc.eu/>, Erasmus +, KA3:\_580228-EPP-1-2016-1-SI-EPPKA3-IPI-SOC-IN (2017 – 2019).

### **Two days international conference program**

- **9 October 2019** - two study visits related to the practice on relevant topics of the project:
  - Kindergarten Romano, Roma settlement Pušča, Murska Sobota
  - Center of Intercultural dialogue and Multigeneration centre Planet, Velenje
- **10 October 2019** - presentations of the concepts, results of the project: best practices and policy recommendations



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## Wednesday, 9 October 2019 - study visits

<b>9.30</b>	<b>Meeting at ISSBS, Mariborska 7, Celje and departure to Murska Sobota</b>
11.00– 13.00	<p><b>Presentation of best practices</b>, Roma settlement Pušča, Murska Sobota (coordinator Ingrid Škerlak)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Kindergarten Romano Pušča (unit of kindergarten Murska Sobota)</b>, head of the unit Metka Kotar</li> <li>○ <b>Roma settlement Pušča - a snack lunch with traditional Roma food</b>, Jožek Horvat – Muc and Janja Rošer</li> </ul>
13.00	<b>Visit Institute for romological studies, education and culture (IRŠIK) and Roma Information Center (ROMIC)</b> , Ulica Arhitekta Novaka 13, MS, Jožek Horvat – Muc and Monika Sandreli
14.00	<i>Returning from MS to Celje .... arrival at 15.15</i>
<b>15.30</b>	<b>Meeting at ISSBS, Mariborska 7, Celje and departure to Velenje</b>
16.00– 17.30	<p><b>Presentation of best practices</b>, Velenje People's University, Velenje, Titov trg 2 (coordinator and welcome address Biserka Plahuta)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Multigeneration centre Planet</b>, Edita Tramše</li> <li>○ <b>Center of Intercultural dialogue</b>, Lucija Grušovnik</li> <li>○ <b>Visit to Multigeneration centre, observations of workshops and nonformal talks with migrants from minors to adults</b>, Edita Tramše</li> </ul>
17.30– 19.00	<p><b>Visit to “The exemplary site«</b>, presentation of activities (Biserka Plahuta, Erik Kapfer, Miha Cojhter)</p> <p><b>A degustation of food - prepared by migrants from different countries living in Velenje</b></p>
19.00	<i>Returning from Velenje, arrival in Celje at 19.30</i>

## Thursday, 10 October 2019

10.00	<b>City tour of Celje (meeting point in front Hotel Celeia, Celje)</b>
11.30	<b>Registration and welcome reception, snack lunch</b>
11.30– 12.30	<b>Poster session presentation of good practices</b> from project countries Slovenia, Italy, Spain, Turkey, North Macedonia, Germany and others. Posters available all day
12.30– 14.00	<p><b>Welcome address</b> by ISSBS - project coordinator and national institutions in the area of Roma and migrants children - inclusion in schools</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pedagogical and social aspects of multicultural vs transcultural dimension in schools</b>, Alexander Krauss, ISOB, Germany</li> <li>• <b>Between theories and policies vs practice of multiculturalism, looking for benefits of the kids</b>, dr. Stanka Lunder Verlič, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport</li> <li>• <b>Roma communities represent one of the most significant ethnic minorities in the EU</b>, Jožek Horvat - Muc, IRŠIK, Slovenia and European Roma association</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation of RoMigSc project activities and results:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>About project RoMigSc, its aims and activities</b>, Nada Trunk Širca, ISSBS, Slovenia and project partners coordinators</li> <li>• <b>Main findings, recommendations for policy and practice at different levels</b>, Alexander Krauss, ISOB, Germany</li> <li>• <b>Presentation of e-platform</b>, Valerij Dermol, ISSBS, Slovenia and Augusto Sebastio, CSIG, Italy</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
14.00	<b>Coffee break</b>



