



Agentura pro sociální začleňování  
v romských lokalitách

**Agency for Social Inclusion in Roma Locations**

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## Establishment of the Agency

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### Governmental Resolution; February 2008

Absence of comprehensive and long-term tools

Deepening social exclusion of the Roma ethnic group

Increase of tension between the majority and socially excluded Roma community members

Ghettoisation, segregation

Increase of pathological social phenomena



## Establishment of the Agency

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Pilot project 2008 – 2012

Department of The Office of the Government

Governmental Human Rights Commissioner

Supervisory Committee



## Mission of the Agency

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The State's instrument for working in excluded Roma locations

Assistance for municipalities in the process of social integration

Support of other local subjects

Interdepartmental approach

Cooperation of state, local governments and NGOs



## Target Groups

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### Primary

Municipalities  
State institutions on local level  
NGOs

### Secondary

Socially excluded people and communities  
General public



## Social exclusion and ethnicity

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- 80.000 socially excluded persons
- ¼ are not Roma
- total Roma population: 165.000
  
- ethnicity is a ground for discrimination and labeling



## Structure of the Agency

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### Local Unit

Local consultants  
1/2 per location

### Central Unit

Expert knowledge  
Fundraising  
Communication with other governmental bodies



## Locations of the Agency

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### Since 2008

Brno  
Přerov  
Břeclav  
Holešov  
Slezská Ostrava  
Jesenicko  
Ústí nad Labem  
Most  
Cheb  
Roudnice nad Labem  
Broumov  
Šluknovsko

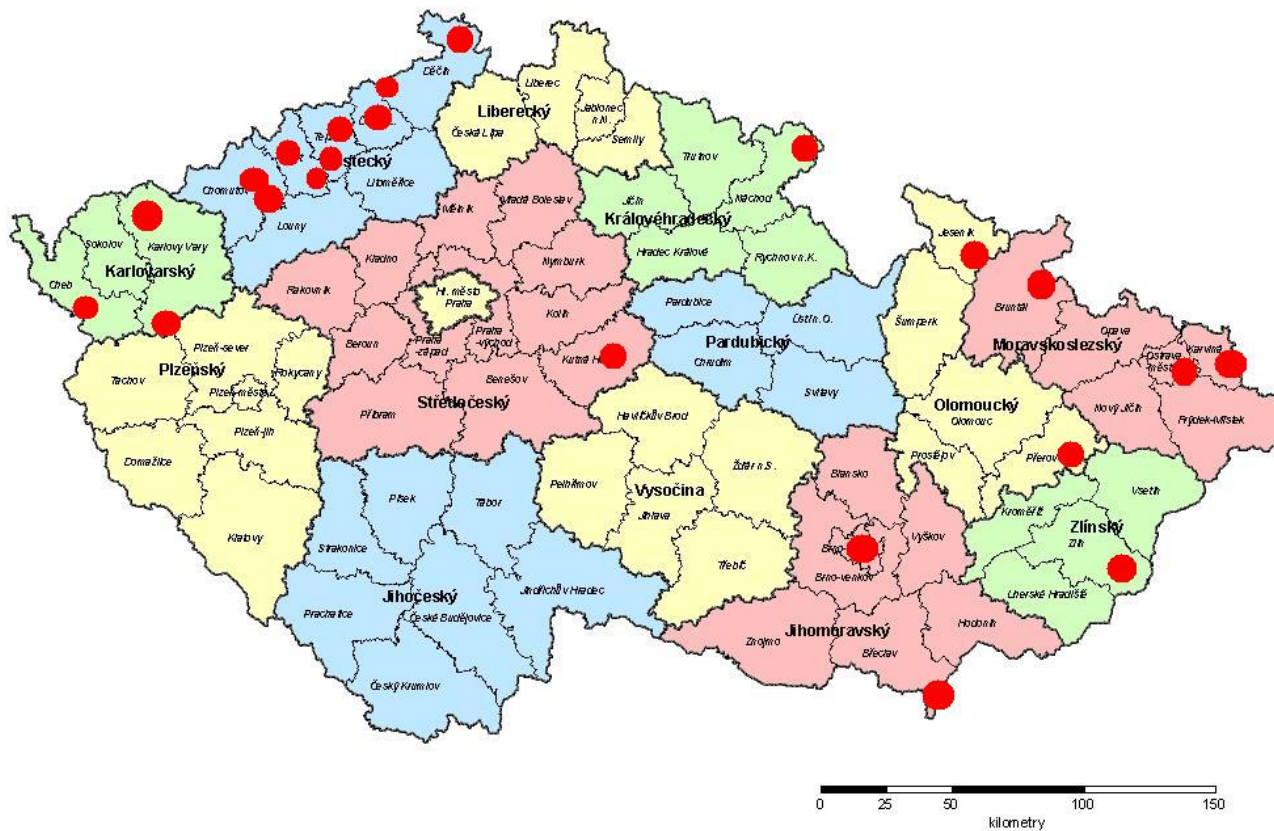
### Since 2010

Obrnice  
Bruntál  
Toužim  
Trmice  
Jáchymov  
Bílina  
Havířov  
Kutná Hora  
Jirkov  
Chomutov  
Litvínov

### Since 2011

Vejprty  
Sokolov  
Duchcov  
Kadaň  
Krupka u Teplic  
Děčín  
Mělnicko  
Kolín  
Větřní  
Hodonín







## Assistance for municipalities

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- teaching local players to jointly look for solutions and raise funds for them
- providing and supporting services for education, employment, social housing, crime prevention and social services
- fundraising and project management
- good practices and their transfer
- drafting governmental legislation and policy improvement
- ensuring joint approach



## Methods and Instruments I.

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### Sociological research

- quantitative and qualitative data
- needs analysis
- mapping the absorption capacity of local players

### Local partnership

- formal agreement
- platform of coordination
- all relevant local players: municipality, schools, NGOs, police, probation service, labour office, social office, employers, church organizations, house owners, etc.

### Local strategy

- integration concept
- short and long term goals
- development plan
- employment, housing, education, social services, public health, leisure time, prevention of social pathology, influencing public opinion



## Methods and Instruments II.

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### Project management

- fundraising, advisory on financial sources

### Evaluation

- measuring impact on population
- cost – benefit analyses
- feedback for public administration



## 3 years – 3 steps: comprehensive support for municipality

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### Year 1

- research and analysis
- local strategy
- advisory on financial sources

### Year 2

- project management
- launch of activities

### Year 3

- project management
- supervisory
- evaluation



## Basic Principles

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Comprehensive solution – isolated activities do not achieve goals

Sustainable impacts – slow but lasting outputs

System changes – an ad hoc solution is not a solution

Shared responsibility of all local partners – not a success of a single player

Roma involvement – not about them but with them

The Agency is an assistant, initiator of a change - does not provide services



Thank you for your attention.

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