

A MAPPING OF DIACONAL AND RECONCILIATION WORK WITH ROMA

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INTRODUCTION

The Eurodiaconia Roma Network and the CCME Roma Steering Group met together for the first time in February 2011. One of the outcomes of this meeting was a request for a tool for members to better network and to gain an overview of which members are active with Roma. For this reason, in 2012 we carried out an initial mapping of members' work with Roma. The aim of the mapping exercise is to gain an overview of which churches and diaconal organisations are working with Roma and to facilitate networking by the sharing of contact information and basic information about the projects, services and programmes with Roma.

We hope that through this joint activity we will have a greater understanding of the contribution of both the churches and diaconal organisations to Roma inclusion in Europe. We also hope to facilitate contact, exchange and learning between the respective members.

This reference document which will also be accessible via our websites and a more detailed internal document will be made available for members with further analysis of the answers collected in the initial mapping survey including information on funding, project developments, challenges etc. This document however is aimed to be used as practical reference tool and will be updated regularly. If you do not see your organisation represented in this document and you think it should be, please contact Catherine Mallet catherine.mallet@eurodiaconia.org or Doris Peschke doris.peschke@ccme.be

This document has been ordered according to country, but we have given each project a code to show the category of work it falls under:

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Education



Pastoral Care



Housing



History/reconciliation



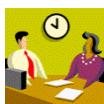
Healthcare



**Information/
counselling/advice**



Employment



Advocacy



CZECH REPUBLIC

Organisation: Diakonie ČCE

1. Name of project: *Rubikon*

- **Description:** Drop in centre for children and youth (6-26 years).
- **Location:** Vsetín, Czech Republic
- **Aim of project:** Help with inclusion in the majority society
- **Staff and volunteers:** 5 workers, 4 volunteers
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** Directly 126 people (indirectly members of their families)
- **How Roma are involved:** Some of the workers and volunteers in 2011 were of Roma origin, they implement individual planning of services with users (so they can affect the services). Some lectures and discussions on current topics took place at the instigation of people.

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2. Name of project: *Mozaika*

- **Description:** Services for families with children (including education, housing, debts...)
- **Location:** Vsetín, Czech Republic
- **Aim of project:** Help with inclusion in the majority society
- **Staff and volunteers:** 7 workers (less in 2012)
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** Directly 52 families (indirectly members of wider families)

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FINLAND

Organisation: Helsinki Deaconess Institute (HDI)

1. Name of project: *Drop-in Centre Hirundo*

- **Description:** Drop-In Centre which provides acute humanitarian aid, promotes access to acute health and social services, prevents marginalization and discrimination among EU Roma and non-Roma migrants in Helsinki.
- **Location:** Finland, Helsinki metropolitan area
- **Aim of project:** Accessibility of migrant Roma to different services has been improved, including acute health services, employment counselling; mediation in between Roma and different institutions has been enhanced; a space of communication and participation among Roma migrants has been developed.
- **Staff and volunteers:** 3,5 staff and occasional volunteers
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** 2000-3000
- **How Roma are involved:** Roma organizations have planned the project with the personnel. There is a Roma part time worker. Regular meetings and discussions are held with Roma people.

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2. Name of project: *Roma people to school! Project*

- **Description:** Project develops services and structures in education that are suitable for Roma people.
- **Location:** Finland, Helsinki metropolitan area
- **Aim of project:** Project has created new networks, especially in the City of Espoo, and new working methods which compile family work and school counseling.
- **Staff and volunteers:** 2 staff members
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** Estimation is difficult because the project does not educate or employ people but aims to change and develop methods and structures.
- **How Roma are involved:** Roma organizations planned the project with the Helsinki Deaconess Institute there has been at least one Roma member in every project team.

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3. Name of project: *Tempo Project*

- **Description:** The project aims to find jobs and education for Finnish Roma adults.
- **Location:** Helsinki metropolitan area
- **Aim of project:** 90 Roma people have found employment, internship or education with the help of the project.
- **Staff and volunteers:** 4 staff members
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** 90 Roma people have found employment, internship or education with the help of the project.
- **How Roma are involved:** There is a Roma member in the working team and in the steering committee.

