

Project "Increased Education Opportunities for Roma Students and Youth in Western Balkans and Turkey"
Overview of the implementing partner organisations (IPOs) - Year 1 (01/10/2018-30/06/2019)

#	Country	Project Code	Organisation	Project Name	Start Date	End Date	Grant Amount	Locations	Project Summary
1	Albania	ECD-ALB-01	ARSIS , Social Organisation for the Support of the Youth	Increasing access and participation of Roma children in quality early childhood education and primary education	01.10.2018	30.6.2019	60.460,00 €	Shkodra and Tirana	The project will contribute to improving the early childhood development outcomes for Roma children in Albania, in municipality of Shkodra and Tirana. It aims to support the good start of young Roma children through supporting their enrolment and participation in pre-school and primary education systems as well as to apply community based early childhood educational activities, too. The project will also enhance the parenting skills of Roma parents to support their children's educational attendance and attainment. The implementing partner organisation will use a community outreach approach and will be delivered in partnership with local Municipalities and local Department of Education. Up to 330 children and their parents and 120 primary students and their partners will be direct beneficiaries in the period of three years.
2	Bosnia and Herzegovina	ECD-BIH-01	Roma Support Center ROMALEN Kakanj	Increasing access and participation of Roma children in quality early childhood education and primary education	01.10.2018	30.6.2019	36.536,00 €	Visoko Municipality	The main objectives of the project are to improve school readiness and early childhood development (ECD) for at least 65 Roma children aged 3-6 in Visoko municipality, by improving the access to quality mainstream ECD services and enhancing the parenting skills of their parents. Furthermore, it aims to increase enrolment rate, attendance rate, retention rate and academic success of at least 37 Roma pupils in elementary schools in 1st and 2nd grades through improvement of their school performance and involvement of their parents in education process. Approach of the project will be through work with Roma parents; provision of ECD services and preschool program in public kindergarten; provision of instructive school afterschool program in the project elementary schools; identification of Roma children due to school enrolment and out of school system as well as the children who dropped out aiming to include at least 5% of them in primary school.
3	Kosovo*	ECD-KOS-01	Kosovo Education Centre - KEC	Increasing access and participation of Roma children in quality early childhood education and primary education	01.10.2018	30.6.2019	37.361,00 €	Prizren	The Project aims to improve the ECD outcomes and school readiness for 1st and 2nd grade of disadvantaged Roma children from six neighborhoods aged 4-6 and 6-8 attending schools by improving the parenting skills of the parents, strengthening the link between parents and pre-primary and school institutions, expanding the access to integrated ECD services and raising the quality of teaching and learning. Beneficiaries are up to 150 children and 115 primary students as well as their parents in the period of three years.
4	FYR Macedonia	ECD-MAC-01	Roma Resource Centre - Skopje	Increasing access and participation of Roma children in quality early childhood education and primary education	01.10.2018	30.6.2019	116.303,00 €	Shuto Orizari, Tetovo, Gostivar	The project will contribute to improving the early childhood development outcomes for Roma children in Shuto Orizari, Tetovo and Gostivar. It aims to support the good start of young Roma children through supporting their enrolment and participation in pre-school and primary education systems as well as to apply community based early childhood educational activities too such as Toy Library and school after school program. The project will also enhance the parenting skills of Roma parents to support their children's educational attendance and attainment thorough organising regular parenting programs and community motivation events. The project will be implemented in partnership with Roma Democratic Development Association "Sonce" and Roma Resource Centre. RRC will be responsible for the overall management of the project and activities at Shuto Orizari, while "Sonce" will be responsible for implementation of the activities in Tetovo and Gostivar. Beneficiaries are up to 650 children and 300 primary students and their parents in the period of three years.

