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MAIN PROGRESSES REALIZED BY NATIONAL AGENCY FOR ROMA IN JULY 2006 – AUGUST 2006

1. Progresses made into enhancing the institutional capacity of National Agency for Roma (NAR).

Enhancing communication with civil society partners, thru participation and collaboration at the organized events that have as purpose improving the roma community situation:

- Round table with the theme “Influence of school participation at roma children” Romani CRISS (Centre for Social Intervention and Studies).
- The launch of “ political participation” program – NDI (National Democratic Institute, Romania)
- The continuation of social campaign for preventing and control of discrimination and preconceived ideas towards the Romanian citizens of roma ethny, initiated by Resource Centre for Roma communities in collaboration with National Agency for Roma, National Council Against Discrimination and “Equal Chances” Association.
- Participation in the “Education for Civic Engagement” project initiated by “Together” Agency (Community Development Agency) and FRDS (Romanian Fund for Social Development).
- Finalizing the document to participate in the campaign focused on fighting the racist attitudes towards roma.

- Participation at the official launch of programming exercise “Transition Facilities” having as a result elaboration of a twining light project between National Agency for Roma and the Government of Spain, having as main purpose identification of good practices regarding roma access on labor market, Objective of Lisbon Agenda, JIM and Romanian Government Strategy.
- Collaboration with the Management Authority for Sectorial Operational Program - DRU (Human Resources Development) “Support given to MMSF (Ministry of Labor, Social Security and Family), ANOFM (National Agency Orientation and Development in Labor) and final beneficiaries to prepare future DRU schemes – Measures to promote social inclusion”. In the process technical assistance evaluation for this program, NAR participated directly by delegating of an expert in the evaluation committee.

2. Progresses registered in the elaboration (a), monitoring (b), evaluation(c) of the NAR programs and projects

- **Community Development Program in Hadareni, Mures county, adopted thru GD 533/2006**
 - It was emitted the order nr. 172 that approved the administration of Community Development Program in Hadareni, Chetani commune, Mures County, for 2006 – 2008 periods, published in the Official Monitor nr. 667 in 3 august 2006, document that can be found on the web page of National Agency for Roma, <http://www.anr.gov.ro/documente/0667.pdf> .
 - There were elaborated and published documents needed to open the bid for non-reimbursable projects from Hadareni Project, approved by GD 523 from 19 April 2006.
- **Multi-annual PHARE Program 2004 – 2006, named “Acceleration of implementing the Strategy for Improving the Roma Situation”**
 - It was emitted the Order nr. 367 from 10.07.2006, that approves the structure the Coordination Committee for PHARE multi-annual program. The Committee assures the coordination of project implementation, projects financed from community funds. In the committee are representatives from the following institutions: Government’s General Secretariate, National Agency for Roma, Ministry of Education and Research, Ministry of Administration and Interns, Ministry of Labor, Social Security and Family, National Agency for Labor, Ministry of Transport,

Construction and Turism, Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Public Finance, National Committee Against Discrimination, and European Comision Delegation.

- The implementation authority that will administer the PHARE multi-annual program is the Program Implementation Unit formed in the Government General Secretariat(GGS), coordinated by a State Secretary (Senior Project Officer) from GGS.
 - In the 1-25 of July 2006 took place the evaluation of the offers for technical assistance in the PHARE 2004 – 2006 multi-annual program, followed by interviews and selection of the technical assistance, where was a representative from National Agency for Roma.
- Roma Inclusion Decade 2005 – 2015
 - It was adopted the Law nr. 162/2006 that ratify the Agreement to administrate the fiduciary fund, between the Government of Romania, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and International Association for Development, regarding the Fiduciary Fund sustained by many other financers to support the Roma Inclusion Decade 2005 - 2015, signed in Bucharest on 17 November 2005 and published in Official Monitor nr. 485 from 5 of June 2006. The law sustains two types of activities:
 - a. Technical assistance between countries, preparation and organization of workshops, seminaries, in the application of National Plans for Action context, included in the Decade.
 - b. Monitoring and evaluation of how the plan for inclusion is applied in the 8 organizing countries of the Decade.
 - In the Government meeting that took place in 09.08.2006, the NAR president presented the results obtained in the period that Romania assured the presidency of the Decade
- **IDF Grant**
 - On the date of 2.08.2006 The National Agency for Roma took from Government General Secretariat (GGS) the financial administration of the project entitled “IDF Grant for Strengthening the social inclusion capacity of roma”.

