



Inclusion of Roma and Migrants in Schools
Trainings, Open Discussions
and Youth Volunteering Activities

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Invited target groups:

- Representatives of policymakers in education, international/national/regional level
- academics, researchers ...
- educators in kindergartens and teachers, cultural mediators, Roma assistants
- Youth - volunteers ...
- representatives from Roma communities, migrants ...
- general public and media

Invited Countries:

- project countries (Slovenia, Germany, Italy, Spain, North Macedonia, Turkey)
- other topic related countries: Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Serbia, Austria, Greece, Malta ...

International conference - RoMigSc

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9-10 October 2019

Slovenia, Celje, ISSBS (MFDPŠ) Mariborska 7

International conference RoMigSc is the final dissemination event of project RoMigSc, <https://romigsc.eu/>, Erasmus +, KA3:_580228-EPP-1-2016-1-SI-EPPKA3-IPI-SOC-IN (2017 – 2019).

Two days international conference program

- **9 October 2019** - two study visits related to the practice on relevant topics of the project:
 - Kindergarten Romano (Roma settlement Pušča, Murska Sobota)
 - Center of Intercultural dialogue and Multigeneration centre Planet (Velenje)
- **10 October 2019** - presentations of the concepts, results of the project: best practices and policy recommendations



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Wednesday, 9 October 2019 - study visits

9.30	Meeting at ISSBS, Mariborska 7, Celje and departure to Murska Sobota
11.00– 13.00	<p>Presentation of best practices, Roma settlement Pušča, Murska Sobota (co-organiser contact: Ingrid Škerlak)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kindergarten Romano Pušča (unit of kindergarten Murska Sobota), head of the unit Metka Kotar ○ Roma settlement Pušča - a snack lunch with traditional Roma food, Jožek Horvat – Muc and Janja Rošer
13.00	Visit Institute for romological studies, education and culture (IRŠIK) and Roma Information Center (ROMIC) , Ulica Arhitekta Novaka 13, MS, Jožek Horvat – Muc and Monika Sandreli
14.00	<i>Returning from MS to Celje arrival at 15.15</i>
15.30	Meeting at ISSBS, Mariborska 7, Celje and departure to Velenje
16.00– 17.30	<p>Presentation of best practices, Velenje People's University, Velenje, Titov trg 2 (co-organiser contact: Biserka Plahuta)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Multigeneration centre Planet, Lidija Praprotnik ○ Center of Intercultural dialogue, Tadej Oprčkal ○ Visit to Multigeneration centre, observations of workshops and nonformal talks with migrants from minors to adults, Lidija Praprotnik
17.30– 19.00	<p>Visit to “The exemplary site«, presentation of activities (Biserka Plahuta and ...)</p> <p>A degustation of food - prepared by migrants from different countries living in Velenje</p>
19.00	<i>Returning from Velenje, arrival in Celje at 19.30</i>

Thursday, 10 October 2019

10.00	City tour of Celje (meeting point in front Hotel Celeia, Celje)
11.30	Registration and welcome reception, snack lunch
11.30– 12.30	Poster session presentation of good practices from project countries Slovenia, Italy, Spain, Turkey, North Macedonia, Germany and others. Posters available all day
12.30– 14.00	<p>Welcome address by ISSBS - project coordinator and national institutions in the area of Roma and migrants children - inclusion in schools</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedagogical and social aspects of multicultural vs transcultural dimension in schools, Alexander Krauss, ISOB, Germany • Roma communities represent one of the most significant ethnic minorities in the EU, Jožek Horvat - Muc, IRŠIK, Slovenia and European Roma association • Between theories and policies vs practice of multiculturalism, looking for benefits of the kids, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport (TBC) • Policy debate on inclusion in schools in multicultural societies and activation of youth, a video message of representative from EACEA (TBC) <p>Presentation of RoMigScproject activities and results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About project RoMigSc, its aims and activities, Nada Trunk Širca, ISSBS, Slovenia and project partners coordinators • Main findings, recommendations for policy and practice at different levels, Alexander Krauss, ISOB, Germany • Presentation of e-platform, Valerij Dermol, ISSBS, Slovenia and Augusto Sebastio, CSIG, Italy <p>Discussion</p>



14.00	Coffee break
14.00– 14.30	Poster session , continue – presentation of good practices from project countries Slovenia, Italy, Spain, Turkey, North Macedonia, Germany and others
14.30– 15.30	<p>SESSION: Social inclusion in schools - Multicultural competencies of teachers and trends in teacher training on diversity/multiculturalism for inclusive schools Introduction to the topic and moderator: Kenan Cayir, BILGI University, Turkey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integration of children (migrants and Roma) in schools, Fernando Lopez Mompean, Specialist in social education of minors in social risk, Alicante, Spain The role of intercultural mediators, Youssaf Faitah, Cultural mediator, Asociation Medi Hospes, Taranto, Italy Integration of Roma children in schools, Damjana Pestner, Roma teacher assistant, Elementary school 3 and Elementary school 4 in Murska Sobota, Slovenia <p>Discussion</p>
15.30– 16.15	<p>SESSION: Volunteering and activation of youth - Dimensions of volunteering – solidarity in EU and empowerment of youth Introduction to the topic and moderator: Veli Kreci, SEEU, North Macedonia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteering experiences with Roma children, Sibel Bajram, Executive Director and teacher, Sumnal Early Childhood Development Center, Skopje, North Macedonia Volunteering experiences with migrant children, Selma Osmanović, volunteer at Center of Intercultural dialogue and Multigeneration centre Planet, Velenje, Slovenia Challenges of coordinating complexity in dynamic processes, Johanna Bräu, Coordinator for the education of Migrants of the City Hall Regensburg, Germany The purpose of volunteering activities in the society, Tjaša Arko, Head of volunteering programme, Slovene Philanthropy, Slovenia <p>Discussion</p>
16.15	Coffee break
16.30– 18.00	<p>ROUNDTABLE: Global education - schools in multicultural societies Introduction to the topic and moderators: Andrej Koren, ISSBS and IRŠIK, Slovenia Participants from partners countries, working on the inclusion of Roma and migrants into schools at different levels institutional-regional-national, in various roles and positions: policymakers and policy officers, headteacher, teacher, researchers and practitioners, volunteers, cultural mediators, migrants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Johanna Bräu, The coordinator for the education of Migrants of the City Hall Regensburg, Germany Susana de Juana Espinosa, professor, project partner representative, Alicante University, Spain Sibel Bajram, Executive Director and teacher, Sumnal Early Childhood Development Center, Skopje, North Macedonia Tina Zorman, Srednja gozdarska in lesarska šola Postojna, Dijaški dom, Postojna, Slovenia Kenan Cayir, professor, project partner representative, BILGI University, Istanbul, Turkey Youssaf Faitah, Cultural mediator, Asociation Medi Hospes, Taranto, Italy Ana Kozina, assistant professor, Educational Research Institute, Slovenia <p>Discussion and conclusion of the conference</p>



