



# Research and Project Activities focused on Migrant and Roma Health at the Public Health Department

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## Background and approach

- Health improvement of disadvantaged groups while taking into account the multicultural approach to improve health itself, but also improve access to health care services and to health promotion interventions at the community level
- With growing concerns about racial and ethnic disparities in health, there is a need to be focused on multicultural health services provision facilitated through Roma health mediators and education/training of health care providers (professionals and management)

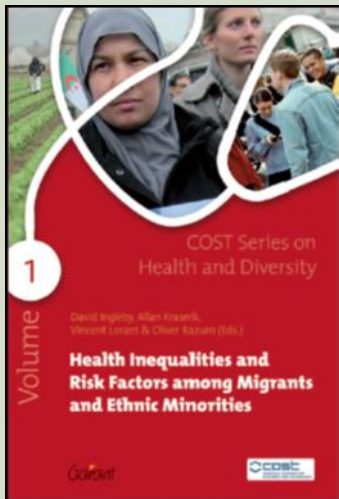


<b>Project Activity</b>	<b>Objectives:</b>
<p><b>Assessment of the health status of Roma and the related health care needs.</b>            Twinning Light Project RO-2004/016-772.05.01.02, RO04/IB/OT 08 TL, Ministry of Public Health, Bucarest, Romania  <b>2004-2006</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To reduce barriers to the provision of healthcare for Roma and other minority communities</li> <li>- To improve the cultural skills of general practitioners</li> </ul>
<p><b>Educational and Medical Integration of Vulnerable Minority Groups with the Special Focus on Roma ,</b>            Component 3 Health, Phare,  <b>2006-2008</b>, Bulgaria</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To promote the equal access to health care services;</li> <li>- To improve qualification of medical staff for their work in multicultural environment;</li> <li>- Health promotion and education for vulnerable minorities groups in Bulgaria</li> </ul>

<b>Project Activity</b>	<b>Objectives:</b>
<p><b>Assessment of effectiveness of health mediators on Roma Health and their Access to Health Services in Slovakia,</b>  Project of applied research, AV 4/0026/07 , <b>2007 – 2009,</b>  Ministry of education of the SR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-To assess health status of Roma communities in different settlements and their access to health care</li> <li>- To educate Roma Health Mediators and evaluation of their activities</li> </ul>
<p><b>Healthy Inclusion : Development of Recommendations for Integrating Socio-Cultural Standards in Health Promoting Interventions and Services.</b>  EC, DG Health and Consumers  <b>2008-2010</b></p>	<p>Contribution to the increase of participation of migrants in health promotion interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to supply knowledge about barriers to migrant access to health promotion interventions</li> <li>- to develop recommendations</li> <li>- to deliver innovative concepts for the planning of health promotion interventions which touch the needs of migrants as vulnerable group</li> </ul>

## Project Activity

### **COST Action IS0603 - Health and Social Care for Migrants and Ethnic Minorities in Europe (HOME), 2007-2011**



## Objectives:

International group of experts  
Main result: 3 publications (160 pp each/ expertise of 32 countries)

*Vol. I: **Health inequalities among migrants and ethnic minorities***

*David Ingleby, Allan Krasnik, Vincent Lorant, Oliver Razum*

*Vol. II: **Inequalities in health care for migrants and ethnic minorities***

*Theda Borde, Antonio Chiarenza, Walter Devillé, David Ingleby*

*Vol. III: **Landscapes of migrant and ethnic minority health in Europe***

*Eva Berens, Carin Cuadra, David Ingleby, Beatriz Padilla*

### **COST Action IS1103 - Adapting European health systems to diversity (ADAPT) 2011-2015**

**MEM-TP, 2014 -2017**

Action aims to promote the adoption and implementation of policies responding to increased ethnically and culturally diversity in European societies  
MIPEX health strand

*It was mentioned already*

## Challenges

- **Knowledge transfer** from science to decision making at different levels (needs of policy makers, stakeholders, community leaders are different)
- **Utility of learned knowledge** and its **real impact on the quality and accessibility of health services** for migrants and ethnic minorities in practice
- **Sustainability** of projects
- The **transition** from describing the Roma health status and their living conditions **to the actions/ interventions which works** – evidence based public health interventions (Health in All policies, Social Determinants of health approach) should be our next goal



**Little progress has been made in Europe despite many Roma policies and projects**

- ***Please see:***

published by Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation

**Roma inclusion index 2015**

[http://www.romadecade.org/cms/upload/file/9810\\_file1\\_roma-inclusion-index-2015-s.pdf](http://www.romadecade.org/cms/upload/file/9810_file1_roma-inclusion-index-2015-s.pdf)

**A lost decade? Reflection on Roma inclusion 2005-2015**

[http://www.romadecade.org/cms/upload/file/9809\\_file1\\_final-lostdecade.pdf](http://www.romadecade.org/cms/upload/file/9809_file1_final-lostdecade.pdf)

Published by Open Society Foundations:

**Why the Roma Decade didn't lead to inclusion**

<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/voices/why-europe-s-roma-decade-didn-t-lead-inclusion>

**What the "Roma Decade" really achieved**

<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/voices/what-roma-decade-really-achieved>



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Training Packages

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