THE INTEGRATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KAVARNA – A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

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The municipality of Kavarna is situated on the Black Sea coast.

- **Towns and villages** – 21
- **Population** – 16,613 people
- **Total area** – 483,000 decares
In the last 10 years the municipality of Kavarna has been working for the integration of the minorities consistently and purposefully.

The municipality has already been awarded for its comprehensive approach to the integration of the minorities with regard to the following aspects: residential policy, education, healthcare and employment.

The award, however, has been the result of a multitude of efforts in different directions.
INCLUSION OF ROMA PEOPLE IN THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE

The Social Policy and Minority Integration Department at the Municipal Administration

The Municipal Council

Health mediator
FURTHER CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE ATTITUDE TO THE ROMA PEOPLE:

- local public mediator
- regional representative of the Commission for Protection against Discrimination
- the Customer Charter of the Municipality of Kavarna
INFRASTRUCTURE AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT

gasification

water pipelines

asphalting

sewage system

lighting

pavement surfaces

kindergartens and playgrounds
An individual approach has been applied to the Roma people belonging to different social strata.
Roma Neighbourhood in Kavarna turned into a residential area which anyone could envy. What is more, visitors to Kavarna often mistake it for the town centre...
EDUCATION

- provided transportation
- snacks for socially disadvantaged Roma schoolchildren
- clubs for extracurricular activities
- permanent improvement of the teachers’ qualifications
- intercultural education
- integration of children with special educational needs
- ‘Educational Integration of Ethnic Minority Children and Students’
- higher educational level than the average for the country
HEALTHCARE AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- access to quality healthcare
- lecture campaigns on health issues
- prophylactic examinations
- preventive maternal and child health services
- funding for medical treatment of socially disadvantaged people
INTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY

International Roma Day - 8th April
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concerts

sports events
PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES

- education, infrastructure, healthcare, sport
- courses, campaigns on health issues, education and qualification improvement, provision of new facilities, infrastructure improvements
- educational integration of ethnic minority children and students
Paying social benefits to the Roma people is a wrong practice.
PROBLEMS

- emigration of Roma people from Bulgaria
- the change in the way of thinking of the Roma population as well as of the public in the widest sense
- the policies of the different institutions working with the minorities
‘THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN PREDICT THE FUTURE IS TO BUILD IT.’
THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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