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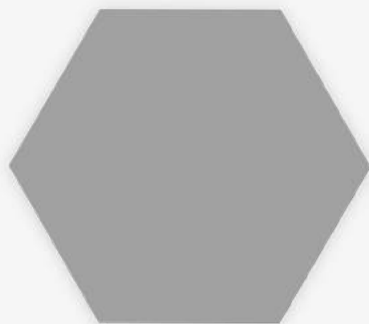
RomABC moves forward

Further development of innovative instruments for combating functional illiteracy of Roma and other vulnerable groups in Europe



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Functional illiteracy in Europe



According to UNESCO, an estimated number of **73 million adult Europeans** are considered as functional illiterates. This is equal to 1/5 of the employable population aged 18 to 64 years. Taking reliable figures on the extension of functional illiteracy into consideration, this concerns 6.2 Mio. adults in Germany, 2 Mio. in Greece, 1.2 Mio. in Hungary, 0.2 Mio. in North Macedonia, 3.8 Mio. in Romania, 0.8 Mio. in Serbia and 0.5 Mio. in Slovakia.

Unfortunately, there are no valid figures concerning the literacy rate of Roma. **Experts say that the share of functional illiterates among adult in urban regions of the partner countries is about 60 per cent, in rural areas partly up to 80 per cent.** Women are particularly concerned.





Discrimination of Roma & our Solution

Many times, functional illiteracy is the reason for the difficult access of Roma to education and employment as basis for their social integration. For this reason, a Curriculum for alphabetisation courses for the improvement of the literacy of Roma in the fields reading, writing, numeracy and IT that is in line with their specific needs was developed in the Strategic Partnerships „RomABC goes Europe!“ and „RomABC – the next dimension“.

During the testing of this Curriculum it got obvious that an insufficient health literacy and a lack of basic civic knowledge is also limiting the every-day-life of Roma relevantly. Therefore, the further development of the Curriculum for raising the literacy grade of adult Roma by those emphasis is the centre of our follow-up project.

The comparable high share of functional illiterates among Roma does not only require a possibly nation-wide offer of tailored alphabetisation courses, accordingly trained adult educators but also innovative training offers and adequate training material.

Those needs shall be covered in the project by:

-  the further development of the Handbook for trainers
-  the education of trainers in a Pilot Training
-  the utilisation of the training material for webinars
-  the development of a blended learning course for the alphabetisation of Roma from level 3.

„RomABC moves forward“ will be implemented by partner organisations from **Germany, Greece, Hungary, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia and Slovakia** and aims particularly on a reduction of the number of functional illiterates among adult Roma, the raising of their employability and the increasing of their share in adult education measures. Thus, the project contributes concretely to the implementation of the post-2020-EU-Framework for national Roma integration strategies and the according national strategies of the partner countries.