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4. Name of project: *Day Centre Kaalo*

- **Description:** Day Centre assists clients with information and access to services that they may need. It provides activities ranging from entertainment and exercise to information sessions.
- **Location:** Finland, Helsinki metropolitan area
- **Aim of project:** Aim is to promote inclusion of Roma people in Finnish society.
- **Staff and volunteers:** 2 staff members
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** 200
- **How Roma are involved:** All the clients and personnel of Day Centre belong to the Roma minority. Clients participate in the planning of the activities.

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5. Name of project: *Music activities for Roma youth*

- **Description:** Roma youth have participated in regular music activities, established an own choir and performed as a choir and smaller groups in various occasions. Along with the rehearsals, youth have had an opportunity to discuss their life, education and employment paths with a social worker.
- **Location:** Finland, Helsinki metropolitan area
- **Aim of project:** Project prevents social exclusion of young Roma people through arts education.

- **Staff and volunteers:** 0,25 staff
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** 100
- **How Roma are involved:** All the participants and the personnel of the project belong to the Roma minority.

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6. Name of project: *Sport activities for Roma men*

- **Description:** Roma men have started regular exercise by playing volley ball (elders) and floorball (youngsters). After exercise, they discuss different aspects of a healthy lifestyle with a social worker.
- **Location:** Finland, Helsinki metropolitan area
- **Aim of project:** Project promotes regular exercise and healthy living among Roma men
- **Staff and volunteers:** 0,25 staff
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** 40-50
- **How Roma are involved:** All the participants and the personnel of the project belong to the Roma minority.

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7. Name of project: *Health promotion camps for Roma men*

- **Description:** Project promotes healthy lifestyle among Roma men.
- **Location:** Finland, Helsinki metropolitan area
- **Aim of project:** Participants learn non-formal skills that promote healthy lifestyle
- **Staff and volunteers:** 0.25 staff members
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** 200
- **How Roma are involved:** Most of personnel and all of clients belong to Roma minority. Clients participate the planning of the camps.

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8. Name of project: *Evaluation of social work in prisons*

- **Description:** Advocacy project which is conducted in close cooperation with the Day Centre Kaalo and in collaboration with the Criminal Sanctions Agency.
- **Location:** Finland, Helsinki metropolitan area
- **Aim of project:** The aim is to evaluate social impacts of social Roma work in prisons.
- **Staff and volunteers:** 0.25 staff members
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** 70
- **How Roma are involved:** Most of the interviewed personnel and prisoners belong to Roma minority.

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HUNGARY

Organisation: Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA)

1. Name of project: *Development House*

1. **Description:** Individual and group development of Roma children through afterschool trainings and organized playtime
2. **Location:** Hungary, Olaszliszka
3. **Aim of project:** Individual and group development of Roma children through afterschool trainings and organized playtime
4. **Staff and volunteers:** 6-8 staff members (full-time and part-time included), 1-2 volunteers (from the local community)
5. **Annual number of beneficiaries:**
6. **How Roma are involved:** volunteering in the project

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Organisation: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary, (Magyarországi Evangélikus Egyház)

1. Name of project: *Lutheran Roma College*

- **Location:** Nyíregyháza, Hungary
- **Description:** Providing a community in a dormitory setting with extracurricular activities – supporting the emergence of church-related Roma intellectuals. Beside their university studies, the students receive a special emphasis on Gypsy-Hungarian traditions.
- **Aim of project:** To provide safe circumstances for the Gypsy college/university students
- **Staff and volunteers:** Staff members: 6
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** Right now strictly 20, but the number is growing to 80
- **How Roma are involved:** They can shape their college life

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2. Name of project: *Oltalom Szeretetszolgálat*

- **Description:** Social services with many clients from the Roma population
- **Location:** Nyíregyháza, Hungary
- **Aim of project:** To help people to solve their social problems by providing a temporary home for families and a temporary home for homeless with a daytime shelter for addicts
- **Staff and volunteers:** staff members: 49 volunteers: 12
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** 500 are helped, from these 10% are Gypsies
- **How Roma are involved:**

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3. **Name of project:** *Education for children, counselling and mission for adults*

