

10-11 December 2018 Romania

On 10-11 December 2018, the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) organised a capacity building training in Romania, aimed at representatives of vulnerable groups, including Roma. The objective was to strengthen their participation in the development, implementation and monitoring of policies affecting their lives and local communities.

A total of 25 participants, representing health mediators, healthcare professionals, local Roma community experts and country experts benefited from the information provided during the training held by EPHA Health Equity Policy Coordinator, Marius Tudor. The training used open space dialogue and working in small groups as facilitation methods, and as a result of the training, participants improved their skills in analysing strategic documents and developing policy papers.

The event was also transmitted live by PAKIV TV, a national Roma television outlet. By 14 December 2018, the live broadcast of the NRIS training had received 500 shares on Facebook, around 600 likes, 15, 000 views and 63,000 interactions. As a result of this activity, EPHA's reputation as a health equity actor linking EU with national/local policies was strengthened in Romania.

KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- EU Roma Framework – Commission Communication on the external evaluation of the framework released on 4 December 2018;
- National Roma Integration Strategy in Romania – a new proposal for a 2021-2026 strategy;
- Local Action Groups – Community Led Local Development, investing in health infrastructure for vulnerable groups, including Roma settlements;
- Health mediation programme in Romania and its effectiveness;
- Community assistance and ways to move forward.

NEXT ACTIONS

- EPHA will develop a reaction paper to the European Commission Communication on the external evaluation of the framework, to be shared with the training participants and to be published in January 2018;
- A proposal for a new National Roma Integration Strategy in Romania will be developed by the Roma participants and finalised with the help of EPHA. It will be submitted to the Romanian government by the end of February 2018;
- A set of recommendations for LAGS in South Muntenia region will be developed by participants with support offered by EPHA and sent to them by the end of March 2018;
- An opinion on the health mediation and community assistants programme will be developed by participants under the supervision of EPHA and sent to the Ministry of Health by April 2018.

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