



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

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Teachers, educators, counsellors and headmasters are invited to a seminar of the project RoMigSc

Migrant children in kindergartens and schools – what can we do together?

The seminar will be held on Thursday, 15. June 2017, at 9:30,
in Celje, International School for Social and Business Studies, Mariborska 7

Seminar program:

9:30–11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome address, presentation of the project and the purpose of the consultation, Dr. Nada Trunk Širca, project manager, ISSBS• Educational policy as an important factor for the success of integration of Roma and migrants in the educational process and the broader social environment, Dr. Anida Sarajlić, Ministry of education, science and sport• Volunteers as assistants to children of migrants, Dr. Anica Mikuš Kos, Slovenian Philanthropy• Education of children of migrants in the countries of partners in the project (Inclusion of migrants in Schools and Volunteering in project countries), Aleksander Krauss, ISOB, Augusto Sebastio, CSIG and discussion of other partners
11:00–11:30	Coffee break
11:30–12:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pros and cons, a debate on the goals and forms of education of migrant children, Andrej Koren, ISSBS
12:15–13:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exchange of experiences, challenges, problems and good practices of participants in working with children of migrant• What can we do together? Dr. Andrej Koren, ISSBS
13:15–14:30	Lunch, Hotel Celea – opportunity for informal discussion and exchange of experience



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14:30– 16:00	Round table: Establishing the conditions for mutual understanding and respect in and outside of school with the presentation of projects and experience in Slovenian schools, the discussion is moderated by Dr. Nada Trunk Širca, project manager, ISSBS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project »Challenges of intercultural coexistence«, Anton Baloh, Elementary schools Koper• Project »We are only with the others«, Dr. Mitja Sardoč, Educational Research Institute• Project »Together for knowledge – implementation of activities to support mechanisms of acquiring knowledge for members of the Roma community«, Dr. Barbara Kejžar, ČŠOD• Inclusion of Roma children in quality preschool programs – the need for constant interplay of policies, programs, providers and parents, Dr. Jerneja Jager, Educational Research Institute, Center for quality in education Korak za korakom
16:00	Coffee break
16:30– 18:00	Thematic discussions in the parallel groups – we will try to determine, what works in practice and what does not, and make recommendations for further work and improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Involvement of volunteers in projects, activities for the integration of children of migrants and Roma in schools• Training teachers to work in a multicultural school environment• Cooperation between schools and the local community and support at the national level

The consultation is free, but an application has to be made at <http://mfdps.1ka.si/a/498?language=2> before 9.6.2017.

Participants in the consultation will receive a certificate of attendance at the consultation for 8 hours.

With respect,

Dr. Nada Trunk Širca, RoMigSc project manager

Dr. Andrej Koren, seminar leader

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ISSBS is the coordinator of **the international project Inclusion of Roma and Migrants in Schools:**

Trainings, Open Discussions and Youth Volunteering Activities (RoMigSc). The project involves partners from Germany, Italy, Spain, Macedonia and Turkey. Within the frame of the project a **national consultation on the project is organised with interested stakeholders** in each partner country each year (2017, 2018, 2019). **The first consultation in Slovenia is in Celje, in further years, we plan to organize consultations in Koper and Ljubljana.**

- The main aim of the RoMigSc project is to support a 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.
- 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. For instance, this group is more likely to drop out from compulsory education, leading to higher risks of social marginalization, to a failure to integrate and, ultimately, to poverty, which has long-term adverse effects on the social development and economic growth of the host country.
- The engagement of youth in volunteering is fostered in the project. Volunteering plays a significant role in youth's social inclusion. It allows youngsters to engage as citizens, as well as to gain experience, which can enhance their employment opportunities.
- 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.

More about the project <http://romigsc.eu> and in the attached leaflet.