



BITOLA'S JOINT ACTION FOR THE INCLUSION OF ROMA

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

This project is funded by the European Commission in the framework of the annual action program for the Republic of North Macedonia for 2019 within the instrument for pre-accession assistance (IPA 2), EU for Roma and people living in deep poverty.

Title of the project: BAIR –Bitola's joint Action for the Inclusion of Roma

Project partners: COSV–Coordinamento delle organizzazioni per il servizio volontario, Municipality of Bitola and Foundation for sustainable economic development PREDA Plus.

Project duration: 36 months, from January 1st 2021 until December 31st 2023

Total budget: 902.619,90 euros, from which the EU finances 799.992,02 EBPA (88,63%)

Location of implementation of the project: Municipality of Bitola, Bair –Roma community in the municipality.

Target group: The Roma community in the Municipality of Bitola, Roma associations, local self-government and public enterprises and institutions.

Beneficiaries: Citizens of Municipality of Bitola, Local businesses.

Overall objective: To foster the socio-economic inclusion of the Roma Communities living in Bair, Bitola – Republic of North Macedonia.

Specific objectives:

1.COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING - To increase the capacities and opportunities of the target Roma community to integrate into Bitola's social community.

2. URBAN UPGRADING - To improve the living conditions of the target Roma community in the upgraded settlements of Bitola;

03. SOCIAL RIGHTS - To increase the access to health, socio-educational, employment services for the target Roma community in Bitola.

The planned activities are divided in three components according to the specific project objectives:

1. COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING:

1.1.1 Setting up of the Bair Community Hub;

1.1.2 Setting up of the Bair Supporting Team (BST) and capacity building of its members;

1.1.3 Community-based monitoring on Bair population;

1.2.1 Capacity building of community leaders;

1.2.2 Organization of periodic consultations with community leaders' group;

1.3.1 Organization of sport and cultural initiatives in the Bair Neighbourhood;

2. URBAN UPGRADING:

2.1.1 Realization of technical assessments;

2.1.2 Organization of public informative events and consultations on urban planning;

2.1.3 Provision of technical assistance for the design of community-based urban plans and strategies;

2.2.1 Definition of public incentives for legalization;

2.2.2 Support and advisory services for legalization and registration in the Real Estate Cadastre;

2.3.1 Establishment of the "Housing Renovation Fund (HRF)";

2.3.2 Call for housing renovation requests;

2.3.3 Implementation of the housing renovation/building interventions;

2.4.1 Organization of public informative events and consultations on public utilities;

2.4.2 Design and launch of a procurement procedure for infrastructural works and supplies;

2.4.3 Realization of the infrastructural works and supplies;

3. SOCIAL RIGHTS:

3.1.1 Definition of the Public Service Gap Assessment and Workforce Integrated Analysis;

3.1.2 Establishment of a Pilot "One-Stop Shop" (OSS);

3.1.3 Capacity Building of the OSS involved staff;

3.2.1 Design and launch of integrated awareness raising campaigns;



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EXPECTED RESULTS according to the specific objectives and planned activities:

Connected to SO 1 – COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING:

- 1.1 Establishing a Bair Community Hun and Bair Support Team (BST);
- 1.2 Increased participation of the community leaders in the social and political life of Bitola, via the capacity building activities and the periodic consultations with the local authorities;
- 1.3 Realized and supported group of sport and cultural initiatives for the promotion of the Roma culture.

Connected to SO 2 – URBAN UPGRADING:

- 2.1 Elaborated urban plans of the community and relevant strategies;
- 2.2 Roma properties have been legalized in accordance with the new urban plans;
- 2.3 Renovated households based on new urban plans and energy frameworks;
- 2.4 Realized infrastructural interventions and funds of the public utility companies.

Connected to SO 3 – SOCIAL RIGHTS:

- 3.1 Provision of services in the community, through the pilot One-Stop Shop;
- 3.2 Integrated awareness raising campaigns for equal rights and access to public services;