

QUALIROM

The Project QUALITY EDUCATION IN ROMANI FOR EUROPE aims for piloting the Curriculum Framework for Romani (CFR) and the corresponding European Language Portfolio Models (ELPs) which – based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages – were developed by the Council of Europe.

The socio-cultural situation of Roma differs both between and within single regions. Consequently, the schooling situation of Roma children and their need concerning Romani teaching varies considerably: learners are speaking different varieties with different levels of proficiency and they resp. their parents have different attitudes towards Romani teaching: factors that have been taken into account in the set-up of the project.

The CFR includes the reference levels A1-B2 and although the ELPs were created for learners in primary and lower secondary schools only, QualiRom also pilotes the CFR on upper secondary and tertiary level as well as in further education. Furthermore teacher training modules are developed for all levels of Romani teaching. The implementation on primary and secondary level takes place in up to three schools in Austria, Czech Republic, Finland, Slovakia and in the Republic of Serbia as third country participant with the participation of Romania as an experienced partner in Romani teaching for evaluation and possible future implementation. Romani courses are offered for students and adult learners at Graz university and are adopted by the partner universities. Activities are realised in close cooperation with local Romani teachers and local as well as national educational authorities. To ensure professional realisation, teachers at all levels are prepared comprehensively for the handling of the CFR and its ELPs by experts of the European Centre for Modern languages (ECML).

OUTCOMES:

- ROMANI TEACHING on primary, secondary and tertiary level as well as in further education for adult learners;
- TEACHER TRAINING for Romani teaching on all levels of education;
- TEACHING MATERIALS for various contexts available online.

QUALIROM started at December 1st 2010 and is scheduled for 36 months. Results will be made public at the end of the project.

Partners:

- P1 _____ Karl Franzens University Graz.....Austria
- P2 _____ Charles University Prague.....Czech Republic
- P3 _____ University of Helsinki.....Finland
- P4 _____ National Centre for Roma Culture / Bucharest.....Romania
- P5 _____ Private Gymnasium Kremnica.....Slovakia
- P6 _____ European Centre for Modern Languages / Graz.....Austria
- PTC1 _____ University of Belgrade.....Serbia
- PTC2 _____ University of Novi Sad.....Serbia

Associated Partners:

- Romano Centro – Association for Roma / Vienna.....Austria
- Bulgarian Ministry of Education and Science / Sofia.....Bulgaria
- Research Institute for the Languages of Finland / Helsinki.....Finland
- Hungarian Academy of Sciences / Budapest.....Hungary
- Intercultural Institute of Timișoara / Timișoara.....Romania
- University of Ljubljana – Faculty of EducationSlovenia
- Diskrimineringsombudsmannen (DO) / Stockholm.....Sweden