



ESF report

Supporting the Integration and Capacity Building of Roma Scouts in Scouting Slovakia

A: The story

Project name:	<i>Supporting the Integration and Capacity Building of Roma Scouts in Scouting Slovakia</i>
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Introduction to the project:	<p><i>This project is aimed to help the integration and to build capacities of Roma Scouts within the Scouting Slovakia. We believe that via learning and individual mentoring we are able to identify the scout patrol leaders within Roma community and support them by creating a tailored programme for a summer camp through several steps:</i></p> <p><i>Firstly there will be organized a weekend workshop full of "lectures" and discussions with Roma patrol leaders. One month later, the second step will be a collaborative preparation of the summer camp immediately before the camp with Roma scouts. Another month later, the final part of the project will be the visit of Roma scouts to the regular summer camp held each year with the majority scouts. Roma scouts will have the possibility to see how the camp works and learn on real-life examples of the daily struggles which might arise during camping.</i></p> <p><i>Summary of planned events described above:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Weekend workshop bringing together Roma patrol leaders and older rangers 3 days, 20 people, June 2017</i> <i>2. Summer camp preparation + organization with Roma scouts for Roma community 5 days, 30 people, July 2017</i> <i>3. Visit of Roma rangers and leaders to already well-working camp of a large group of scouts 5 days, 8 people, August 2017</i>
Objectives and goals:	<p><i>Primary objective of the project:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>- Helping the integration and capacity building of Roma minority within Scout Association</i> <p><i>Secondary objectives of the project:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>- Fostering the personal exchange and knowledge sharing among scouts from majority and minority population</i> <i>- Improving the quality of scout programme within troops with Roma scouts</i> <i>- Motivating Roma scout leaders for keeping and building well-functioning scouting in their communities</i> <i>- Levelling out the know-how of project leadership and management among younger generation of scout leaders</i>



<p>To which extent did we meet objectives and goals:</p>	<p>We are very happy that ESF grant was postponed to cover the expenses of 2018 year since in the end there was enough funding for all the activities held in 2017 thanks to a one-time crowdfunding platform. This way ESF grant ensured the continuity of this project and hence all its steps, in particular; weekend workshop, summer camp for Roma scouts and visit of roma scouts to an already well-working camp. Moreover, ESF grant saved a lot of time for the organisational team to search for alternative fundings.</p> <p>In the year 2018 we were able to deliver following events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1. Weekend workshop bringing together Roma patrol leaders and older rangers 3 days, 17 people, June 2018</i><i>2. Summer camp preparation + organization with Roma scouts for Roma community 5 days, 40 people, July 2018</i><i>3. Visit of Roma rangers and leaders to already well-working camp of a large group of scouts 3 days, 17 people, August 2018</i> <p>In comparison to the year 2017, when there was a similar structure of the project, the main difference is the fact, that two new Roma localities have started with Scouting activities and officially joined Slovak Scout Association. This way there were a lot of new people motivated to join any of our prepared events to be able to spread the knowledge further.</p> <p>In June we have invited 17 Roma patrol leaders and older rangers to Bratislava, the capital city of Slovakia. Here we held a tailored workshop for this group, which consisted of Roma leaders and rangers from previous year as well new faces – from the two new localities. To keep it interesting for both of these parties, the elder ones were now trainers together with our organisational team and prepared a part of the workshop which they learned last year. This way we were able to understand, to what extent participants of the last year do understand the topic presented as well this helped them to feel more engaged and involved in the preparation process. Besides, we organized a short afternoon trip to our capital city, which – for majority of the participants – was the first time they visited our capital. Last but not least, they were accomodated in our scout clubhouse which acted as strong motivation and objective for many of them.</p> <p>In the beginning of July 2018, just after the school year ended, we organized a 5-day summer camp focused on “learning by doing” activities. In the morning there were several options of prepared scout meeting which aimed as a “best-practise” for the participants. Again, participants from the previous year were the ones who helped us with the scout meetings as well all the organisation of this camp. In the afternoon there was a block of “stage game”, so a game which has one topic and persists for all the time of a camp, where children were in some fixed teams and played against (sometimes together with) the other teams. It was here, where majority of the participants had finally an idea how a summer camp could look like and some of them tried it from the different perspective – from the trainers perspective. We have to admit we were very proud to hear and see how all our activities and knowledge were shared and leveraged further; when Roma scout patrols organized such camp for other children from their</p>
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	<p>scout community, which didn't have the chance to participate on this summer camp. The quality of the programme was significantly better than previous years, since now they had a fresh memory of all the camp activities as well they experienced all the activities in person – best way how to leverage such knowledge further.</p> <p>Last activity we held so far, was the invitation of Roma scouts to our, already well-working camp, where they experienced the camp personally. They obtained a real view of a daily cycle of a scout camp and could understand some of the learnings from previous workshops. During these 3 days Roma scouts were a part of our summer camp, a part of our scout family. During these 3 days many games were played, many songs were sung, many friendships arisen; this all is a small step to our main goal: how to integrate Roma scouts to our community. We believe step by step the integration process will become greater and soon there will be more scout patrols hosting any scouts from minorities.</p> <p>As for our aims, we are more than happy, we have managed to create a different organisational team than in previous year, so Roma scouts now know another rangers of our scout patrol. This helps not only to the whole integration process (everything runs much more smooth when people know each other already), but as well we appreciate that the general knowledge of the project is leveraged further and more people should now feel confident to continue with the project. And these are not only people from our scout patrol, but also from the Roma scout petrol – which is now full of motivated rangers willing to continue with the scouting for the future.</p> <p>To sum it all, we met all our objectives, however this will not stop us in continuous development of this project for the future.</p>
<p>What did we learn from the project:</p>	<p>Within the whole project we would pick one bigger lesson learned / challenge we had; and that is communication in general.</p> <p>We had to learn how to communicate with Roma scout leaders, which is still of a challenge nowadays due to the different cultural habits and poor communication resources (weak internet, weak phone signal, no computers).</p> <p>Event by event this barrier is narrowing, Roma scouts are learning quickly how to communicate with us as well, and this is something what we appreciate a lot.</p> <p>Another lesson learned is how to implement some more organisation and system for this community, which again is mainly a cultural difference and this leads us to the last lesson – we should learn how to be more spontaneous from our Roma friends. Their sense for spontaneous singing or dancing, or in general, for living – this is something we might feel and learn just when integration process will be successful and one day it will be quite usual to have both minority and majority represented in one scout group.</p>



B: Financial report in brief

		Brief description	Amount in EURO
Income:	Own resources:	Donation by Z Zurich foundation	702,21
	Other funding:		
	ESF funding:	ESF funding	3300
	Other income:		
Expenses;	Administration:		
	Travel:	All travel costs of participants as well the organisational team	832,71
	Materials spent:	Material	555,34
	Materials lasting:	Sleeping bags, sleeping pads, tents and headlamps needed for camping	1092,62
	Accommodation and food for participants:	Rent of a cottage + all expenses for the food	1521,54
	Trainers and facilitators accommodation:		
	Trainers and facilitators travel:		
Net result:		Total Income (4002,21) – Total Expenses (4002,21 EUR)	0