INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE – CLOSURE CONFERENCE

The closure conference of the project “Inclusive Governance” was held Thursday, on the 23rd of June 2016, at the headquarters of the European Commission Representation in Romania. The project was implemented by the association “Assistance and Programs for Sustainable Development – Agenda 21” in partnership with the National Agency of Civil Servants.

The event was attended by representatives of the partner institutions and public authorities, experts with competences in the domain of social inclusion within the institutions and public authorities, representatives of academia and non-governmental organizations, volunteers involved in the project’s activities, journalists.

The conference made possible the presentation of the outcomes and the impact of the activities. Moreover, the participants were given the opportunity to debate important aspects on the topic of social inclusion and share examples of good practices with concrete outcomes. There were disseminated activities realized by the local public authorities as well as non-governmental organizations which managed to contribute to the decrease of exclusion risk of vulnerable groups. Some of the examples with a high potential of replication are the following: the activity of the Center of Social Inclusion of DASM Cluj-Napoca, the counseling activity offered by the Local Agency for Employment from Oltenița, the steps carried out in Buzău County in order to facilitate the access to the “The second chance” Programme. Also, representatives of non-governmental organizations presented initiatives in the domain of social inclusion, highlighting the importance of the public-private partnership in initiating and developing such projects.

Present at the event, the President of the National Agency of Civil Servants, József Birtalan, mentioned the following aspects: “I encourage the responsible institutions in this domain to make all the efforts in order to answer better the needs of the disadvantaged groups, although, sometimes, problems might be encountered.

Also, the event was an opportunity to launch the toolkit elaborated within the project, toolkit that contains useful information for the experts in the domain (examples of local action plans, social inclusion strategies).

The project “Inclusive Governance” targeted initiatives meant to answer the issues that disadvantaged groups encounter. Thus, the project proposed coherent measures, able to contribute to the decrease of social exclusion of vulnerable groups from Buzău, Călărași, Cluj, Dolj and Mureș countries through the collaboration of public authorities and civil society.

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