

***PARTICIPIATION OF ROMA TO THE
STRATEGIC DECISIONS IN THE CZECH
REPUBLIC***

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- IQRS was founded in 1997
- we work with more than 2000 Roma every year – with families, adults and youth
- long-term goal is to increase the participation of Roma in decision making and planning, their interest in public affair
- the role is to convey the voice of the Roma
- our scope is local (municipalities), regional (South-Moravian Region) and national (involvement in networks and platforms at the national level)



FOR ROMA - WITH ROMA

- platforms in the Czech Republic:
 - Commission for social inclusion
 - Agency for social inclusion (the Office of the Government)
 - etc.
 - the role of intermediary - usually from a position of experts, the involvement of Roma in expert roles (consultants, coordinators etc.) or “leader” of Roma people



ROMA NGO

- IQ Roma servis as Roma NGO
 - workers (social, pedagogical or administrative workers) - experts
 - head of team – to change strategies of organization
 - member board – experts, strategies, supervision
- the point of view of CLIENTS – who are supported with our services (structural funds)





THE TOOLS FOR INVOLVEMENT ROMA

1. individual work (social services)



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2. group meetings

- usefull: important information (neo-Nazi actions), changes in local policy



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3. national meetings

-project NAPSI Spolu! (National Action Plan of Social Inclusion Together!), *Progress 2009/2010*

-the goal of the project was to involve Roma people to reflection and creation strategy documents



NATIONAL MEETINGS

- ideas and groundwork for decision making in social inclusion
- information directly from the people solving their situation every day
 - advantages – the form and the content can be very flexible modified to the group of participants, using different methods to prepare comfortable environment
 - disadvantages – authorities aren't prepare to work with the outcomes from these meetings

National Meeting of People Experiencing Poverty – reflection the quality of social services in our country

National Meeting of People Living in Social Housing – to detect the anticipation from social housing, from social services and follow-up housing



THE IMPLEMENTATION ON LOCAL LEVEL

Community Planning - focused on the planning of social services

- the benefits of clients involvement
- planning strategies to get financial support

Local Partnerships - focusing on a broader range of services aimed at Roma inclusion

- involvement of relevant organizations (intermediary role)



CONCLUSION

To involve socially excluded Roma into making strategies:

- In cooperation with NGO
- To get effective communication with authorities
- To develop platform for clients and authorities together





***THANK YOU FOR
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