5	Turkey	ECD-TUR-01	Mediterranean Roma Associations Federation / Akdeniz Roman Dernekleri Federasyonu - AKROMFED	Increasing access and participation of Roma children in quality early childhood education and primary education	01.10.2018	30.6.2019	33.000,00 €	Mersin Province	The project will contribute to improving the early childhood development outcomes for Roma children in Mersin. It aims to support the good start of young Roma children through supporting their enrolment and participation in pre-school and primary education systems as well as to apply community based early childhood educational activities too. It will offer toy library, game therapy sessions and social activities to the children as well as regular health checks. Furthermore, children in first grade of primary school will participate in academic and social mentoring to support academic integration after kindergarten. The project will also enhance the parenting skills of Roma parents to support their children's educational attendance and attainment through regular parental meetings and workshops. Beneficiaries are up to 175 children and their parents and 140 primary students and their partners in the period of three years.
6	Albania	SEC-ALB-01	Roma Versitas Albania	Increasing access and participation of Roma students in secondary education and transition to labour market	01.10.2018	30.6.2019	20.533,00 €	Tirana, Korca, Elbasan and Fier	The project will address the problems by prevailing the most important obstacles to participation of Roma students in secondary education: increase transition rate from secondary education to tertiary education of Roma students through effective campaign, improve retention and academic achievement of Roma secondary school students and follow up until their secondary school graduation through merit-based scholarships, mentoring and tutoring programme; supporting them to enroll into tertiary education, providing them with professional school/courses and life-coaching to increase their employability through trainings on building their soft skills, organizing info sessions for students and with employment companies, visits to the partnering employers, and facilitating internship opportunities. Direct beneficiaries are up to 125 secondary school students in the period of three years.. Project will be implemented in Tirana, Korca, Elbasan and Fier.
7	Bosnia and Herzegovina	SEC-BIH-01	Association of Roma " Euro Rom " Tuzla	Increasing access and participation of Roma students in secondary education and transition to labour market	01.10.2018	30.6.2019	15.133,00 €	Zenica-Doboj Canton	The project aims to increase academic performance and employability of Roma secondary school students in regular educational system, improve retention rate and achievement and facilitate a bridge between secondary and tertiary education as well as between secondary education and labor market. The project will provide financial and academic support through better outreach, merit-based scholarships and school-based tutoring/mentoring of Roma students. Programme will support Roma students to regularly attend school secondary school and smooth transition to tertiary education, work with Roma students who regularly attend 3rd and 4th year of secondary schools with the assistance of mentors/tutors whose obligation it is to them throughout their education and direct support to successfully master the subject and overcome difficulties at school. Direct beneficiaries are up to 125 secondary school students in the period of three years. Project will be implemented in Zenica-Doboj Canton.
8	Kosovo*	SEC-KOS-01	Voice of Roma- Ashkali and Egyptians	Increasing access and participation of Roma students in secondary education and transition to labour market	01.10.2018	30.6.2019	60.535,00 €	national coverage	The project aims to increase the academic performance and employability of Roma secondary school students, as part of the increased education opportunities for Roma students and Roma youth. In addition, the Project is designed in a way to provide a bridge between secondary and tertiary education as well as between secondary education and the labor market. The proposed project will further contribute to the development of the National Secondary School Scholarship and Mentoring Program, whereas the number of scholarships awarded to secondary school students will increase from 500 (actual) to 600. Currently, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology in partnership with VoRAE with support from REF, Swiss Development and Cooperation Agency (SDC)/HEKS manages and implements a National Secondary School Scholarships and Mentoring Program. Direct beneficiaries are up to 125 secondary school students in the period of three years. Project will be implemented in municipalities predominantly inhabited by Roma community.

9	FYR Macedonia	SEC-MAC-01	Roma Veristas Macedonia	Increasing access and participation of Roma students in secondary education and transition to labour market	01.10.2018	30.6.2019	74.443,00 €	national coverage	The project aims to address the problem of low retention, achievement, and transition rate of Roma students from secondary education to tertiary education. The project will tend to reduce the dropout rate of Roma children in the secondary school. The financial and the mentoring/tutoring support on the one hand, and the proven commitment of the school state staff on the other hand will contribute to reducing the dropout rate of the secondary Roma students in the educational process. The project activities will also target employability opportunities and bring closer the labor concept to Roma secondary school students empowering transition from secondary to tertiary education and quality employment opportunities. Info sessions with students and professional development trainings will be organized to equip secondary school students to compete in the labor market and become equal competitors. Direct beneficiaries are up to 125 secondary school students in the period of three years.
10	Montenegro	SEC-MNE-01	NGO Young Roma / NVO Mladi Romi - Herceg Novi	Increasing access and participation of Roma students in secondary education and transition to labour market	01.10.2018	30.6.2019	31.833,00 €	national coverage	The project aims to increase awareness among Roma in transiting from secondary to tertiary education improving academic and employability achievement through merit-based scholarship to Roma secondary school students and follow up until their secondary school graduation through mentoring and tutoring programme, supporting them to enroll into tertiary education, providing them with professional school/courses and life-coaching to increase their employability through trainings on building their soft skills, organizing info sessions for students and with employment companies, visits to the partnering employers, and facilitating internship opportunities. Direct beneficiaries are up to 50 secondary school students in the period of three years. Project will be implemented in municipalities predominantly inhabited by Roma community.
11	Turkey	SEC-TUR-01	Mediterranean Roma Associations Federation / Akdeniz Roman Dernekleri Federasyonu - AKROMFED	Increasing access and participation of Roma students in secondary education and transition to labour market	01.10.2018	30.6.2019	49.233,00 €	Mersin, Balikesir, Tekirdag	The project aims to increase transition rate from secondary education to tertiary education of Roma students through effective campaign, improve academic achievement through merit-based scholarship to Roma secondary school students and follow up until their secondary school graduation through mentoring and tutoring programme; supporting them to enroll into tertiary education, providing them with professional school/courses and life-coaching to increase their employability through trainings on building their soft skills, organizing info sessions for students and with employment companies, visits to the partnering employers, and facilitating internship opportunities. Direct beneficiaries are up to 80 secondary school students in the period of three years. Project will be implemented in the Mersin Province Region.
12	Albania	TER-ALB-01	Roma Versitas Albania	Increasing access and participation of Roma students in tertiary education and transition to labour market	01.10.2018	30.6.2019	26.400,00 €	Tirana, Korca, Elbasan and Fier	The project aims to create/consolidate a qualified pool of Roma with higher education degrees, to help inclusion by serving as role models and social capital for their communities, as well as maintain and improve performance and graduation levels of Roma tertiary education students and facilitate their transition to the labor market through merit-based scholarship support, academic support and professional career development support programme. The employment component of the project will target state institutions, international organizations, national employment agencies and private entrepreneurs to increase employability for graduated Roma tertiary students. Direct beneficiaries are up to 30 university students and graduates. Project will be implemented in municipalities Tirana, Korca and Elbasan.

