ROMACT is a Joint Programme of the European Commission and the Council of Europe. The ROMACT Methodology consists of 4 steps, implemented over 18 - 22 months, as described in the ROMACT Handbook.

141* in BULGARIA & ROMANIA

ROMACT Municipalities (October 2013 - February 2021)

In addition to Bulgaria and Romania, ROMACT was implemented in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy and in the Slovak Republic between 2013 and 2017.

**STEP 1 - Becoming Committed**
- **125/136** Municipalities committed to implementing the ROMACT Programme

**STEP 2 - Agreeing on Needs and Plans**
- **120/136** Local Capacity Assessment done
- **120/136** Municipalities where Community needs were assessed

**STEP 3 - Translating the Community Priorities List into concrete measures and projects**
- **92/136** have Joint Action Plans elaborated by the Community in cooperation with the Local Authorities
- **69/136** Joint Action Plans adopted by Local Councils

**STEP 4 - Funding, implementing and monitoring of the process**
- **122/136** Municipalities where Local Authorities were involved in ROMACT capacity building activities
- **129/136** Municipalities where screening of funding was conducted with the help of ROMACT experts
- **88/136** Municipalities where project proposals were submitted for funding
- **95/136** Municipalities are implementing measures as a result of ROMACT

* Total figures comprise ongoing, closed and (5) excluded municipalities.

35 municipalities started the ROMACT process between March 2020 and February 2021.
ROMACT in Bulgaria

Snapshot February 2021

ROMACT in Romania
ROMACT in Bulgaria

Snapshot February 2021

46 Municipalities
33 Municipalities Process closed
13 Municipalities Process ongoing

Projects supported by ROMACT

25,000 €
invested by ROMACT per municipality per year

15,410,728 €
generated through 45 projects

1,220,770 €
worth of projects currently under evaluation

EXAMPLES

Isperich
Empowering women from vulnerable communities
Contribution to the socio-economic integration of women from vulnerable communities by applying Mothers Centre model in 4 Isperich settlements

102,463 €
Funded under Local Development Strategy of Isperich under Community-Led Local Development (CLLD) of Rural Development Programme, Operational Programme Human Resources Development (OPHRD)

Beneficiaries
100 women from 4 Roma settlements

Krivodol & Borovan - Partners to care for a better life
Improvement of the quality of life and opportunities for social inclusion of people with disabilities and adults through ensuring services in the home environment

88,821 €
Funded under OPHRD

Beneficiaries
63 people with disabilities & lonely elderly people

Distribution by field

- Education (37.21%)
- Inclusion (50%)
- Infrastructure (3.49%)
- Housing (2.33%)
- Health/COVID19 (4.65%)

Funding sources

- National Funds (14.29%)
- ERDF (6.49%)
- ESF (58.44%)
- Others (3.9%)
- EACEA (5.19%)
- EEA-NG (3.9%)
- EAFRD (7.79%)
Examples of activities from the Joint Action Plans / Strategies implemented

200 different interventions, measures and activities funded mainly through local, regional and national budgets

Distribution by sources of funding %
- Local Budget
- Regional Budget
- National Budget
- EU funds
- UN funds
- Others (EEA, BG-CH funds)

Distribution by field
- Education
- Employment
- Infrastructure
- Housing
- Health
- Mediation
- Others

200 different interventions, measures and activities funded mainly through local, regional and national budgets.
ROMACT in Bulgaria

Snapshot February 2021

Examples of capacity building activities

Dryanovo
Local Authorities coaching on funding opportunities for activities planned in the Joint Action Plan

Septemvri
Local Authorities training on planning activities and integrating community needs in the Local Development Strategy

Kaolinovo
CAG training on communication as a tool for advocacy with local authorities

Sungurlare
Local Authorities training on planning quality social inclusion projects

Cherven Bryag
CAG coaching on sustainable civic participation

“Better understanding the needs of each child and the situation of each family, partnering with parents and other responsible parties. Thanks to ROMACT training, I understood that this is the basis for successful inclusion.”

