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From EEA to Erasmus+ **The Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship Programme 2017-2024**

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The EEA Financial Mechanism 2014 – 2021

The EEA Financial Mechanism 2014 – 2021 covers several programs aiming at reducing social and economic disparities in the EEA countries and strengthening the cooperation between the Donor States (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) and the 15 beneficiary countries (Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia).

The Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship Program (ESAYEP), 2014-2021

RO NA was designated as the Program Operator of the Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship Program, 2014 – 2021 and it implemented the ESAYEP jointly with the Donor Program Partners:

The Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills (HK-dir) (formerly known as Diku/SIU),
The National Agency for International Education Affairs (AIBA), Liechtenstein

They facilitate, as well, the contact with potential public or private partners from the Donor States.

National context and facts

In 2016 RO NA did an extended needs analysis covering all fields of education and training than can be addressed by us.

General needs identified:

- a) to increase the mobility of students and staff in higher education
- b) to improve the quality of education in universities
- c) to improve the competences of the school education supporting staff (inspectors, teacher trainers, school counsellors)
- d) to match the skills with labor market demand in VET
- e) to increase the organisational capacity of institutions/organisations to ensure an effective inclusion of the pupils coming from vulnerable groups, such as Roma people.

Potential solutions

In 2017 the The Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship (ESAYEP) program started to be operational in Romania aiming at enhancing human capital and knowledge base focusing on:

Higher Education – mobility of students, staff and institutional cooperation

School education – mobility of school inspectors, teacher trainers and school counsellors

Vocational Education and Training – mobility of VET teachers and of the apprenticeship's tutors in companies

Social inclusion – improvement of the inclusion of the Roma children in schools

Higher Education

Improved competences of students and staff and increased quality of education

School education

Improved skills and competences of the school education supporting staff

Vocational Education and Training

Improved quality of work-based learning

Inclusion-with a focus on the Roma children

Developed organisational capacity to increase inclusion of the Roma children in schools

Bilateral funds: strengthened cooperation and relationships between RO and IS, LI, NO

Specific data

Program budget: **12.541.176 Euro**

EEA Grant: **10.660.000 Euro + National co-financing. 1.881.176 Euro**

Calls: **26**

Total received applications: **319**

Total financed projects: **217**

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The positive effects will continue, mainly based on the concrete outputs:

**new curricula;
teaching methodologies
training courses for teachers**

For school education and VET sectors, the project promoters became accredited organisations in Erasmus+.

For Roma children inclusion, we built an intervention model to be replicated at the national level.

Cooperation partnerships in the HE sector built either on Erasmus+ former experience or on the cooperation in the previous phase of the EEA grants

Bilateral Agreements for mobility in HE followed the same pattern, therefore it is likely this cooperation between universities will continue in the future, under various programs.

Thank You!

Questions?

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