

Education for Social Justice - Case study



Smižany, Slovakia

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Context of ESJ

- Target community Smižany
Region Košice
- Number of inhabitants: 8 006
 - Roma inhabitants: 2 084 (6 person per 1 house)
 - Location of the Roma settlement
 - Out of the village, 200 m distance
 - Ownership of the lands – partly legitimate
 - Accessibility of Infrastructure:
 - water supply, sewerage, electricity – yes
 - gas – partly
 - Number of houses in Roma settlement: 353
 - Proportion of houses lay on basic utilities about 60%
 - Special part of the settlement „ghetto“ without gas and sewerage
 - 95% of unemployment

Primary school

- Number of pupils at Primary school: 905
Roma pupils: 343
- 10 Classrooms with Roma students (partly segregated and partly integrated)
- Adapted curriculum
 - Step by Step program
 - Projects:
 - Acceleration of school success of Roma pupils
 - Partnership
 - Teen and technology
- Cooperation with NGOs:
 - Civic Association SPIŠ
 - Civic Association DŽENO

Kindergarten

- Whole day care for only Roma children,
 - Age: 5 - 6 years
- Number of children in kindergarten: 68
- Average attendance per day 40 children
illness, lack of finance
- Projects:
 - Intensive Preschool Program
 - PHARE: Improvement of the situation of the Roma in the Slovak Republic – project Better Conditions for Roma Self-Realization in Education System SK000.01

Trends

- Migration
- Traveling for job
- Tendency to create entrepreneurship
- Active involvement to the ESF projects
- Improved communication with majority



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