- National Agency for Roma organizes in 11/08/2006 the seminar with the theme "Present and perspectives in the Roma Inclusion Decade". The purpose of the seminar was the consultation and involvement in elaboration of the Decade action plan. The next consultation meetings on IDF Grant will be in 25 august 2006, 8 September 2006, 25 September 2006.

- **Social Inclusion program**

After signing the loan agreement in 05.07.2006, between International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the Government of Romania, represented by Ministry of Finances, the National Agency for Roma participated at three working meetings organized by the Ministry of Labor, social Security and Family. In the meetings were elaborated the documents regarding the financial aspects of the project as it follows:

- Fundamentation notes to acquire goods and services.
- Convention meant to regulate the relations, tasks and attributions of the two institutions in implementing the above mentioned project component "Developing social inclusion capacities for roma population".
- Note to form a commission that has the purpose to select the offers.

- **Community Development Projects in Romania**

National Agency for Roma initiated in 26.07.2006 the consultation process with central institution having as purpose introduction on each institution's budget the financial resources required to implement the measures from community development programs, elaborated after the working visits in roma communities.

- The results of these meetings were settling of responsibilities and ways to apply the measures from community development programs for all involved institutions.
- Another objective was identification of sectorial action plans for the Decade
- For the next period the meeting calendar is as it follows:
 - 3.08.2006 working seminar with the institutions involved in the regional and rural development area.
 - 14.08.2006 establishing the plan for implementing the measures from community development programs.

All the inter-institutional activities have an impact on enhancing the institutional capacity of National Agency for Roma.

- **Other programs and projects in which National Agency for Roma is involved**

- Elaborating the documents to apply at the HIPERB Program, Bilateral agreement between the governments of Greece and Romania.
- Elaborating the documents to insert the first budget rectification of a program to finance the small infrastructure projects in 10 communities from Romania.
- To continue the elaboration of documents for starting of an information campaign regarding the access of roma women at health services.
- There is in a advance elaboration stage, after an principle agreement with the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forrests, a letter, with the purpose of including roma population as an disadvantaged group in the National Plan for Rural Development.

3. Progresses registered in coordinating the Government Decision nr.522/2006, Government strategy regarding roma population

In august were held consultation meetings between National Agency for Roma and General Directions for prefect's offices, in the Ministry of Administration and Interns, to implement the measures of reorganization, comprised in G.D. 522/2006 regarding the national strategy to improve roma situation.

Ministry of Administration and Interns transmitted to all prefect's offices a note regarding the modalities to reconstitute the County Offices for Roma and mix working groups, the last ones being constituted from sub-prefects, officials from County Offices for Roma, officials from NAR, officials from deconcentrated services of ministries and other bodies from central public administration, under the authority of Government, that have their residence in the given counties, school and health mediators, inspectors for roma and roma teaching staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations those of roma communities. Secretariat of the Mix Group is assured by prefect's institution.

It was sent until the 14.08.2006 the prefect's order regarding the way County Offices for Roma and Mix Groups are organized, according with Ministry of Administration and Interns letter nr. 11176/VPD from 26.06.2006

In the July – august period, working mix groups were formed, groups that will meet monthly in the purpose of analyzing, planning and implementing sectorial activities to fulfill the objectives and tasks from General Measures plan, at county level.

Measures for the next period

- Organizing and functioning under NAR of the Roma social inclusion monitoring organism.
- Inserting the roma policies in the strategic planning documents, documents regarding the use of national and UE funds.
- Enhancing the capacity of NAR members and regional, county structures to access the post-adheration funds.
- Allocation of funds from state budget for sectorial strategies, elaborated by the institutions with clear responsibilities in implementing the Government Strategy to improve roma situation, and concentration of these on the assumed measures from the monitoring report of EC.
- Optimization of inter-institutional dialogue and cooperation, at central and local level, between the institutions that plan, coordinates and implements public policies for roma in Romania.