



RomABC – The Next Dimension!

European Conference RomABC Sustainability and Validation

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Press Release

On June 12, 2019, the **Biopolitics International Organisation (B.I.O.)** and the **Panhellenic Confederation of Greek Roma “Ellan Passe”** co-organized the European Conference “RomABC Sustainability and Validation.” The conference was held with great success at The Golden Age Hotel, in Athens, Greece.

The event convened in the framework of the “**RomABC the Next Dimension!**” **Erasmus+ European Program**. The main objective was to present the results of the program and to promote the debate on the need to improve living conditions for Roma communities in Greece and in other European countries through adult education.

In addition to B.I.O. and Ellan Passe, the conference involved all of the project’s European partners, including **JugendStil e.V.** and **Kontakte fur Europa** from Germany, **HEEDA** from Hungary, and **Vox Civica** and **School Inspectorate of Buzau County** from Romania, and was also supported by representatives of the **Mentors of Europe's Diversity Network**.

Discussions were coordinated by **Efthymios Bakas**, former General Secretary for Life- Long Learning at the Greek Ministry of Education and were attended by many participants from government, academia, and civil society, including: **Christos Efthymiopoulos**, President of B.I.O.; **Vassilis Pantzos**, President of Ellan Passe; **Maximilian Thinner**, Researcher at the University of Hamburg, Department of Special Needs Education and Representative of the External Evaluator of the Project (Germany); **Alexandra Karagianni** Representative of the Secretariat for the Social Inclusion of the Roma at the Greek Ministry of Labor, Social Security and Solidarity; **Kostantinos Paiteris**, President of the Hellenic Roma Association of Mediators and Associates, **Christos Parthenis**, Associate Professor of Pedagogy, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; **Myrto Lemou**, President of the Center for the Support of Children and the Roma Family; **Margaritis Doumos**, Director of the 1st Second Chance School of Larissa; **Konstantinos Economou**, Deputy Director of the 1st Second Chance School of Larissa; and, **Efthymia Chasiotou**, Scientific Coordinator at Klimaka’s Roma Day Center.

The event concluded with an open discussion on the need to improve the standard of living of Roma communities and an exchange of ideas regarding concepts for possible follow-up projects in groups.



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