



NATIONAL GATHERING REPORT



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Organization in charge of co-implementing the activity:

Amrita OBK Association

Date of the Gathering:

07.15-16 .2022

Place:

Central European University Budapest (CEU) - Hungary

Hosting institution:

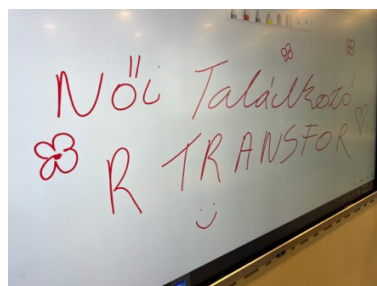
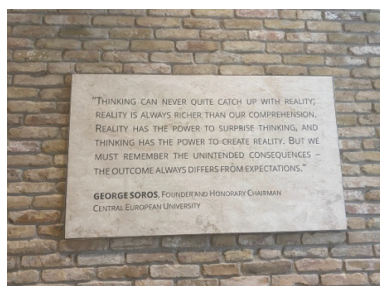
The meeting was held in Budapest at CEU, the Central European University.

The Central European University is one of the best universities in Hungary and offers great opportunities for students.

Most Roma girls don't even know about this opportunity and don't have the skills and education needed to enter.

We managed to invite some friends who told the girls all the necessary information about this university.

The girls had the chance to visit the building and meet some of the students studying there. Accommodation was also arranged for them in the dormitory of this university.

**1- PREPARATION PHASE BEFORE THE GATHERING****Dates of meetings with NCC pre-Gathering:**

We had 8 online meeting before the gathering with the team also personal meeting with the university staff and with the leader of the dormitory and the restaurant we had dinner with all participant.

**Date of the meetings: 2022 April 20**

- Reflection on the first meeting
- Talking about experiments of staff
- Brain storming on the date, place and topic

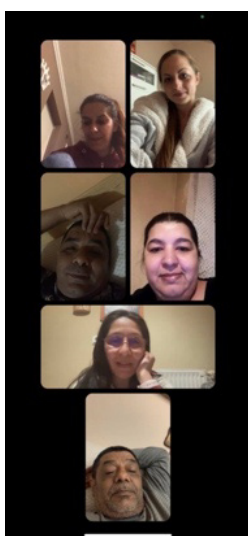
The first meeting to organize the second gathering was a joint assessment. The girls who participated in the first gathering were discussed their experiences and we tried to avoid any problems this time. We explored the possibility of when and where to organize the next meeting. We discussed who would be selected for the next meeting.



2022.05.04

Location: Messenger

Choosing the date for the second meeting
 Choosing a venue
 Selection criteria for participants
 Assignment of tasks and responsibilities
 Discuss the regularity of online meetings
 Choosing the date for the second meeting (end of Jun till mid July)
 Choosing a venue (Budapest or Miskolc)
 Selection criteria for participants (women with fee opportunity and some role models)
 Assignment of tasks and responsibilities (Ibolya, Anikó, Roland, Rubi, Zoli, Janos) Discuss the regularity of online meetings (as its need it mostly in evening hours)



2022.05.20

Location: Messenger

The location of the meeting was chosen from the proposed places what we put together as an option.
 We agree to call the accommodation and request date and prices
 Get a offer from the restaurant and book it for the date.
 Make a budget for the whole meeting.
 Create the graphic design what will be printed on the relevant gifts for the girls.
 Collect a list of souvenirs and request a quote from the suppliers.



2022.05.24

Location: Messenger

Meeting date : Julius 15-16

Location: Ceu conference room / dormitory in the CEU dormitory there will be a swimming pool, gym and sauna for use.

Breakfast in the CEU dormitory on the 16th for those who sleeps over.

Arrival: 15 July 12- 12:30 pm

The programme runs from 13-17 on the 15th

Dinner afterwards for which venues can be suggested below

Topics:

A, After the extracurricular covid (advantages, limits, how to compensate for these disadvantages?)

