



Strengthening the Identity
of Minority People Leads to Equality

WP 4: Training Seminar & Open Workshop

4th – 5th of March, 2013

Rovigno - Rovinj

Coordinators:

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PRESENTATION

The project SIMPLE: Strengthening the Identity of Minority People Leads to Equality

SIMPLE (March 2011-February 2014) is an IPA funded project promoted by the Istria Region in partnership with public and private bodies from 5 different countries aimed at enhancing the Adriatic countries' cooperation on the issues of the recognition and actual implementation of the rights of historic and emergent minorities.

The overall objective of the project is to elaborate joint strategies and approaches in the Adriatic Countries for the promotion of equality and a culture of non-discrimination, as a basic value for the peaceful coexistence of all citizens, without any form of discrimination. Because of this reason, SIMPLE foresees capacity building initiatives to strengthen the capacity of service providers to meet the actual needs of the population and propose concrete, efficient and targeted solutions.

SIMPLE has five thematic focuses identified according to the European Union Anti-Discrimination and Equal Opportunities policies, provides tools and includes pilot services in these five key areas to promote equality and contrast discrimination: language, employment, education, media and information, and contrast of gender-based discrimination and violence.

The sociological research carried out by ISIG (the Adriatic Observatory of minority communities), the Adriatic Action Plan for the promotion of the rights and actions of transnational communication and awareness initiatives will be the instruments to develop further study, dissemination and sustainable actions.

The Project partners are: Istria Region (HR), Municipality of Durres (AL), Cooperation and Development Institute (AL), Unione Italiana – Capodistria (SI), Unione Italiana di Fiume (HR), The Institute of International Sociology of Gorizia (IT), Ministry for Human and Minority Rights of Montenegro (MNE), Social Projects srl Impresa Sociale (IT), Abruzzo Region (IT). For more information you can visit us at: <http://www.simpleproject.eu>

WP 4 - Ethnic identity: languages diversity and fair citizens' services

The WP 4 tackles the difficult accessibility of public services that aggravates the vulnerability of minority people. The main exclusion barriers are the different languages and people's lack of knowledge of services and existing rights. Indeed, the mother languages use and the awareness on personal rights are basic for strengthening ethnic identity, and for a cultural emancipation from majority.

A multi-ethnic society should provide equal opportunities to access public services, removing the direct exclusion factors. SIMPLE defines a governance model for public Authorities and other service providers, to overcome the barriers to service accessibility: the model guidelines provide evidence on the advantages and disadvantages of the possible governance options (with respect to different Adriatic contexts and local communities' needs) and propose as operational solution (service) the implementation of the Multilingual Supporting Agency, that improves local services accessibility through its multilingual experts and information. The Istria Region is the best context to test the service: the statutory bilingualism CRO-IT represents a good best practice to strengthen the cultural value of other communities languages. The model and service implementation and their potential transferring in other Adriatic Regions are supported by targeted capacity building actions: each Beneficiary will involve the local relevant stakeholders in intensive seminars and mainstreaming workshops.

TRANSNATIONAL TRAINING SEMINARS

ETHNIC IDENTITY: LANGUAGES DIVERSITY AND FAIR CITIZENS' SERVICES

4th March 2013, 9:00-17:00
Campitelli Square 1, 52210 Rovinj-Rovigno, Croatia

Moderator: Ambretta Medelin, President of the Committee for the Italian National Community Issues in the City of Rovinj-Rovigno

Seminar I - The language as identity in the Adriatic Countries

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| 9:00 – 9:30 | Arrival and registration of the participants |
| 9:30 – 10:00 | Welcome remarks <i>Gianclaudio Pellizzer, President of the Italian National Community of the City of Rovinj-Rovigno</i> <i>Marino Budicin, Deputy Mayor of the City of Rovinj</i> <i>Viviana Benussi, Vice-President of Istria Region</i> <i>Furio Radin, President of the Italian Union</i> |
| 10:00 – 10:10 | The Project S.I.M.P.L.E. for strengthening the minority rights in Adriatic Countries <i>Gabriele Di Marcantonio, Progetti Sociali s.r.l. Impresa Sociale</i> |
| 10:10 – 11:30 | Multilingualism, identities and their reflections on the daily respect of the minority rights <i>Franco Crevatin, Professor, University of Trieste</i> |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | Coffee-break |
| 12:00 – 12:40 | Bilingual families and children identity: issues and opportunities for the new generations <i>Maurizio Tremul, President of the Executive Board of the Italian Union</i> |
| 12:40 – 13:00 | Open discussion and final remarks |

Seminar II – Services' fair accessibility and linguistic issues: an Adriatic perspective

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| 14:00 – 14:15 | Opening remarks |
| 14:15 – 15:15 | Ethnic Minorities, language diversity and identities in the EU accession process <i>Snježana Vasiljević, University of Zagreb</i> |
| 15:15 – 16:15 | Overcoming the linguistic barriers for more accessible services: good practices in the Adriatic Countries <i>SIMPLE Projects Cross border Partners</i> |
| 16:15 - 17:00 | Open discussion and final remarks |

OPEN THEMATIC WORKSHOP

PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF LANGUAGE DIVERSITY IN THE ADRIATIC COUNTRIES

**5th March 2013, 9:00-
Campitelli Square 1, 52210 Rovinj-Rovigno, Croatia**

Moderator: Ambretta Medelin, President of the Committee for the Italian National Community Issues in the City of Rovinj-Rovigno

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| 9:00 - 9:30 | Registration |
| 9:30 – 9:45 | Welcome remarks and presentation of the SIMPLE project <i>Viviana Benussi, Vice-President of Istria Region</i> |
| 9:45 – 10:15 | Bilingualism, plurilingualism and fair accessible services: the experience of in the Istria Region <i>Rita Scotti Jurić, University of Pula</i> |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | Launch of the Guidelines for improving the accessibility of plurilingual services in the Adriatic Countries <i>Viviana Benussi, Vice-President of Istria Region</i> |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Case study: The multilingual support Agency in Rovinj-Rovigno <i>Ambretta Medelin, President of the Committee for the Italian National Community Issues in the City of Rovinj-Rovigno</i> |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Language diversity and accessible services: the minorities' perspectives <i>Cinzia Russi Ivančić – Italian minority</i> <i>Joze Kajtazi – Albanian minority</i> <i>Klaudija Velimirović – Slovenian minority</i> <i>SIMPLE Partners</i> |
| 12:30 – 13:00 | Q&A and closing remarks |