- **Location:** Lutheran Congregation in Sárszentlőrinc
- **Description:** Education for children, counselling and mission for adults
- **Aim of project:** Help the children with their studies. For the adults, to find a more complete life by the help of the Church, Christian faith
- **Staff and volunteers:** staff members: 2, volunteers: 8
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** 80
- **How Roma are involved:** Gypsies are also involved in the mission work

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4. **Name of project:** *“Jump-in” programme*

- **Description:** Education for children, counselling and mission for adults. Educational, cultural, religious centre, care for addicts, social farming program, home care program, information and consultancy centre for youth, motivational camps.
- **Location:** Lutheran Congregation in Nyírszőlős
- **Aim of project:** To help people achieve a better standard of life through services mentioned above
- **Staff and volunteers:** staff members: 23, volunteers: 28
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** 300 (80% Gypsy)
- 7. **How Roma are involved:** Target persons and also co-workers at the same time

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5. **Name of project:** *Adult counselling and mission*

- **Description:** Adult counselling and mission at the Lutheran Church
- **Location:** Lutheran Church in Orosháza, Hungary
- **Aim of project:** Help the children with their studies. For the adults, to find a more complete life by the help of the Church, Christian faith
- **Staff and volunteers:** staff member: 1, Volunteers: 15
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** 100
- **How Roma are involved:** Gypsies are also involved in the mission work

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Location: Orosháza, Hungary



Organisation: The Reformed Church of Hungary (Magyarországi Református Egyház Ungarn)

1. Name of project: *Mission in the Hős Street*

- **Description:** Volunteers make home visits and lead Bible studies and discussion groups
- **Location:** Budapest, Hungary
- **Aim of project:** make disciples of Christ, and develop a regular Bible study and discussion club
- **Staff and volunteers:** 4 volunteers
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** 70
- **How Roma are involved:**

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2. Name of project: *"Tanoda Programme", Children's House, Reformed Mission Centre*

- **Description:** The **Tanoda programme** covers first and foremost the development of the age-group 10-14 and with free time activities. The Children's House cares for families with children at the age of 0-5. It gives family management and educational advice. It notes the disturbances of development and in such cases directs them to the proper specialists or if it is possible brings these services directly to the family.
- **Location:** Dencsháza, Hungary
- **Aim of project:** An important element of the programme is to prevent the children from dropping-out of school and to receive school-leaving certificate or qualifications. Parents gain reinforcement in their roles as parents, their self-confidence grows and they learn things they could not before. We prepare the students in subjects they have difficulties individually or in small groups. They have the opportunity to participate in organised programmes. It forms a self-helping community which helps families by mutual motivation.
- **Staff and volunteers:** 3 staff and 3 volunteers
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** 200
- **How Roma are involved:** Before starting the programme we engaged Roma people by informing them, and regular family visits.

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3. Name of project: *István Wáli Reformed Roma Collegium.*

- **Description:** The aim of the project is to support the professional development of young Roma studying in higher education. In addition we have publications in press and we hope for long-term effects.
- **Location:** Debrecen, Hungary
- **Aim of project:** Apart from striving after professional excellence the aim of our College is to have our students socially aware, able to analyse and oversee social processes, and have ambition for dialogue. We try to keep in touch with the student's family and help them. The plan is to provide after-care. In case of graduating students we will help to find a job as well.
- **Staff and volunteers:** 3 full time staff
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** 16
- **How Roma are involved:** At the beginning in 2010 the employment of colleagues with Roma origins was very important. We have found the right people. Before the semester starts we are inviting students by advertising in congregations, electronic study networks and Roma local governments

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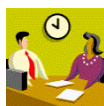


ITALY

Organisation: Diaconia Valdese

- 1. Name of project:** *Sportello Migranti (the door for migrants)*
- Description:** The project with these two families has involved the Waldensian Church in Florence, just for three months so far. It is too soon to know of the impact. The church helped with education, housing, healthcare, employment, providing food, clothes, especially baby clothes
- Location:** Chiesa Evangelica Valdese di Firenze, Florence, Italy
- Aim of project:** to support Roma families with finding housing, employment etc.
- Staff and volunteers:** 1 deacon, 10 volunteers
- Annual number of beneficiaries:** Our project is aimed to two families including five children under 18
- How Roma are involved:** Participation in public conferences where they tell about their experiences and about their wish for change. They organized meals for church communities