B, The effects of a Ukran haboru (employment, work,)

C, Other ideas on the subject are welcome,

Applications are invited for group leadership and topics ideas for group discussion

To view the list of invited participants !!!!(until May 27)

Ideas for dinner place should be suggested and checked !

Trofea ,humus bar ,etc ...write to us where you would like to eat

Responsibilities: videos, questions, finalize the list of the group's responsibilities by 15 June at the latest

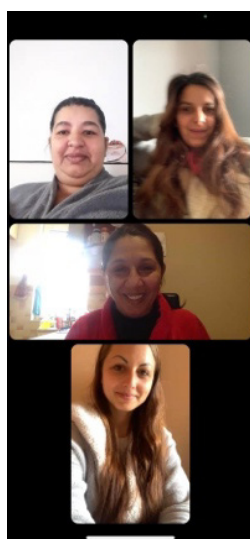
Facilities: 2 large rooms, swimming pool, sauna, gym, etc.

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 Breakfast
 Videos with the girls
 Free time on the dormitory
 Evaluation for the remaining ones

Inventing or drawing a symbol of the event, which will be put on the (bag, pen, pencil...) brochure, on the folders.
 (deadline is 10 of jun)

Indicate your travel expenses and send us the approximate amount to Zoli on his email!
 Indication of your accommodation needs for the evening of 15 July.
 Next meeting for all those who want to attend the meeting must participate in the online meeting : May 27th at 18.00

The program, topics and much more is not final, you have the possibility to shape it, please send us what you want by May 27 and share it with all of us at the 6pm meeting!



2022.06.09

Location: Messenger

Project implementation tasks-responsible persons:

- Shopping (coffee, tea, soft drinks, scones, sandwiches, fruit, etc,
 - Talk coordinators (report on the talk)
 - Role models(5-10 minutes presentation/ discussion on the topic)
 - Administrator: attendance sheets, administering travel expenses, paying, collecting invoices for the event)
 - Media videos, making tips, answering questions
- Notes (topics discussed, etc): Image to be design (Bogi, Vera, Rubi) Meetingroom (Anikó)
 Back - Pak (Anikó)



2022.06.16

Location :Messenger

Action points:

Assignments:

Topic coordinat

or whose job: keeping the group on topic, helping with questions and making sure everyone contributes!

There are 2 topics Rubi you already signed up, which one do you want? Are there any applicants for the other one?

Notes (topics discussed, etc):

For the panel we expect role models : Their task is to prepare 5-10 minutes about their life path / themselves and to share information about the topics with the participants. This can be in the form of a conversation, a lecture or whatever you like.

There could be several people here: so far Rubi, Balogh Bogi and Iváncsik Fanni, Jancsi you mentioned to ask some people, get back to us if they can come, participate and have dinner with us? This also needs to be finalized by June 25th at the latest!

We need a list of invited guests ! Please, if someone can't come or wants to invite someone who will definitely come, please let me know by 25 June!

- Shopping (coffee, tea, soft drinks, scones, sandwiches , fruit , etc,
- Klaudi Fanni has offered to ask and write down what you can buy for how much, please write this down by 25 June!
- Administrator: attendance sheets, travel expenses administration, payment, collecting invoices from the event, collecting summaries of meetings) Zoli this task I would recommend you, if it's good so until June 25th report back - Zoli this task for you, if it's good so - Zoli this task for you, if it's good so until June 25th report back -

- Making media videos, writing questions, compiling videos about the programme.
- Roland this is for you, if it's good enough to get back to me by 25 June

Design for the invitation for the event : here we are looking for ideas from all participants that reflect the 2nd meeting and are related to the project, this will be on the invitation, programme and objects : Vera , Rubi, Bogi O you have indicated that you are happy to work with it. This is very important and urgent! Write me your e-mail and I will send you some examples as ideas

I look forward to your feedback



2022.06.28

Location :Messenger

Action points:

Notes (topics discussed, etc):

Logistics meeting:

Where to meet girls from the countryside?

Who buys the drinks and snacks for the breaks ?

