

**Contract title:** Support to the Implementation of the Roma Strategy  
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For the period 1 July – 30 September 2011

This Quarterly Report for the Project 'Support to the Implementation of the Roma Strategy' covers the project implementation activities in the period 1 July – 30 September 2011. It represents the major findings and results achieved from the work undertaken on the ground by the BBI Technical Assistance team. The format of the Report follows the structure of the previous one; and it includes the list of annexes and technical deliverables.

With regards to the use of **human resources** it reports on the deployment of a number of Non-key Experts in the areas of:

- Trainings on –
  - Communication,
  - Project Cycle Management,
  - the Strategy and Decade for the Roma,
  - Monitoring and Evaluation of NAPs;
- Workshop for the development of the NAP for Social Inclusion of Roma for the period 2012 – 2014;
- Community Development – Project Components 2;
- Web design/Outline of information materials;
- Roma Decade - Logistical Support

There were in total of 42,75 working days assigned to the (senior and junior) NKEs for the course of the reported period.

The use of **incidental budget** categories was dedicated to travel costs for implementing project site visits to local stakeholders in the target municipalities and for the organisation of activity related workshop events:

- The field trips were related to the Component 2 activities – LAP and RIC assessments, and case-studies for identification of good practices;
- Training and workshop events were related to the above-mentioned topics.

The major achievements related to project **Component 1** in the reporting period are:

- **The implementation of the training plan** continued with the conduct of series of four trainings and one workshop on the above-mentioned topics. All of these trainings were

delivered to the staff of the UISDR and the MWP Cabinet, and some of them included as participants also NCB members and local- level representatives.

- **Support to the implementation of the Roma Decade Presidency Programme** – The implementation of this Programme commenced and the TA team provides logistical and organizational support in this respect. The International Steering Committee Meeting took place at the end of September 2011 and the TA team participated in its preparation and as reporters in its sessions. The projects provided also financial support from the incidental expenditures for ensuring the simultaneous translation during the entire meeting.
- **Finalization and approval of the Communication Strategy** – The Communication Strategy and Operational Plan were finalized, taking into account the received feedbacks from project beneficiaries. The Strategy was adopted by the MLSP. The process of establishment of the Coordinating Team for Communication (CTC) was initiated, as recommended by the Communication Strategy. This team will comprise of 2 to 3 persons from the Beneficiary institutions mandated with mainly organisational tasks of collection and dissemination of concrete data on achievements under the Roma Strategy and the Decade for Roma Inclusion.
- **The implementation of information activities** commenced, as also envisaged by the Communication Strategy. Different information materials were produced and are being disseminated at all trainings and public events on central and local level with the participation of the project.

Major activities related to project **Component 2**:

- **The implementation of the training plan** included trainings addressing local-level representatives, such as RIC staff, municipal officers for relations with minorities, and NGO representatives.
- **RIC support** – following the RIC assessment, a series of preparation activities were undertaken before the actual support to be provided to the RIC capacity building. Following the RIC assessment, a concept note for provision of support to the RICs was prepared, and it will be linked with other project activities, such as LAP implementation support, capacity building interventions, communication activities and upgrading of the UISDR procedures.
- **LAP revision/ development** - following the LAP assessment, the preparation began for the revision of existing LAPs and the development of new LAPs. The focus is on three different groups of municipalities: 1) those with no LAPs at present; 2) those foreseeing to revise LAPs; and 3) those which did not return the questionnaire sent during the assessment. The selection of the target municipalities is about to start.
- **Financial support to LAP implementation** - the project will provide support to the implementation of LAPs, as stipulated in the project's ToR. The preparation for this support began with the development of a concept note for the organization and provision of this support as well as with drafting all documents necessary for launching of a restricted call for proposals (CfP). The target beneficiaries of this CfP will be the municipalities which at present have at least one Local Action Plan for Roma adopted by the Local Council. According to the LAPs assessment findings, these are 14 municipalities: Shtip, Tetovo, Kumanovo, Delcevo, Bitola, Gostivar, Prilep, Suto Orizari, Kocani, Veles, Kriva Palanca, Probistip, Rankovce, and Vinica.

Activities related to both **Component 1 and Component 2**:

- **Study Tour organisation** – the preparatory work for the implementation of this activity began with a series of discussions with the project beneficiaries and the Task Manager from the EU Delegation regarding the study-tour destination, and it was agreed with them

that the study tour location would be Brussels. The NKE for the implementation of this sub-activity was selected and her documents were submitted to the EUD for approval. The ToR for the study tour was prepared, along with a tentative budget. The study tour is due to take place in the week of 28 November 2011.

Further, the report also provides the plan of activities for the next 3-month period, which will be used as a management tool and also for monitoring purposes. The major focus in this period is placed on:

- Organisation of the following capacity building interventions (trainings), as indicated in the training plan;
- Support to the organisation of the next Decade Presidency events;
- Production of additional Communication Strategy related deliverables – i.e. RIC leaflet, website, etc.;
- Organisation and conduct of the study tour;
- Identification and launch of the financial support of good practices related to LAP implementation at local level;
- Further actions to support RIC functions – training, development and introduction of the RIC Manual.

Annexes are included at the end of the report.



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