



RomABC – The Next Dimension! Information and Sensitization Event – Athens, December 4, 2018

Press Release

Panhellenic Confederation of Greek Roma “Ellan Passe” organised a **special Information and Sensitization Event** in the framework of the implementation of the European project “RomABC – The Next Dimension!”. The Info Event took place in Athens at the “Antonis Tritsis” amphitheatre of the Cultural Organization of **Athens Municipality**, on **December 4, 2018**.

“**RomABC – The Next Dimension!**”, coordinated by German educational institution “JugendStil e.V.” and implemented in Greece by “Ellan Passe” and Biopolitics International Organization, B.I.O” aims to train qualified tutors that will train functional illiterate Roma populations and act as multipliers in order to tackle the functional illiteracy of Roma.



The attendants were informed about the general project objectives as well as all the main outputs which comprise the elaboration of an innovative handbook for trainers, specialized on Roma specific needs and the creation of a special vocabulary tailored for the training of functional illiterate Roma on all corresponding fields (such as reading, writing, numerical skills and basic IT).

Sensitization and Information Event was attended by dozens representatives of Greek Roma communities from regional and local federations and associations, state and social institutions and NGOs, including Mrs. Eleni Ioannidou from the Special Secretary for the Social Inclusion of Roma at the Greek Ministry of Labor, Mr. **Eleftherios Dimitriou** from the Greek National Commission for Human Rights, Mrs. **Eva Spathara** from the Greek General Secretariat for Gender Equality, Mr. **Elias Giannopoulos**, attorney specialized on Roma issues, Mrs. **Efthimia Chasiotou** and Mr. **Filippos Katsikaris**, scientific coordinators at NGO “Klimaka”, Mrs. **Anastasia Vafea**, scientific coordinator at “Schedia” NGO, Mr. **Kostas Paiteris**, President of the Union of Greek Roma Mediators as well as Roma mediators from various municipalities around Athens, Mrs. **Eleni Desiotou** from Chalandri municipality, Mrs. **Stella Stavrou**, Mrs. **Zafeiria Milioti** and Mr. **Galanis Balasis** from Aghia Varvara Municipality and Mr. **George Konstantinou** by Keratsini municipality.

The event was coordinated by Mrs. **Dimitra Nika**, scientific associate of Ellan Passe. After a brief welcoming from Ellan Passe President Mr. **Vasilis Pantzos** and a greeting by Mrs. **Eleni Ioannidou** on behalf of the Special Secretary for the Social Inclusion of Roma at the Greek



Ministry of Labor, the participants were informed in detail about the project's objectives by Ellan Passe's scientific associate Mr. **Aris Kaparakis** and Biopolitics International Organization's scientific associates Mrs. **Stavroula Spanea** and Mr. **Dimitrios Patsalidis**. On behalf of Ellan Passe, Mr. **George Villanakis** informed the attendants about the experience gained by

the Roma communities through the active participation in European projects.

On the second part of the event, a **special round discussion table** was held. Its main objective was the adult illiteracy in Greek Roma communities, the contribution and the importance of European projects such as "RomABC – The Next Dimension" in dealing with the issue, as well as ways of **confronting the pivotal issue of education in Greek Roma communities**.

Ellan Passe would like to thank all the participants in the event, as well as everyone that attended it.

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