Who will take the videos and photos of the event?

Will you prepare the summaries?

Who will help with the dinner chaperones and who will help with the dormitory. Will you help out the next day ? Who pays for tickets for travel for participants? Who does the administration , registration?



2022.07.08

Location :Messenger

Action points:

Notes (topics discussed, etc):

Logistics meeting:

Women's Meeting

Date :2022.07.15

Location:Bp Nádor 15 1st floor 101 room (Ceu)

12-12:30 Arrival

12:30-13:00 opening

13:00-17:00 official program

17:00-17:30 evaluation

from 18:00 dinner (Trofea restaurant)

Theme :Impact of the Ukrainian war!

Podium:(in the form of a discussion or a lecture

Next day

Meeting after breakfast

Making a video with the girls

Travel and reimbursement of expenses

Evaluation

Journey home

Staff Member(s) involved:

Anna Orsós,

Imre Roland,

Orsós Miklós

Zoltan Orsós

NCC Member(s) involved:

Wenczler Ibolya,

Katalin Csabai

Rubina Imola Malek

Locations: Hungary Budapest Central European University Budapest (CEU)

Evidences: Photos, invoice, signatures

Action Points: Opening, group discussion, coffee break, presentation, conclusion, celebration

Notes: Place, date, participant, program topics, role models, experts, logistic



The second Women's Meeting was held at the Central European University in Budapest. The venue and topics were chosen through online meetings. The number and composition of participants varied. The main reason for this continues to be COVID-19 and of course the need to earn a living and season summer work. No matter how hard we tried to choose the best time, there was always something that made some participants unable to attend.

We tried to invite and address women with few opportunity to express their views on public issues. They chose a very important topic and it was very important that they were heard and that their message was passed. Our topic was the impact of the war in Ukraine and its consequences on our daily lives and access to services.

2- ACTIVITY IMPLEMENTATION: THE GATHERING

[Please describe the Gathering and give details of the event, evidencing with numbers and quotes from participants (testimonies) in the gathering the day.]

Title of the main conference: Rt transform Second Women Gathering in Hungary

Topics that emerged or were asked by participants after the conference

After the meeting, the girls naturally asked when the project would continue. The younger generation expressed a strong desire to receive quality foreign language training to help them progress in school, study in another country, have the opportunity to interact with Roma women in other countries, work on international projects and find better paying jobs.

Provide detail about the composition of the table of role models



Imola Rubina Malek economist consultant, Bogdán Klaudia International Relations Department Assistant, Boda Laura A senior student at an Italian-language secondary school who has applied to university in Budapest to study communication, Péterné Boda graduate dada, Wenzler Ibohya Mum of four, full-time mother.

Who joined the table of role models:

Student coordinator from Romaversitas , who is help students to choose the right school during the summer camp, teachers, graduated university student, faith educator, mothers, community leaders. They all contribute to the wonderful fruitful meeting in July.



Questions that were tackled

How has the war in Ukraine affected your daily life in economic, health, housing, education and employment terms?



3- IMPACT OF THE GATHERING

To help measure impact, the conclusions and collating information from surveys or post Gathering meetings need to be explained]

Roma women and girls' engagement in the activity as participants and role models: [explain how many of them participated, and their profile. Explain also why were they chosen]

Role models:



Imola Rubina Malek : *is 28 years old and graduated from the Corvinus University of Budapest with a Master's degree in Business Development. She was introduced to the other participants because of her background and success in school. Imola is being raised by her mother alone with her brother. Because of their financial situation, she wanted to leave high school and go to work to help her mother and brother. Fortunately, she met young people from Amrita who helped her find a free personal teacher and scholarship support for her studies.*

Bogdán Klaudia: Klaudia has come from difficult circumstances to work as an International Relations Department Assistant. She graduated from Ambedkar School, worked in a hair salon and a restaurant before that. She was invited to talk about her current work, the importance of learning the language and the difficulties she experienced as a child in the institution.

