PROJECT FACTSHEET

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Young Roma Women Social Entrepreneurship (ROMANSE)



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Implementer:
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Project description:

The "Young Roma Women Social Entrepreneurship – Romanse" project aims to strengthen the economic inclusion and empowerment of young Roma women in North Macedonia through social entrepreneurship, skills development, and community support. The initiative promotes self-employment and job creation opportunities while addressing barriers that Roma women face in accessing the labour market and participating in economic life.

The project focuses on improving the capacities, confidence, and employability of young Roma women by providing training, mentoring, networking opportunities, and tailored support in social entrepreneurship. Participants develop practical business, financial, digital, and communication skills that can help them establish or join social enterprises and improve their long-term economic prospects.

At the same time, the initiative strengthens civil society organisations working with Roma communities through capacity-building programmes and grant support for piloting innovative social entrepreneurship models. The project also promotes stronger cooperation among CSOs, public institutions, and existing social enterprises to create more inclusive local labour market opportunities for Roma women.

Awareness-raising activities targeting Roma communities and the wider public further support the project's goals by promoting gender equality, reducing stereotypes, and increasing understanding of the benefits of social entrepreneurship and women's participation in the formal economy.

Expected results:

• Roma and youth CSOs strengthen their capacities to support social entrepreneurship initiatives targeting young Roma women.
• Young Roma women improve their entrepreneurial, financial, digital, and communication skills through training, mentoring, and practical support activities.
• Tailored guidance materials and support mechanisms on social entrepreneurship become more accessible to young Roma women.
• Partnerships between civil society organisations, institutions, and social enterprises are established to promote local labour market inclusion and entrepreneurship opportunities.
• Cooperation between existing and newly established social enterprises led by or supporting young Roma women is strengthened.
• Awareness within Roma communities and the wider public increases regarding the benefits of social entrepreneurship, women's economic participation, and gender equality.