

Objective

The project “**Roma Influencers breaking the circle of early marriages and early motherhood in Roma communities**” under the title acronym “**Roma Influencers Network**” derives from the gravity of the extremely harmful practice of early marriages and early motherhood in Roma communities. It is focused on empowering, supporting, protecting and awareness raising of the Roma community, especially women & girls affected by the specific concern by suggesting ways to change behaviors and attitudes in order to overcome, reduce or eliminate it.

Activities

- national researches & reports & comparative report to describe and analyze the harmful practice of early marriages and early motherhood and its consequences in 4 countries (Greece, Ireland, Portugal & Romania), to compare it in transnational level, to verify the need of intervention and change
- training courses to train Roma women & girls in each country to become influencers on the concern of early marriages and early motherhood
- Roma Influencers Network (national & transnational) to engage the Roma community and specially Roma women & girls in active participation breaking the harmful practice
- awareness raising campaigns to Roma settlements to create awareness of the Roma community and adapt positive attitude towards democratic values, fundamental rights children & women's rights into Roma culture
- national & transnational workshops, documentary films (national & transnational) & Roma Influencers festivals to increase awareness of women's institutions, local and regional authorities, national & European institutions, NGOs, civil society, policy decision makers, mass media & broader community on the thematic of early marriages and early motherhood
- good practices guide (national & transnational) & policy recommendations (national & transnational) to create awareness of decision-making centers representatives

Results

- awareness of the Roma community & the wider community about causes & harmful consequences of early marriages & early motherhood
- active involvement of the Roma community in the field of prevention of early marriages & early motherhood
- empowerment of Roma women and girls for their active participation in education, employment and society
- promotion of alternative ways of shaping the individual's future and to promote different life styles in the Roma community
- change in knowledge and attitudes towards democratic values, fundamental rights children & women's rights
- cooperation between the Roma community and representatives of decision-making centers
- cross transfer of knowledge & approaches to bring positive and long-lasting effects on the participating organizations and persons directly or indirectly involved

Consortium

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IRELAND: Cairde www.cairde.ie

PORTUGAL: Cesis www.cesis.org & Cooperactiva www.cooperactiva.info

ROMANIA: Sastipen www.sastipen.ro/ro/



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