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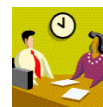


KOSOVO

Organisation: Diakonie Kosova

- 1. Name of project:** *Voluntary Return and Vocational Trainings*
- Description:** This project helps young Roma women who have come back to Kosovo to receive training to help them enter the reintegrate into the labour market
- Location:** Mitrovica- Kosovo
- Aim of project:** The aim of the project is to educate Roma woman and youth and help them find work and to better integrate the returned Roma Families
- Staff and volunteers:** 8 staff members full time and one half time
- Annual number of beneficiaries:**
- How Roma are involved:**

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NETHERLANDS

Organisation: Kerk in Actie

1. **Name of project:** *Citizenship for stateless Roma*
- **Description:** Lobbying at national level and discussions with political parties to raise awareness about statelessness of Roma. Kerk in Actie also works with filmmakers to show the impact of statelessness with documentaries, together with the organisation Defence for children.
- **Location:** Netherlands
- **Aim of project:** Getting citizenship for stateless Roma in the Netherlands
- **Staff and volunteers:** 0.1 full time staff, 1 volunteer
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** 100
- **How Roma are involved:** We have Roma people sheltered by churches, and our Roma volunteer is connected in the network of Roma people.

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NORWAY

Organisation: Church City Mission Oslo

1. **Name of project:** *Nadheim*
- **Description:** Nadheim have a qualified staff who can give practical help and advice concerning health, safety, economy, migration, housing, work, legal issues, drug addiction, or personal /social challenges. The centre also offers free condoms, and personal hygiene products.
- **Location:** Oslo, Norway
- **Aim of project:** To help persons who sell or have sold sexual services
- **Staff and volunteers:** Nadheim have 13 employees and 20 volunteers
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** about 950 different persons used Nadheim in 2010
- **How Roma are involved:**

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2. **Name of project:** *Møtestedet*
- **Description:** Møtestedet is a café for substance abusers and for homeless people in the streets of Oslo.
- **Location:** Oslo, Norway
- **Aim of project:** To help substance abusers and for homeless people in the streets of Oslo. The café sells food at subsidized prices. We also offers information and consulting on how the health and welfare system works in Norway as well as one's rights within the system
- **Staff and volunteers:** Møtestedet has 9,5 employees and about 45 volunteers
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** About 5000 different persons during a year, about 100 were Roma.
- **How Roma are involved:**

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3. Name of project: *Health Centre for Undocumented Immigrants*

- **Description:** Centre offering health care for undocumented migrants
- **Location:** Oslo, Norway
- **Aim of project:** to provide health care for undocumented migrants
- **Staff and volunteers:** 2.2 employees and 75 volunteers
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** about 700 different persons a year, about 20 of them Roma.
- **How Roma are involved:**

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ROMANIA

Organisation: Episcopia Reformata Din Ardeal

1. Name of project: *Day centre for Roma and socially disadvantaged children*, Fundația Creștină Diakonia, (Christian Foundation Diakonia)

- **Description:** Day centre for Roma and socially disadvantaged children including a daily meal, social counselling, after-school for elementary school children, after-school for kindergarten and secondary school children,
- **Location:** Romania, Cluj-Napoca/ village Mera
- **Aim of project:** Social-educational inclusion. The impact is improved school results, better behaviour, clean appearance, consciousness of the importance of hygiene and of living a spiritual life, awareness of rules, participation of the parents, acceptance by the school and the local community.
- **Staff and volunteers:** 8 staff members (1 project responsible, 2 social workers, 4 pedagogues, 1 cook)
Local volunteers in 2011: 4, Foreign volunteers in 2011: 12
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** 50
- **How Roma are involved:** Based on a social survey most beneficiaries are Roma. Their parents are involved into special events organized for the children, they benefit of parents' thematic seminars.

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Organisation: Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sibiu

1. Name of project: *Open House for street children Sibiu/Hermannstadt*

- **Description:** The "Open House" for street children is a project of the Evangelical Church AB Sibiu, which is financed in part through the action "Hope for Eastern Europe" (Diakonie Germany) and partly by donations. The project started on 12.06.2001 with a group of 10 children and soon became a "refuge" for 28 - 30 children who spend most of the day on the road. Every day has a clear routine: with games, food, showers, laundry, homework, crafts , tea time and homework.
- **Location:** Sibiu, Romania
- **Aim of project:** The goal is to encourage and accompany the children and their guardians, so that the children can become responsible and independent personalities.

