Association Union of Roma student University of Novi Sad, (in further down below: Association) is voluntarily, non-governmental, non-profit, organization, established in 2005 as indefinite period of time, in according to achievements in the fields of improvement of Youths Roma and non-Roma nations.

The aims of association are: knowledge improvement, education of citizens, with accent on children and youths about importance of schooling and education, organizing activities tights to economical empowerment, equalities of the sexes, environmental protection, nurture of the culture, tradition, but also nurture native language, native language informing and literature.

Until now days, we have implemented projects, which as first of all, has accent on the youth group, Roma and non-Roma, in fields of employment, education, culture, equalities, and so on.. In collaboration with Provincial Secretariat, office for Roma inclusion, integration Roma advice office and so on... We have been achieving very successfully realization of activities which aim has been to involve upgrading position and statement, Roma nation member’s community.

Union of Roma students owns equipment which offers fulfill support in work influence. Above the equipment, the team involves youths Roma and non-Roma, experts from variety scientific fields of society and natural research.

**Realized Projects:**

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| **Project name** | Young Roma on the internet network |
| The period of realization of the project | 9 months |
| The most important results of the project | Educated young Roma and Roma women for the use of information communication technology, Internet usage according to the "internet cafe" |
| Function in project realization | Project holder |
| Partners on the project - | - |
| Total project budget | 399.999,00 dinars (4.000 euro) |
| Donors:  - The name of the donor  - The amount of donation | Ministry of youth and sports  399,999.00 dinars (4,000 euro) |

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| **Project Name** | Let's Meet It |
| Project implementation period | 1 month - July 2007 |
| The most significant results of the project | Assembled young Roma and Roma students from neighboring countries, transfer examples of good practice and laid the foundation for the building of the Roma student network in Europe. |
| Function in realization of the project | Project holder |
| Partners on the project | University of Novi Sad and Roma Inclusion Office |
| Total project budget | 130,000.00 dinars (1,750 euro) |
| Donors:  - The name of the donor  - Amount of donation University of Novi Sad | 130,000.00 dinars (1,750 euro) |

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| **Project name** | My Space |
| Period of project realization | 01.09.2008. – 31.03.2009. |
| The most important results of the project | Educated 30 young people for the efficient use of free time, active job search, web presentation; 25 young unconfirmed painters, writers, music artists were affirmed; The beneficiaries transferred their acquired knowledge (50), friends and others. |
| Function in realization of the project | Project holder |
| Partners of the project | - |
| Total budget of the project | 997.329,49 dinars (9.000 euro) |
| Donors:  - The name of the donor:  - Amount of donation | Ministry of Youth and Sports: 997,329.49din (9,000 euro) |

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| **Project title** | Roma Student Network of Europe |
| Project implementation period | December 2008 |
| The most significant results of the project | Gathered students of Roma and Roma women from the countries of the region and created a Roma Student Network of Europe, which should help in the organization and implementation of activities on the international plane |
| Function in realization of the project | Project holder |
| Project partners | University of Novi Sad and Roma Inclusion Office |
| Total project budget | 250.000,00 dinars (2,500 euro) |
| Donors:  - The name of the donor  - Amount of donation | - Amount of donation University of Novi Sad  107.000,00 dinars  Roma Inclusion Office  150,000.00 dinars (total: 2,500 euro) |

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| Project title | Young Successful Roma and Roma Women |
| Project realization period | 23.11.2016. – 23.02.2017. |
| The most important results of the project: | 1. The interest of young people to engage in the process of informal learning;  2. A total of 20 persons went through education;  3. Interested parties and participation of other organizations and institutions to provide support in the implementation of the project;  4. 20 young people ready for inclusion in the Roma integration process;  5. Readiness of participants to acquire new knowledge and skills.  Function in realization of the project Project holder |
| Function in realization of the project | Project holder |
| Partners of the project | Association ''Čiriklji'', Bački Petrovac |
| Total project budget | 500.000,00 dinars |
| Donors:  - The name of the donor  -Amount of donation | Office for Human and Minority Rights of the Government of the Republic of Serbia  500.000,00 dinars (4.000 euro) |

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| **Project title:** | Academy of Economics, Finance and Entrepreneurship |
| Project implementation period | 01. June 2017. - 31. July 2017. |
| The most important results of the project | 1. Interests of young people to participate in the process of building personal knowledge and skills;  2. A total of 6 persons passed training;  3. The interest and participation of others support organization in the realization of the project;  4. Six young people ready for inclusion in the process of economic empowerment;  5. Readiness of participants to acquire new knowledge and skills. |
| Function in realization of the project | Project holder |
| Partners of the project | Association: “Čiriklji”, Bački Petrovac |
| Total project budget | 185,000.00 dinars (1,550 euro) |
| Donors:  - The name of the donor:  - Amount of donation | Office for Human and Minority Rights of the Government of the Republic of Serbia  185,000.00 dinars (1,550 euro) |

"Building a Roma intellectual elite at the University of NS"

Project goals:

1. Establish a system of mentoring for Roma students enrolled in various programs at the University of Novi Sad and organize systematic mentoring with every Roma student individually.