Municipal staff member, Borovan

Training target groups

3011 participants in training & coaching sessions

- Local Authorities (LA) (23.37%)
- CAG (54.35%)
- LA & CAG (14.67%)
- Other (7.61%)

319 training and coaching sessions
**ROMACT in Romania**

Snapshot February 2021

**Projects supported by ROMACT**

- 90 Municipalities
- 68 Municipalities Process closed
- 22 Municipalities Process ongoing

25,000 €

invested by ROMACT per municipality per year

123,200,451 €

generated through 52 projects

10,117,142 €

worth of projects currently under evaluation

**EXAMPLES**

**Iernut**

"Building social blocks"

3 social blocks with 36 apartments will be built by the end of 2021 with the support of the Romanian Ministry of Regional Development

2,488,462 €

Funded under the Romanian Programme for Building Social houses under 114/1996 law framework

Iernut

"Improve the quality of life of the Iernut population"

The integrated project includes the construction of 2 social blocks of flats, the sewage and asphalting of a road and the creation of a multi-functional centre that will include an after school care and should be completed by December 2022

5,017,405 €

Funded under Regional Operational Programme 'Priority Axis 13.1'
ROMACT in Romania

**EXAMPLES**

**Reghin**
Rehabilitation of a former school into a Kindergarten "Spiridusii Veseli"

784,900 €  
Funded under Regional Operational Programme 'Priority Axis 10'

**Beneficiaries**
The project will benefit 40 children and should be finalised by December 2021

**Sarmasu**
Recruitment of a school mediator

5,000 €  
Funded by the municipality for 12 months

**Beneficiaries**
250 pupils

**Carei**
After school

50,000 €  
Funded by the municipality for 12 months

**Beneficiaries**
135 Roma children

**Focsani**
Municipality Local Development Strategy

8,580,000 €  
Funded under Regional Operational Programme

**Beneficiaries**
Disadvantaged population from 2 Urban Marginalized Areas (ZUM) will benefit from a package of hard and soft measures
ROMACT in Romania

Snapshot February 2021

Examples of activities from the Joint Action Plans / Strategies implemented

**Projects implemented**

**Infrastructure**
(roads, bridges, sewage and electricity network construction)
- 74 projects
- 32 municipalities

**Small infrastructure**
(water & sewage systems repair, cleaning, speed bumpers, waste collection set up)
- 36 projects
- 19 municipalities invested local budget

**Education**
(Second Chance Schools, School after school Programmes, campaigns against drop-out, kindergarten construction)
- 79 projects
- 34 municipalities invested local budget

**Health**
(information/vaccination campaigns, support in registering for health insurance/ family GP, etc.)
- 38 activities
- 21 municipalities invested local budget

**Housing**
Projects (building or rehabilitation, support to access)
- 16 projects
- 10 municipalities invested local budget

**Mediation**
mediators and Roma experts recruited by
- 46 municipalities

**Culture**
(8 April, 16 May, 2 August intercultural events)
- 48 activities
- 23 municipalities invested local budget

**Mediation**
mediators and Roma experts recruited by
- 20 municipalities

- 364 different interventions, measures and activities funded mainly through local, regional and national budgets
Examples of activities from the Joint Action Plans / Strategies implemented

**Distribution by field**
- Housing (8.75%)
- Employment (4.66%)
- Education (21.87%)
- Infrastructure (36.15%)
- Health (12.83%)
- Others (culture, IDs, etc.) (9.62%)
- Humanitarian (6.12%)

**Sources of funding**
- Local budget (66.38%)
- National funds (13.68%)
- European funds (11.11%)
- UN funds (0.57%)
- Others (Private companies, NGOs, fundraising campaigns) (8.26%)
Examples of capacity building activities

- **Cluj**
  - CAGs training on community mobilisation

- **Sarmasu**
  - Local authorities training on the protection of children left behind

- **Dragasani**
  - Local Authorities training on accessing structural and cohesion funds

- **Poiana Brasov**
  - Project Management certified Training
  - 10 municipalities represented

- **Mizil**
  - Local Authorities and CAG joint coaching on EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021

- **Covasna**
  - Partnership management Training
  - 12 municipalities

"An opportunity provided at an adequate moment. Thank you for the chance to attend this training course – I have been waiting for it for 10 years!"

