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The PAL project

SRDA is one of the 23 partners forming a European network dedicated to fighting discrimination of the vulnerable groups of Roma, Gypsies and Travellers. The PAL network is in charge of implementing PAL project, a DGJUST funded project, dedicated to "Fighting discrimination and anti-Gypsyism in education and employment in the EU".

The PAL project aims to develop a comprehensive approach and endorses a number of goals in education and employment, in order to speed up Roma integration, and support the implementation of national Roma inclusion strategies and the European Council's Recommendation of Roma Integration. The support of Roma youth participation is developed by gathering qualitative data about approaches and practices of Roma youth as well as by supporting initiatives where Roma participation is key to long-term change. Within this context, we are developing a number of activities, including raising awareness campaigns, online training, finding employment opportunities and much more-you may find more information at <http://projectpal.eu/> <http://projectpal.eu/>.

Recent Activities



Within the framework of the PAL project, an international exchange of experience conference was organised on 17 and 18 January 2017 in the Town Council of Prague, with the participation of experts from many European countries, with the purpose of discussing the issue of school inclusion of Roma children. Experts came from international institutions, NGOs, educational entities

and the public sector.

In the 1st Day of the 'It's not too late' Conference, "Fighting discrimination in education" and other related topics were discussed by the members of the Consortium. SRDA presented the topic of "Enforcement of Anti-Discrimination Legislation, Access to Justice & Equality bodies".

During the 2nd Day of the Conference, each partner presented one Best Practice from each country. SRDA's expert presented a video on the topic of 'Promoting Social Inclusion for Roma'.

Overall, the event brought up a lot of interesting ideas and successful practices, not only for the PAL partners, but also for external experts who attended the conference.



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Upcoming Activities

PAL online training of Trainers: SRDA will be organising an online training within the framework of the PAL project (<http://projectpal.eu/>). On 28 February & 3 March, SRDA will hold an online PAL Training course for Trainers, related to **The Prevention of Discrimination in Employment for the Roma population**. The training will touch subjects such as cooperative skills inductive education and conflict prevention, ROMA literature and culture, Community Development, public speaking etc. The 8 hrs course is aimed at trainers, school teachers, Roma mediators, and other professionals working with Roma. The structure of the course is built in 4 sessions of 2hrs each (3 sessions of 2hrs on 28 February & 1 session of 2 hrs on 3 March), it is free of charge and at the end of the course, everyone will receive a certificate. For those interested, please send an e-mail to the.srda@gmail.com with your contact info, or send us a message on facebook, at <https://www.facebook.com/The-Center-for-SocialResponsibility-in-the-Digital-Age-248541658864827/>. As soon as we receive your message of interest we will send you the detailed Agenda.

Employ me conference: Exchange of experience conference 'Employ Me' will be the core activity of the Employ Me Awareness Campaign. It will be held the 4th and 5th April 2017, in Diepenbeek (Belgium). The campaign aims at informing and raising awareness among relevant stakeholders and Roma people on the importance of increasing employment possibilities in Europe and ensuring equal opportunities for Roma people; a better understanding and improved awareness will help to advocate for the rights of Roma in the labour market (paying special attention to youngsters) and will help professionals, stakeholders and Roma, to reduce vulnerability, speed up Roma social inclusion and support the implementation of inclusion strategies at different levels. The conference will be an opportunity to bring together stakeholders (public authorities, private bodies, Third Sector, NGOs), local experts and partners and share Best Practices collected in more than (9) nine European countries related to employment and access to employment of Roma people. The event will be organised and hosted by UCLL.

Get your tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/employ-me-tickets-31504755572?aff=efbevent>