Boda Laura: Laura is a senior student at an Italian-language high school who has applied to study communication at the University of Budapest. Laura is a role model for girls who want to continue their studies. During the talks, she managed to convince mothers that girls should be allowed to go to other cities or even countries to study for a better future.

Wenzcler Ibolya: Ibolya is the mother of four children and an active participant in our project. She is enthusiastic about working on NCC tasks and formulating proposals with us. She has played an important role in the discussions as she was the example who discouraged girls from **choosing early childbearing instead of school. At the same time, she showed that even if it happens, you can still come back to the community and talk about important things and make suggestions for those who can make a difference.**

Boda Péterné: Zsuzsi represented the role of an ordinary mother, talking about the difficulties a woman has to face in raising a family without proper education. She presented a list of training courses that she had completed through the employment centers with very good results and still had not managed to get a job in any of the positions. He made suggestions that job centers should not only train people, but also create jobs after the training.

Number of organizations and social agents forming part of the local network:

Leadership capacity of the organization in charge of co-implementing the activity:

5 core people including our NCC member, we have long common experiments working together and knowing the community very well. The locality of the staff helps us to have cover the work need it for the preparation face and implementation.

They play active role on helping to find participant after some stepping back , because of Covid and expresses. Logistical implementation of the program, making videos and images. They were actively involved in organizing the participants' travel, accommodation and administration

Engagement of key stakeholders:



Our invited guest was the student coordinator of Romaversitas , who is help the students to choose the right school during the summer camp. Hes task was to explain the further education opportunities and conditions available in Budapest. He also shared information and services to help the girls who have been accepted into the schools to successfully complete their studies.

We also invited speakers from the CEU faculty and from Ukraine who, due to the summer break or illness, cancelled their attendance at the meeting.

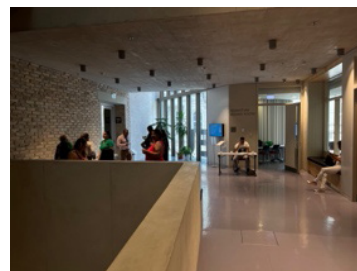
Dissemination in the local/regional/national media

During the meeting, we presented the whole project to the participants and CEU s staff during the planning phase, also by e-mail. We made backpacks with the project logo and pens and flyers that were distributed during the meeting.



Conclusions of the Gathering: The conclusions are a summary of the working groups' interventions, which are written by a secretary, and the reflections which are shared among all participants in the last part of the RWSG.]

The impact of the Ukrainian War on our everyday life



In Hungary, the situation of the poor has always been more neglected than in other EU countries, especially nowadays because of the current crisis situation, where food prices are rising week by week, people have lost their jobs or have incomes so low that they cannot afford even basic food.



They have no money left to pay their utility bills, or to maintain their homes, so the increased utility bills have completely impoverished people who previously had no problem.

Those living below the minimum subsistence level (80% of the Roma population) are starving, sick and waiting for the winter in unheated and unpowered homes.

Public assistance, job creation is lagging behind, while inflation in Hungary has reached 40-60% (**Food 35.2%, Household energy, heating 62.1%**)

Suggestions for solutions:



"I feel very comfortable at the meetings organised by Amrita because I feel like we are talking about the problem and doing something about it. What would make the meetings more effective, in my opinion, would be to invite more experts who have a better insight into these issues, for example from a ministry or a sympathetic political party.

Proposals to the government (with plenty of EU funding this could be done):

- put a limit on food growth
- raise the limits on the amount of electricity (210) and gas (140)
- set a time limit for these laws e.g. reducing overheads to 2023.
- Exempting people living below the minimum per capita of 1 from this law
- Instead of building a stadium, create facilities that create declared jobs for the underprivileged

Proposals to the Amrita OBK Association:

- Conduct surveys and statistics on the extent to which people in our country are affected by the crisis, e.g. how many people cannot afford to pay their utility bills and therefore turn off their heating and cook and bathe less (or

do not cook and bathe with running water but only in labor), switch to a filling solution, how many people become unemployed, how many small businesses go bankrupt, how many people become homeless. Submitting the above proposals to the government backed up by these statistics.

