

**Newsletter from the workshop on basic and transversal skills organized in the frame of the project  
“Supporting the Social Inclusion of Roma Through Basic and Transversal Skills”**

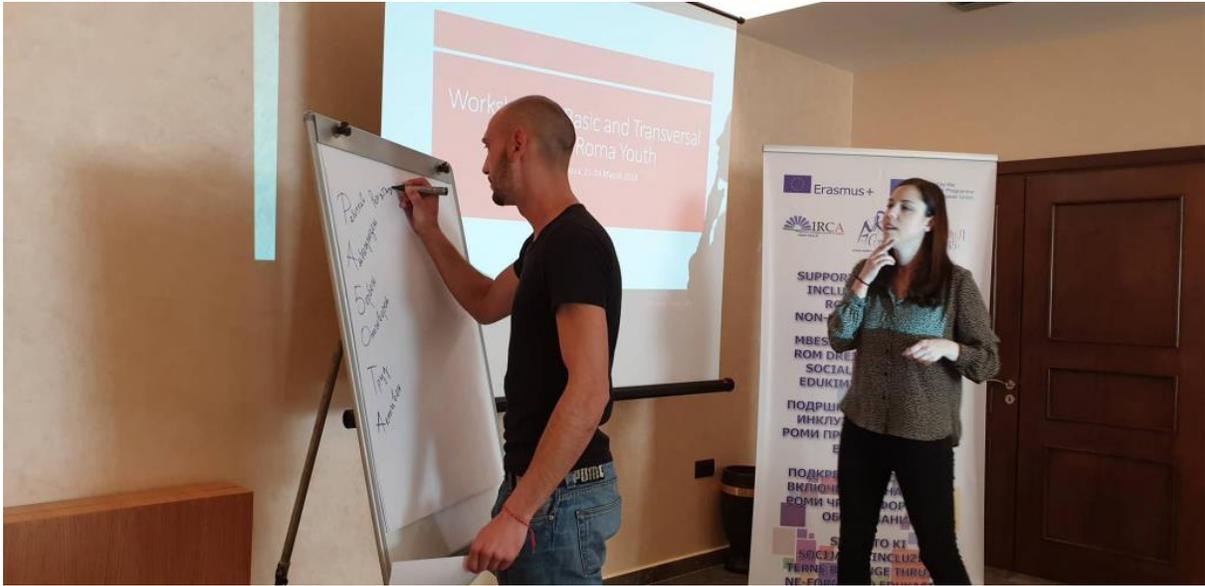
21-24 March 2019 in Tirana, Albania



The workshop on basic and transversal, with a particular focus on employability skills, was organized as part of the project “Supporting the Social Inclusion of Roma Through Basic and Transversal Skills,” a project supported by the Erasmus+ programme, and implemented by the Institute of Romani Culture in Albania (IRCA), the National Roma Centrum (NRC) from North Macedonia, and AKADEMIKA-245 from Bulgaria. The four-day workshop was organized in the period 21-24 March 2019 in Tirana, Albania. More than 30 young Roma from North Macedonia, Bulgaria and Albania had the opportunity to meet, discuss and learn about labor market challenges and strategies for their overcoming. They had an opportunity to meet their peers from other countries of the region, compare experiences, strengthen their intercultural communication skills and widen their network of peers and possible future collaborators.



The topics of the workshop were closely aligned with the needs and challenges of young Roma entering the labor market: strategies for job searching, development of business communication skills, planning and organization skills, skills mismatch on the labor market and the importance of lifelong learning, conflict management and basics of business planning.



The workshop was designed to provide optimal conditions for interactivity and participation from the young participants. They participated in discussions, group and individual exercises, debates, etc. Throughout the training, the participants demonstrated strong interest in the topics, readily took part in the exercises and demonstrated a strong level of motivation to complete the tasks. A strong level of cooperation between the participants themselves, as well as between the participants and the trainer,

was maintained throughout the workshop. They also had the opportunity to explore Tirana and experience Tirana nightlife with the help from their hosts and new friends from Tirana.

