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## MISSION REPORT

Subject: reality check for DG NEAR Roma integration award 2016 application no 9

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The Democratic Transition Initiative (DTI) is a non-governmental organization that promotes the principles of local economic development, sustainable civil society, human/minority rights, and fights against xenophobia. The organization was founded in 2002 on the heels of the USAID/OTI program with the same name.

Project Belgrade Nova Platform offers integrated approach to responding to identified problems, needs and constraints. In partnership of a CSO that provides education and support to vulnerable, deprived and families in need with the City of Belgrade as Associate, our action is providing a methodology in the very design: participation and inclusion. This project was funded through EIDHR. CSO partners in the action are working effortlessly with the local communities in implementing innovative educational initiatives, training and development of meaningful partnerships. Specific objective was designed to respond to capacity building through gaining immediate/direct experience, both in partnering at the local level and in mastering the practical skills, based on the broader needs. Therefore, our design envisioned capacity building in many areas: substantive participation and understanding of the basic life skills, economic activities, enhancing human rights potential at the very grass-root level, increasing capacities of both CSOs and institutions, but also other stakeholders.

Project results are grouped in the following manner, after choosing the intervention strategy coming from the problem tree analysis:

Result group 1: Recommendations report on Roma education in Belgrade communities produced

Result group 2: 150 Roma children involved in educational activities (compensatory classes); 20 school teachers and assistants trained and involved; 4 modules of adult Roma education (including economic activities); 2 modules of media training

Result group 3: 30 representatives of local/national government institutions, local CSOs and international organizations networked and planning together through Belgrade Nova Platform; 12 coordination meetings held, with participation of main stakeholders.

Result group 4: 5 community centres equipped and adjusted for educational purposes

Result group 5: 1 media campaign conducted; 1 documentary produced; joint promotional campaign by the City of Belgrade and partners conducted.

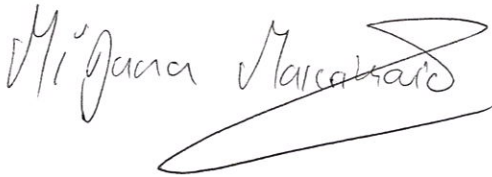
**The action was addressing the following target groups and final beneficiaries** in a way of accomplishing the above results:

- App. 150 Roma children (7 to 15 years of age)
- App. 50 Roma families

Project targeted Roma resettled from Belville and Gazela in their new homes, I visited premises in Orlovsko settlement. Project is currently not being implemented.

Cc: video material

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