Please, explain in detail the main conclusions of the event, and those remarks that will be disseminated among stakeholders regarding”

“My name is Irma Horváthová, a married middle-aged gypsy woman with 4 children, who stands by her principles and who hopes that one day the gypsy people will be accepted as a people of the nation, not just as a minority group. I fight against stereotyping and oppression.”

Responsibilities towards the state: housing, health, education and employment.

Build terraced houses for disadvantaged families with Eus funding, with electricity, water, bathrooms where children can sit down, do their homework, where the family can sit at a table and have lunch. Build community centres where young people can come together to reduce crime, have tutors and mentors in the community centres to help young people with homework, organise free thinking sessions etc. Organise sessions for parents on how to deal with teenagers so that parents can make their children feel that they are important to them.

Also with EU funding, build factories where the analphabet people can get jobs to support their families decently, get decent wages so they don't need to rely on state aid, so they can avoid hunger, burglary, theft, truancy, because they would have money to buy clothes, shoes, food and buy medicines.

Some medicines, which are mainly antibiotics, could be the least expensive. This way the parent could also redeem the medicine sooner rather than waiting for the aid to arrive and then redeem it.

The training was very good full of good information and small games. What she missed was that there was not enough time to break down some of the topics and that there were not enough young girls (16-18). And could grandmothers be involved who are more experienced and could one person from each sphere be invited (a nurse, a family worker, a teacher, a police officer etc.)”

“Wenczler Ibolya I am 35 years old
I am currently a full-time mother of 4 children.

Suggestions: to carry out a regional survey of qualifications and previous work experience, with the involvement of local government and employment centres, to set up direct courses and job creation, possibly including a monthly allowance, to help participants to find work in the area after completing the training and course education Restoring compulsory schooling to 18 years of age

Assessment of the level of knowledge and lesson plan according to this assessment free language courses for interested students organizing more public conferences in the area concerned. compiling an informative printed booklet looking for partners or working with NGOs actually building a network I think to get a real picture of the country

“I am Péterné Boda. I live in Mánfa. I am married with two children. I am currently unemployed.

To this day I try to do everything I can to find work more easily. I am taking training courses, such as:

In 1996 a training as a Social Assistant, in 2017 a training as a Nursery Nurse, in July this year a training as a Shop Assistant and Commercial Sales.

I see the easiest way to make a living in life is to learn , and that if you do one training course, it may be easier to get from one to the other , which unfortunately is not quite the case nowadays.
There are many problems that people face and I and my family feel this very much in everyday life.

One such is medical care, which is unfortunately a disaster in this country. Whatever tests you want, you have to wait months for an appointment. The rise in food prices, which already far exceeds Western prices, and, at the same time, salaries here are a disaster. The job situation, which has not been easy, with the rise in gas and electricity and fuel, is the reason given by all employers for not considering new staff, who would be happy not to have to lay off existing staff. There are a number of areas that need big big changes in my opinion. Such as: Quality education for our children, Patient care, Providing jobs for those who want them.

Salaries, and I don't mean millions, just enough so that you don't have a problem paying your rent every day. to give their families what they need (fruit, vegetables, clothing...)

And the humanity, the empathy, which has been lost in this difficult situation, would return.

These programs that I participated in this summer are very important. Roma women come together from all over the country, they live in different situations, and yet our lives intersect at many points.

Talking together about everyday problems, finding out their remedies, talking, reconnecting a little bit. Being a little bit liberated again. That is why I find these meetings important and valuable.”

Participation appreciation for the contribution:



As a appreciation to take active part of the second women gathering, we thank to all individually who helped us to have smoot and fruitful afternoon with positive feelings and hope. We invite them to take their individual certificate for memory.

Celebration of the first meeting

We celebrated the meeting by listening to each other, exchanging information, making suggestions and an evening of informal discussion and a dinner at a very nice place in Budapest where everyone could eat whatever they wanted.

