

Let's know each other: Strategy for the Equity Inclusion of Roma Students

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The third LTTA took place between 05-10 March 2023 in Portugal, Lisbon, our host organization was Agrupamento de Escolas de S. João da Talha.

4 participants from each partner arrived - professionals and teachers who work with Roma students, Roma mediators and Roma teaching assistants.

The main theme was *Roma and school: a difficult relationship*.

After introduction of participants and presentation of the aims and objectives of the training, we could meet the representatives of TECHARI, which is a national and international gypsy association. This organization works for and with members of the gypsy ethnic group and aims at social integration coring out mediations and social intervention actions for this purpose. Each partner agreed that one of the main goals is to promote greater socialization between different cultures and reduce existing ethnic and cultural differences and we shared our experiences with each other in this field.



Participants from Bulgaria, Greek, Hungary, Italy, Portugal and Spain had possibility to discuss about the schooling of Roma students, focusing on

- percentage of Roma students enrolled in primary/secondary school and early childhood education who attended prior to compulsory schooling
- absenteeism in primary/secondary education

- early school leaving (ESL) of Roma students who leave the system before and during secondary education
- the importance and roles of school counsellors in supporting Roma students' educational success
- how to use board games in formal and informal education as a good tool of the learning
- how to moderate games in order to provide an enjoyable opportunity for students to learn

Thanks for everybody the commitment and responsibility in sharing the best practice.



Besides exchanging our experiences in the workshops, we had a chance to admire the capital and its neighbourhoods, so we visited Sintra with its outstanding universal values. This town is a place full of magic and mystery, where Nature and Man have combined in such a perfect symbiosis that UNESCO has granted it World Heritage Site status.



The other cultural programme was to discover the traditional and charming Portuguese fishing town, Cascais, found within the cobbled streets of the historic centre are lavish villas, an imposing fort, fascinating museums; surrounding the town are the beautiful beaches of Portuguese Riviera.

The meeting was great experiences for us in terms of Roma and school, language, culture, developing relationships with the other participants.