14.00– 14.30	<b>Poster session</b> , continue – <b>presentation of good practices</b> from project countries Slovenia, Italy, Spain, Turkey, North Macedonia, Germany and others
14.30– 15.30	<p><b>SESSION: Social inclusion in schools - Multicultural competencies of teachers and trends in teacher training on diversity/multiculturalism for inclusive schools</b> <i>Introduction to the topic and moderator: Kenan Cayir, IBU, Turkey and Susana de Juana Espinosa, AU Spain</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusion and integration issues in schools, <b>Jonuz Abdullai</b>, SEEU, North Macedonia</li> <li>• Integration of children (migrants and Roma) in schools, <b>Fernando Lopez Mompean</b>, Specialist in social education of minors in social risk, Alicante, Spain</li> <li>• The role of intercultural mediators, <b>Youssaf Faitah</b>, Cultural mediator, Asociation Medi Hospes, Taranto, Italy</li> <li>• Integration of Roma children in schools, <b>Damjana Pestner</b>, Roma teacher assistant, Elementary school 3 and Elementary school 4 in Murska Sobota, Slovenia</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
15.30– 16.15	<p><b>SESSION: Volunteering and activation of youth - Dimensions of volunteering – solidarity in EU and empowerment of youth</b> <i>Introduction to the topic and moderator: Veli Kreci, SEEU, North Macedonia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteering experiences with Roma children, <b>Sibel Bajram</b>, Executive Director and teacher, Sumnal Early Childhood Development Center, Skopje, North Macedonia</li> <li>• Volunteering experiences with migrant children, <b>Selma Osmanović</b>, volunteer at Center of Intercultural dialogue and Multigeneration centre Planet, Velenje, Slovenia</li> <li>• Challenges of coordinating complexity in dynamic processes, <b>Johanna Bräu</b>, Coordinator for the education of Migrants of the City Hall Regensburg, Germany</li> <li>• The purpose of volunteering activities in the society, <b>Tjaša Arko</b>, Head of volunteering programme, Slovene Philanthropy, Slovenia</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
16.15	<b>Coffee break</b>
16.30– 18.00	<p><b>ROUNDTABLE: Global education - schools in multicultural societies</b> <i>Introduction to the topic and moderators: Andrej Koren, ISSBS and IRŠIK, Slovenia</i></p> <p>Participants from partners countries, working on the inclusion of Roma and migrants into schools at different levels institutional-regional-national, in various roles and positions: policymakers and policy officers, headteacher, teacher, researchers and practitioners, volunteers, cultural mediators, migrants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Johanna Bräu</b>, The coordinator for the education of Migrants of the City Hall Regensburg, Germany</li> <li>• <b>Susana de Juana Espinosa</b>, professor, project partner representative, Alicante University, Spain</li> <li>• <b>Sibel Bajram</b>, Executive Director and teacher, Sumnal Early Childhood Development Center, Skopje, North Macedonia</li> <li>• <b>Tina Zorman</b>, Srednja gozdarska in lesarska šola Postojna, Dijaški dom, Postojna, Slovenia</li> <li>• <b>Kenan Cayir</b>, professor, project partner representative, BILGI University, Istanbul, Turkey</li> <li>• <b>Youssaf Faitah</b>, Cultural mediator, Asociation Medi Hospes, Taranto, Italy</li> <li>• <b>Urška Štremfel</b>, assistant professor, Educational Research Institute, Slovenia</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion and conclusion of the conference</b></p>



18.00	<b>Break - Conference continue - <u>parallel sessions</u></b>	
	<b>Room A</b>	<b>Room B</b>
18.15– 19.45	<p><b>PARTICIPANTS OWN CONTRIBUTIONS - topics related to the conference:</b> best practices description and presentation, research papers and presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interculturalism- opportunity and challenge, Edita Tamše, Andragoški zavod Ljudska univerza Velenje</li> <li>• Pillars of support for a more successful integration of Roma students, Antonela Vovk, OŠ LA Grosuplje</li> <li>• Celebrating multiculturalism, Petra Radujko, OŠ LA Grosuplje</li> <li>• My work as Roma assistant, Vida Turk, ČŠOD</li> <li>• The Role of an Assistant in the School, Iva Kaplan, Gimnazija in srednja šola Kočevje</li> </ul>	<p><b>THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS - working in small groups:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusion of Roma in schools</li> <li>• Inclusion of migrants in schools</li> <li>• Volunteering for activation of youth</li> <li>• RoMigSc E-platform</li> </ul>

**POSTER SESSION PRESENTATION of good practices** from project countries Slovenia, Italy, Spain, Turkey, North Macedonia, Germany and others. Posters available all day.