13	Bosnia and Herzegovina	TER-BIH-01	Association of Roma "Euro Rom" Tuzla	Increasing access and participation of Roma students in tertiary education and transition to labour market	01.10.2018	30.6.2019	5.800,00 €	Tuzla Canton	The project among provision of merit-based scholarship, academic and employability support will convene strong participatory outreach campaign in the Roma community to empower tertiary education enrolment among Roma secondary school students by using examples of best practice and Roma role models. Project will consider synergies with other state and international agencies to ensure quality performance. The project will be implemented in municipalities of Tuzla, Kalesija, Lukavac, Gračanica, Banovici and Živinice. Direct beneficiaries are up to 2 Roma university students and graduates.
14	Kosovo*	TER-KOS-01	Roma Versitas Kosovo	Increasing access and participation of Roma students in tertiary education and transition to labour market	01.10.2018	30.6.2019	13.615,00 €	national coverage	The project will address Roma transition from secondary to tertiary education through effective campaign, merit-based scholarship support through mentoring and tutoring programme, professional school/courses and life-coaching to increase their employability through trainings on building their soft skills, organizing info sessions for Roma students and with employment companies, visits to the partnering employers, and facilitating internship opportunities. Project will also identify qualified pool of Roma tertiary school graduates and facilitate their labor inclusion. The project will ensure participation of all relevant state and international agencies and certify that no overlapping with other programs exist. Direct beneficiaries are up to 7 university students and graduates.
15	FYR Macedonia	TER-MAC-01	RomaVeristas Macedonia	Increasing access and participation of Roma students in tertiary education and transition to labour market	01.10.2018	30.6.2019	49.800,00 €	national coverage	The project aims to maintain and improve performance and graduation level of Roma tertiary education students and facilitate their transition to the labor market through merit-based scholarship support, academic support, internship placement and professional career development support programme. The employment component of the project will target state institutions, international organizations, national employment agencies and private entrepreneurs to increase employability for graduated Roma tertiary students. Project will also identify qualified pool of Roma tertiary school graduates and facilitate their labor inclusion. Direct beneficiaries are up to 30 university students and graduates in the period of three years.
16	Serbia	TER-SER-01	Vojvodina Roma Democracy Centre	Increasing access and participation of Roma students in tertiary education and transition to labour market	01.10.2018	30.6.2019	49.800,00 €	national coverage	The project objective is to address Roma transition from secondary to tertiary education through effective campaign, merit-based scholarship support through mentoring and tutoring programme, professional courses and life-coaching to increase their employability through trainings on building their soft skills, organizing info sessions for Roma students and with employment companies, visits to the partnering employers, and facilitating internship opportunities. The project will ensure participation of all relevant state and international agencies and certify that no overlapping with other programs exist. Direct beneficiaries are up to 30 university students and graduates.

17	Turkey	TER-TUR-01	Mediterranean Roma Associations Federation / Akdeniz Roman Dernekleri Federasyonu - AKROMFED	Increasing access and participation of Roma students in tertiary education and transition to labour market	01.10.2018	30.6.2019	28.597,00 €	Mersin, Edirne, Balikesir, Izmir and Tekirdag	The project will improve performance and graduation of Roma tertiary students in Turkey as well as increase their employability by providing scholarship, mentoring, professional development, internship and career guidance support. Target locations are largely inhabited by Roma and are home to more than 20 prestigious and about more than 30 most preferred universities in Turkey. The project among provision of merit-based scholarship, academic and employability support will advocate to empower tertiary education enrolment among Roma secondary school students by using examples of best practice and Roma role models. Direct beneficiaries are up to 16 university students and graduates in the period of three years. Project will be implemented in Mersin, Edirne, Balikesir, Izmir and Tekirdag.
TOTAL AMOUNT OF AWARDED GRANTS - YEAR 1							709.382,00 €		