- **Staff and volunteers:**
- **Annual number of beneficiaries: 37 directly**
- **How Roma are involved:**

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SERBIA

Organisation: Ecumenical Humanitarian Organisation (EHO)

1. Name of project: *Social inclusion and improvement of living conditions of Roma in Vojvodina – Serbia*

- **Description:** Sanitation and house up-grading, vocational training, employment, and self-employment, education, information and dialogue facilitation.
- **Location:** Province of Vojvodina, Serbia
- **Aim of project:** To contribute to social inclusion and sustainable livelihood of the Roma population in Serbia
 - To enhance living conditions in 4 Roma settlements by improved individual housing and infrastructure such as water supply, road and electricity.
 - To transform / to mainstream the know-how on dweller driven settlement up-grading into the National Roma Housing Action Plan and make it accessible for municipalities.
 - To improve the Roma's access to income opportunities by linking them to educational activities, vocational training and capacity building.
 - To foster social inclusion of Roma due to advocacy, information, mobilization and counselling
- **Staff and volunteers:** 10 employees
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** 6800 individuals
- **How Roma are involved:** Roma are directly involved in project planning and project realization

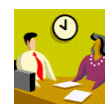
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SLOVAKIA

Organisation: Ecumenical Council of Churches in Slovakia

1. Name of project: *Community centre for Roma, YMCA Revuca Slovakia*

- **Description:** Community centre: Pre-school club for younger children, drop-in clubs for school children under 14 years old and YMCA Tearoom for teenagers over 13 years old, after-school clubs: help with homework and extra-school tutoring. *Move it!* Learn to dance Club and Music Club: learn to sing and play. Mother's Club for skills development and help with children. Youth personal development club: learn about yourself and others and nurture your spirit.
- **Location:** Slovakia, Jelsava
- **Aim of project:** The aim is to support the personal development of young people by organizing leisure time activities that contribute to their physical, mental and spiritual growth. Since we want to make sure

that our programmes are accessible also for young people with fewer opportunities (socially or economically disadvantaged), we provide these activities basically for free.

- **Staff and volunteers:** 1 staff member and 10 volunteers
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** 150-200 people
- **How Roma are involved:** Local Roma are involved in all ministries. They help with clubs for children, youth, mothers, free-time activities, a dancing group, Bible study groups, Sunday school for children...

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2. Name of project: Roma ministry, IN Network Slovakia

- **Description:** Club Cinobaňa provides services for children and young people, mostly Roma, but is popular even among adults. It is open four to six days a week. It helps prevent or reduce negative social phenomena and risky behaviour (drugs, sexual promiscuity, theft ...) and creates favourable conditions for development of certain skills for social inclusion and a positive change in lifestyle. It provides clients with information and professional advice and assists in social and psychological areas.
- **Location:** Slovakia, Cinobana
- **Aim of project:** The aim of the project is to establish self-sustainable Roma community, which will influence not just Cinobana village, but help with Roma communities on other places as well. We would love to see there even a Roma church.
- **Staff and volunteers:** 1 staff member and 7 volunteers
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:** 150-200 people
- **How Roma are involved:** Local Roma are involved in all ministries. They lead clubs for children, youth, free-time activities, traditional Roma dancing group as well as hip-hop group, singing group, cooking class

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SWEDEN

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1. Name of project: "Rasismen mot Europas romer" (Racism against the Roma of Europe)

- **Description:** A photo exhibition addressing racism against Roma people in 8-10 countries in Europe. A slideshow of pictures from Romania, Kosovo and the Czech Republic was displayed in the Swedish Church's stand in the Library in Gothenburg.
- **Location:** Sweden, Europe
- **Aim of project:** This project aims at raising awareness about racism against Roma in Europe through a photo exhibition.
- **Staff and volunteers:** 1 photographer
- **Annual number of beneficiaries:**
- **How Roma are involved:** feature in photos

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