<b>Titles</b>	<b>Prepared by:</b>
InMigraKID, Integration of Migrant Children in Germany City of Regensburg (Bavaria)	Alexander Krauss, ISOB, Regensburg, GE
Lifelong learning and integration in Regensburg	Johanna Braeu, Coordination Educational Officers for Migrants, City of Ratisbona, GE
Good practice in Spain: Nazaret, an inclusive school for Roma and migrant children	Ana Rosser-Limiñana, Susana de Juana – Espinosa, Universidad de Alicante, Spain
“La escuela de la Reina” “The Queen’s school” A tale to promote school attendance in Roma neighborhoods	Ana Rosser-Limiñana, Susana de Juana – Espinosa, Universidad de Alicante, Spain
“Cactus” - Project for learning Italian, as a second language	Dr. Augusto Sebastio, Dr. Aleš Trunk, CSIG, Taranto, Italy
Social restaurant, Article 21 - Taranto, Italy	Dr. Augusto Sebastio, Dr. Aleš Trunk, CSIG, Italy
Training for Teachers SEEU, North Macedonia	Veli Kreci and Merita Zulfiu Alili, South East European University
Training for Volunteers SEEU, North Macedonia	Veli Kreci and Merita Zulfiu Alili, South East European University
ROMIC – education and information centre	Monika Sandreli, IRŠIK
Activation of youth and volunteering in schools – project RoMigSc	Nada Trunk Širca, Valerij Dermol, Anica Novak Trunk ISSBS, Slovenia
Roma assistant, Slovenia	Ingrid Škerlak, Anica Novak Trunk, IRŠIK
Kindergarten Romano, Slovenia	Andrej Koren, Ingrid Škerlak IRŠIK, Slovenia
Good practice in Turkey, Flying Library	Kenan Cayir, Istanbul Bilgi University
Side by side board game - Good practice in Turkey	Müge Ayan, Istanbul Bilgi University



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## RoMigSc survey

We kindly ask you to participate in the RoMigSc survey. The questionnaire available at <http://mfdps.1ka.si/a/699?language=1> will be open until 31.10.2019.

## Organisation, registration, certificates, call for your contribution

- **The participants are invited to register ASAP at <http://mfdps.1ka.si/a/710>**
- There is **no conference fee** – no. of participation is limited to 110
- Participants will receive conference materials and **Certificate of attendance**. The participants who will have at the conference their contribution/presentations will receive the **Certificate of active participation at an international conference**.

## RoMigSc. About the project, activities ... <http://romigsc.eu/>.

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**Erasmus+, KA3: Initiatives for policy innovation - Social inclusion through education, training and youth**

**Project number:** 580228-EPP-1-2016-1-SI-EPPKA3-IPI-SOC-IN

**3-year project:** 31 December 2016 – 31 December, 2019.

**Project countries:** Slovenia, Germany, Spain, Italy, North Macedonia, Turkey.

### About the Project

- The main aim is to **support better integration of Roma and migrant children in education** through various activities that stimulate innovative policy development, policy dialogue and implementation, as well as the exchange of knowledge in the fields of education, training and youth.
- **Education is crucial for the successful integration of Roma and migrants in society**. Although (multicultural) diversity is an opportunity to make schools more inclusive, creative and open-minded, inequality in education is the highest among Roma and migrant children. This means risks of social marginalization, which has long-term adverse effects on the social development and economic growth of the host country.
- **Volunteering** plays a significant role in the youth's social inclusion. It allows youngsters to engage as citizens, as well as to gain experience, which can enhance their employment opportunities.

### Project Goals

- Creating inclusive and democratic learning environments.
- Encouraging youth participation, developing inclusion and outreach practices for young people.
- Preventing and combating any form of discrimination and segregation in education.
- Fostering mutual understanding and respect among people.
- Enhancing the quality of non-formal learning activities, youth work practices and volunteering.

### Key Activities

- Initial Study
- Training for Teachers, National Seminars for Different Stakeholders
- Training for Volunteers, Volunteering Activity
- E-Platform on Inclusion in Schools and Intercultural Topics
- Dissemination and International Conference

### Target Groups

- Teachers in schools with Roma and migrant children, Roma school assistants
- Volunteers (students)
- Stakeholders: policy-makers in the area of education, representatives from local authorities, volunteering organizations, directors of schools at different levels, academics and researchers in the area, etc.
- Migrant and Roma children and their parents.