A municipal civil servant after a certified EU funds expert training

Training target groups

- **Local Authorities (LA)** (54.73%)
- **CAG** (26.35%)
- **LA & CAG** (14.86%)
- **Other** (4.05%)
Since 2020, the scheme has been supporting the implementation of immediate priorities of Roma communities, benefiting to approximatively 60,000 persons.

### 46 grants to Municipalities or CAGs:
- Provision of information and hygiene kits to help keeping the COVID-19 pandemic under control
- Provision of food and basic material assistance to help overcoming the COVID-19 impact

for a total of **162,115 €**

### 37 grants to Municipalities, CAGs or schools:
- Support to educational activities to help fighting school dropout
- Improvement of street furniture

for a total of **162,644 €**

*12 grants were provided through financial resources of the Council of Europe Roma and Travellers Team using ROMACT expertise and field teams’ support*
ROMACT
Small grants scheme

Targu Bujor, Romania
Provision of 350 hygiene kits and 500 information brochures to protect the most vulnerable against COVID-19

4,998 € ROMACT 555 € Municipality

Isperich, Bulgaria
Provision of hygiene kits, food packages and information leaflet on protection measures against COVID-19 for 90 vulnerable families

2,040 € ROMACT 200 € Municipality
CAG in kind contribution

Bistrita, Romania
Provision of hygiene & educational supply sets for 54 children & counselling program on protection measures against COVID-19 for their parents

3,890 € ROMACT 150 € Municipality

Kotel, Bulgaria
Construction of a recreation area and playground in the village of Gradets

4,869 € ROMACT 400 € Municipality
CAG in kind contribution
ROMACT
Evidence-based support to local & national authorities

ROMACT reports and guides are shared and debated with local, national and European stakeholders, including mayors, associations of municipalities, ministries and European Commission representatives.

Guide on Social Housing Allocation Criteria

This Guide is based on continuous needs assessments in ROMACT municipalities in Romania.

It supports Romanian local authorities in better understanding the social housing allocation methodology promoting the prevention of discriminatory allocation practices.

It combines both legal and social approaches and exemplifies potential restrictive criteria as well as criteria that are accessible and already used by some municipalities.

Analysis of Municipal Development Plans & Integrated Urban Reconstruction & Development plans of municipalities participating in ROMACT

The implementation of the ROMACT Programme implies joint planning with the participation of local communities, revision and update of strategies and plans for Roma inclusion, as well as their integration into the mainstream municipal development strategies and plans.

The study prepared by ROMACT experts identified challenges met in Bulgaria regarding the planning process. It contributes to mainstreaming the issues of vulnerable and marginalised communities, including Roma, in the municipal strategies and plans in Bulgaria.
ROMACT
Evidence-based support to the local & national authorities

Toolkit: Possible solutions for informal settlements

This Toolkit is dedicated to local public authorities in Romania who decide to enter in the process of legalizing these types of settlements and to design development projects together with the community.

The toolkit addresses issues such as the steps to be taken, the analysis of informal settlements, the demarche for legalization and the local development planning. The local team can easily identify the tools it needs from the toolkit, as appropriate.

Guide on local information & awareness raising campaigns on the protection of children with parents going to work abroad

Fundamental rights of children left at home, such as the right to family and protection, the right to education, leisure, play and the right to opinion and participation are likely to be at risk.

This guide is intended for local specialists in Romania, who identify the need to organise such a campaign, taking into account the steps to be followed when it comes to public sector action.

Other ROMACT Reports and Studies

- ROMACT Review of the Operational Programmes proposed for Romania in the programming period 2021-2027
- Report on the analysis of the legal provisions regarding the social component of the public procurement
- Report on the Situation of Social Economy Structures in the ROMACT municipalities in Romania

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