***SLOVAKIA***

***Building trust and connecting pre-school with different actors within the local community***

***UNDERSTANDING ETHNIC GROUPS BEHAVIOR***

**Learning objective**

Participants will apply in an analysis of sociological survey data, the concepts described in the chapter “Understanding ethnicity and ethnic groups”: levels of identities, survival unit, ethnic groups characteristics received through Birth or Choice, stereotypes and prejudices.

**Time**

45-60 minutes

**Process**

Trainer forms small groups of 3-5 persons, give them as handout the excerpts chosen from a sociological study, “Barometer of Ethnic Relations”, disseminated in November 2001 by the Center for Ethno Cultural Diversity, a Romanian NGO, located in Cluj, Transylvania, a multi-ethnic region inhabited mainly by Romanians, Hungarians and Roma.

The study was developed as an instrument that analyzes the dynamics of interethnic relations in Romania, by measuring perceptions, identifying stereotypes, evaluating policies, legislation and other political events impact on the interethnic relations.

Trainer asks the groups to analyze the data and report in plenary. Depending how much time the trainer devotes to this exercise, the following questions may be answered by participants:

* How were identified the layers of identity and the survival unit?
* How would you interpret the results? Why are differences of perceptions among the three ethnic groups?
* What were the main characteristics of the ethnic identity? Are they perceived similarly by the ethnic group and by the outsider groups? What did you tell you the differences in perceptions of the same characteristics among insiders and outsiders, among different ethnic groups? Where would you place the characteristics along the Birth-Choice continuum?
* How would you explain the differences in perceptions about ethnic group qualities? Do you identify stereotypes and prejudices? Do you identify the need for self-esteem?

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**Annex to Tool 1: STATISTICAL DATA**

In November 2001 the Center for Ethno Cultural Diversity, a Romanian NGO, located in Cluj, Transylvania, a multi-ethnic region inhabited mainly by Romanians, Hungarians and Roma disseminated the “Barometer of Ethnic Relations” study results. The study was developed as an instrument that analyzes the dynamics of interethnic relations in Romania, by measuring perceptions, identifying stereotypes, evaluating policies, legislation and other political events impact on the interethnic relations.

The following are the main choices of the three ethnic groups, answering the survey questions:

**From the following statements what are those that describe best your identity?**

The answers show the first choices of respondents from the three ethnic groups.

**In order to be considered Romanian what is most important?**

The answers show the first choices of respondents from the three ethnic groups.

**In order to be considered Hungarian what is most important?**

The answers show the first choices of respondents from the three ethnic groups.

**In order to be considered Roma what is most important?**

The answers show the first choice of respondents from the three ethnic groups.

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**Chose from the list of characteristics the first three that you think are the main characteristics of Romanians**

**Chose from the list of characteristics the first three that you think are the main characteristics of Hungarians**

**Chose from the list of characteristics the first three that you think are the main characteristics of Roma people**