

–SOCIAL CENTERS ENHANCING ACCESS TO MINIMUM INCOME AND SOCIAL RIGHTS FOR THE ROMA COMMUNITY IN FYLI–

<u>Organisation(s):</u>	Municipality of Fyli	
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<u>Theme:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ageing & Care <input type="checkbox"/> Asylum & Migration <input type="checkbox"/> Young People <input type="checkbox"/> Children & Families <input type="checkbox"/> Community Care <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Production <input type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Homelessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active Inclusion & Employment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Integrated Services <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health <input type="checkbox"/> Service Quality & Management <input type="checkbox"/> Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum Income <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:
<u>Principles of European Pillar of Social Rights:</u> <i>Check the 20 principles here.</i>	3. Equal opportunities 14. Minimum Income	
<u>Current status of the practice:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Concept and design phase <input type="checkbox"/> Execution & monitoring phase <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidation phase <input type="checkbox"/> Scaling Up and Transformation Phase <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	
<u>Social issues addressed</u> <i>Please explain the problem you attempt to solve</i>	<p>For Roma communities and immigrant and refugee populations living in the Municipality of Fyli, there are many barriers to social inclusion and job market access, increasing marginalised groups' social isolation. Additionally, the Greek economic crisis led many Roma individuals and families into extreme poverty, forcing many to live in poor housing conditions. The Greek minimum income scheme should address such issues, but Roma people have difficulties accessing the support available.</p> <p>The Authorities of Fyli set up a centre to help Roma people to access social support. In the interest of the integration of their children through regular education, the reception of minimum income for a Roma family is conditional upon regular school visits. With a drop-out</p>	

	rate of 36% for 7-15 years old, and only 4% of Roma children have finished high school.
<u>Objectives:</u> Please provide a maximum of three objectives in bullet points.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting individuals and families facing extreme poverty & reduce children's premature school leaving. • Improve non-take up of social support in the Roma community • Develop a local reference point that receives, serves and connects citizens with all the social programmes and services implemented in an intervention area.
<u>Activities:</u> Please summarise the activities put in place to achieve the objectives (maximum 200 words).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Municipality of Fyli has created a social support centre in a neighbourhood that is home to many Roma families - The centre functions as a one-stop shop for multi-dimensional support of low-income families, which often belong to the Roma community - It provides Free access to the Public Health System: Free access to primary and secondary public health facilities, mental health units, rehabilitation facilities and university hospitals. - It distributes Food and material support: Monthly distribution of the food that the Greek Fund provides for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD/TEBA) - A mediator who is a member of the Roma community facilitates the communication of social services with Roma families in need of social support. Creating a relationship of trust and open dialogue; - The support provided is tied to certain conditions, such as regular participation in school, by children of families who seek social support
<u>Evaluation of practice:</u> Please explain how you evaluate the practice, and what the results were/are so far	During 12 months (September 2021 – August 2022), 6.910 people visited the Center of Fyli, which is approximately the total population of Roma people in the municipality.
<u>List three key elements for successful implementation</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dissemination of the project to the local community 2. Supporting contribution to the operation of the center by all the staff of the social services of the Municipality, in addition to the existing permanent staff of the Center 3. The key role of the mediator from the Roma community
<u>Links to supporting documents:</u>	

e.g. website or report of the practice	https://www.socialattica.gr/eidi-domis/kentro-koinotitas-me-parartima-roma https://www.kentrakoinotitas.gr/ https://www.facebook.com/100064451301315/ (the official facebook of the Roma Center in Fyli)
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