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# Project Working with the Roma community in Karviná City

**Handbook of good practices**

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# Handbook of new processes and good practices from Belgium and the Netherlands

- Areas:
  - Improving employability in the occupations
  - Social entrepreneurship and job opportunities
  - Availability and quality of housing
- Objective: Presentation of social inclusion based on concrete examples from abroad

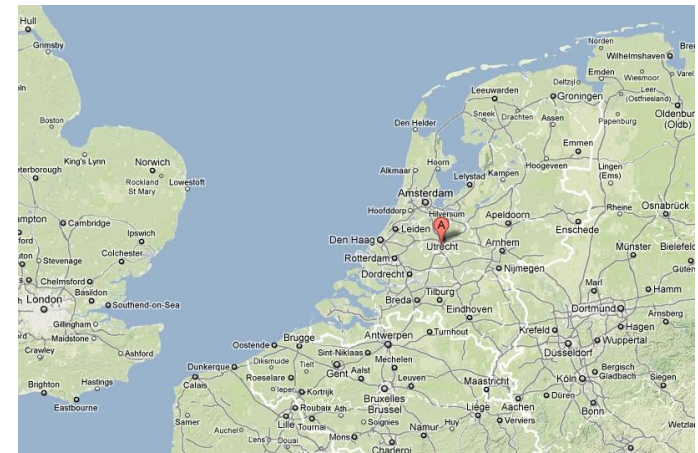
# Foreing partners

## Diest

- Special policies and strategies for Roma integration
- Extensive experience with social entrepreneurship
- Companies employing disadvantaged residents

## Nieuwegein

- Development and implementation of policies for the integration of migrants and Roma
- A member of the Platform od Dutch Roma municipalities



# Main findings

## Belgium

- Low absenteeism from school
- Emphasis on knowledge of official language
- Playing library
- Working with socially excluded
- Team working and volunteering
- Youth employment
- Social entrepreneurship and employment of long-term unemployed
- Recycling



# Main findings Netherlands

- Concept „Exchange“
- Prevention
- Children and education
- Housing cooperatives
- Working habits
- Intensive cooperation of stakeholders
- Developed localities in Veldhoven



Improving employability

# Improving employability in the job

- Spelothek - Centre offering facilities for individual education of children and parents in a natural way according to the abilities of participants
- Roma working group - Group during regular meetings in the form of a round table discussion on current problems of the local Roma community and their solutions
- Foyer - Non-profit organization focused on global integration problems of ethnic minorities and youth who have left school before the end of school





# Improving employability in the job

- Center for Basic Education - Educational Centre organizes courses for adults who are illiterate or with low levels of education
- Better in school - Consultation platform linking local education providers and local organizations to ensure equality of opportunity in education.
- No escape - Activation program which works with young Roma mothers dependent on welfare benefits
- Exchange "Quid Pro Quo" – The approach focused to achieve positive changes in the family to improve the general living conditions of children and parents on the basis of the "I'll give you something, but I expect something from you in return"





Availability and quality of housing

# Jupthaas Wonen

- Jupthaas Wonen works including as providing of social housing
- The aim is to improve the quality of housing, residential neighborhoods, housing security and the prevention of neighborhood conflicts



# Localities in Veldhoven

- Roma are living in 4 different locations, which built the city in order to solve the housing problem in caravans
- Beerze, Hoppenven, Schutwal, De Wegerd



# Social entrepreneurship and employment opportunities

# De Kringwinkel Hageland

- Company concerned on recycling, repair and resale of consumer goods (electronics, furniture, clothing, household goods, bicycles, etc.) employing long-term unemployed, people with criminal records, asylum seekers and mentally disabled persons
- Three pillars: social work, environment, economy





# De VELO

- Company concerns on repairing, borrowing and selling of second hand bikes, whose employees are young and disadvantaged people in the labor market.
- VELO offers training, work experience and employment



# De Vlaspit

- The company economically oriented on recycling and production of candles and cork, employing long-term unemployed and disabled or mentally handicapped





# WERK LOONT!

- "Work First" is a support program for unemployed who apply local governments across the Netherlands.
- The concept is to relieve the state from paying social benefits to encourage the beneficiary return back to work
- Unemployed applying for benefits for a period of four months must be involved in the project
- The project contains 40% of training, and 60% practice



Thank you for your attention

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