18.00	Break - Conference continue - <u>parallel sessions</u>
18.15– 19.45	Participants own contributions - topics related to the conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- best practices description and presentation- research papers and presentation Thematic discussions - working in small groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Inclusion of Roma in schools- Inclusion of migrants in schools- Volunteering for activation of youth- RoMigSc E-platform

RoMigSc survey

We kindly ask you to participate in the RoMigSc survey. The questionnaire available at <http://mfdps.1ka.si/a/699?language=1> will be open until 31.10.2019.

Organisation, registration, certificates, call for your contribution

- **The participants are invited to register ASAP at <http://mfdps.1ka.si/a/710>**
- There is **no conference fee** – no. of participation is limited to 110
- Participants will receive conference materials and **Certificate of attendance**. The participants who will have at the conference their contribution/presentations will receive the **Certificate of active participation at an international conference**.
- **Participants own contributions from theory or practice**. Those (teacher, volunteers) who would like to present their own abstract, paper or poster, has to send it until 1.10.2019 to Anica Novak (anicanovak@yahoo.co.uk). The **guidelines** for creating a **poster** and the templates for **abstracts** or full papers are available at <https://romigsc.eu/2019/09/15/invitation-to-the-international-conference-romigsc/>. Accepted contributions (notification until 3. 10.) will be included in the program. The participants will receive **the Certificate of active participation at the international conference**.

Arriving at Celje

- **By plane:** Nearby airport(s) in Slovenia: [Ljubljana \(LJU\)](#), in Austria: [Graz \(GRZ\)](#), [Vienna \(VIE\)](#), in Croatia: [Zagreb \(ZAG\)](#), in Italy: [Venice Marco Polo \(VCE\)](#), [Treviso \(TSV\)](#), [Trieste \(TSF\)](#), the best connection to Celje is the shuttle service GoOpti, Nomago, Flixbus.
- **By train** to Celje train station via Ljubljana or Maribor. More information: www.slo-zeleznice.si

Accommodation in Celje

- We recommend **Hotel Celeia***** [hotel Celeia](#) (100m from the venue of the conference). Here the participants have a **special price** for their accommodation with breakfast (45 euro – single room, 70 euro – double room). Payment should be made directly to the hotel. To book at offered fixed price, participants should book their rooms via e-mail address booking@eurotashoteli.si and use the code “MFDPŠ - projekt RoMigSc”. For each reservation, the hotel will need the credit card number and its validity. The free cancellation time is up to 3 days before arrival.
- Other possibilities: Hotel Evropa**** [hotel Evropa](#), Hotel Faraon *** [hotel Faraon](#), MCC hostel [MCC hostel](#)



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Erasmus+, KA3: Initiatives for policy innovation - Social inclusion through education, training and youth

Project number: 580228-EPP-1-2016-1-SI-EPPKA3-IPI-SOC-IN

3-year project: 31 December 2016 – 31 December, 2019.

Project countries: **Slovenia, Germany, Spain, Italy, North Macedonia, Turkey.**

About the Project

- The main aim is to **support better integration of Roma and migrant children in education** through various activities that stimulate innovative policy development, policy dialogue and implementation, as well as the exchange of knowledge in the fields of education, training and youth.
- **Education is crucial for the successful integration of Roma and migrants in society.** Although (multicultural) diversity is an opportunity to make schools more inclusive, creative and open-minded, inequality in education is the highest among Roma and migrant children. This means risks of social marginalization, which has long-term adverse effects on the social development and economic growth of the host country.
- **Volunteering** plays a significant role in the youth's social inclusion. It allows youngsters to engage as citizens, as well as to gain experience, which can enhance their employment opportunities.

Project Goals

- Creating inclusive and democratic learning environments.
- Encouraging youth participation, developing inclusion and outreach practices for young people.
- Preventing and combating any form of discrimination and segregation in education.
- Fostering mutual understanding and respect among people.
- Enhancing the quality of non-formal learning activities, youth work practices and volunteering.

Key Activities

- Initial Study
- Training for Teachers, National Seminars for Different Stakeholders
- Training for Volunteers, Volunteering Activity
- E-Platform on Inclusion in Schools and Intercultural Topics
- Dissemination and International Conference

Target Groups

- Teachers in schools with Roma and migrant children, Roma school assistants
- Volunteers (students)
- Stakeholders: policy-makers in the area of education, representatives from local authorities, volunteering organizations, directors of schools at different levels, academics and researchers in the area, etc.
- Migrant and Roma children and their parents.