2. Creating a Labor Market Scoreboard for Graduate Students.

3. Developing a new program at the University in line with the needs of the labor market and developing Bologna process at the University of Novi Sad.

Project leader: University of Novi Sad

Partners on the project: Union of Roma Students of the University of Novi Sad and Association of Roma Students.

Duration of project: 1 year

This project was of great importance because it provided mentoring support to students and students of Roma nationality to complete their studies support for finding employment. Also, the number of activities has been implemented related to the reduction of stereotypes and prejudices about Roma through public debates, or cultural content.

The project "Inclusion of Roma students in secondary schools in AP Vojvodina" started the 2007/2008 school year, then from the provincial secretariat for education and culture.

Partners on the project were the Roma Integration Council in AP Vojvodina, the Association of Roma Students, the Union of Roma Students and the Vojvodina Roma Center for Democracy.

The main goal of the Project was to increase the number of Roma students who enroll and complete regular secondary schools in the territory of AP Vojvodina. A special accent was on increasing the number of students enrolled in four-year educational profiles, as well as improving their overall success during high school education, especially those students who come from socially, materially and educated families.

Total funds for the realization of this project amounted to 219.741.606,00 dinars.

In the first period of realization of the Project, total funds amounted to 1,148,826 euro, or 132,114,990.00 dinars (1 euro = 115,00 dinars), of which the Roma Education Fund (REF) provided funds in the amount of 850.408 euro, or 97.796.920,00 dinars, and the participation of the Secretariat amounted to 298,418 euro, or 34,318,070.00 dinars.

In the second period of realization, total assets amounted to USD 1,043,174, or RSD 87,626,616.00 (US $ 1 = RSD 84.00) and were provided by the Fond / Open Society Fund - Emergency Fund, Belgrade.

The duration of the Project was extended to the school year 2013/2014. in cooperation with the donor, or the Roma Education Fund in Budapest, due to the realization of the remaining funds in the total amount of 29,644.23 euro, or 3.341.500,00 dinars (1 euro = 115.00 dinars).

The project provided funds for scholarships, one-time funds for the purchase of school supplies at the beginning of each school year, funds for regressing the total travel expenses or part of those expenses for pupils who do not reside in the place of education, fees for permanent mentorship assistance of teachers / mentors and other attendants project activities (such as, among others, prize-winning excursion for the most successful scholarship recipients, laptops prize for students who finished high school education with a general success of 5.00, summer camp for girls, foreign language courses, tuition fees for students who after three years of education wanted to complete the fourth year of high school, visit the University of Novi Sad and some high schools of vocational studies in order to get acquainted with the conditions and possibilities of enrollment and continuation of education, teacher education mentors on mentoring work, etc.).

The project provided funds for the allocation of a total of 1,643 scholarships, during seven years of project duration.

 We particularly emphasize the inclusion of a larger number of Roma girls in the Project, over the course of seven years. Out of all scholarship students, 55.01% were girls, and 44.99% were boys.

Scholarship and mentoring have proved to be an effective compensation for the economic barriers of Roma students towards education, as well as providing the necessary support that parents could not always provide.

As the mentoring system did not exist in our country, the Project provided the opportunity to examine the need and the effect of introducing this type of support to secondary school students.

The project provided inclusion of different actors at different levels of its realization. As a result, the project became recognizable for its benefit to individuals and the community.

This project was implemented in several other countries in the region, and donors estimated it as the highest quality project.

The results achieved in the education of Roma children, as well as the successful implementation of the project "Inclusion of Roma children in secondary schools in the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina" were a prerequisite for the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia, following the decision to take over and continue the realization of the Project and at the state level.

In this way, the Provincial Government, by its concrete activities, once again showed its readiness to influence the slowdown of the Roma population and to improve their position.

Since 2014, we have partnered with the Center for the production of knowledge and skills from Novi Sad within the framework of the PGF project (Project Generation Facility) in which our role is:

1. Organizing and facilitating round tables;

2. Promotion of the activities of the PGF team;

3. Communication in communication between PGF team and end users;

4. Motivates end users to use PGF services;

5. Inform end users about current vacancies and opportunities.

The PGF team is focused on providing support to Roma and others working for the benefit of Roma communities in order to ensure an equal level of quality of project ideas and advocacy capacities as well as other applicants for EU funds. At the same time, this will affect the utilization of the experience and capacity of the existing Open Society Fund system in order to stimulate interest for potential beneficiaries and direct them towards projects that bring sustainable solutions in order to improve the position of Roma.

In addition to the project activities, we are actively participating in the process of implementation of the Measure of affirmative action for enrollment of Roma students in secondary, high schools and faculties, scholarships and accommodation in student and student dormitories.

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