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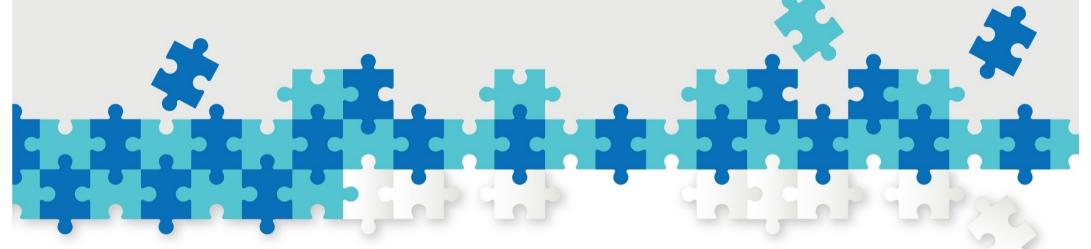
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## PREVENT ROMA DISCRIMINATION **PROVIDING MEDIATION SKILLS TO POLICE OFFICERS**





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The PROACTIVE project aims to provide social mediation skills to first line Greek police officers, focusing on fighting discrimination and at the same time on the implementation of policies that prevent the social exclusion of the vulnerable group of the Roma.

Through the development and application of an innovative participatory social mediation and preventive security framework, the project seeks to enhance the role of police officers as an integral part of the "social chain", highlighting the role of trained Roma mediators.



STRONG SOCIAL CHAIN
Working together to create
secure local societies

#### **KEY COMPONENTS**

## Identification of existing perceptions – Locating Stereotypes

Identification of existing beliefs and perceptions of the members of Roma communities as far as police officers are concerned and of the police officers regarding the Roma, in 4 target areas across Greece (Attica, Peloponnese, Central Greece, Central Macedonia), in order to develop a tailor-made methodology.

# Training of 360 fist-line police officers on social mediation and preventive security issues

Implementation of 21 police training seminars, in different target areas across Greece with increased Roma population, with the participation for the first time at national level of Roma Mediators — trained as part of the European ROMED project, as co-trainers of the police officers.

Roma social mediation is an initiative undertaken by the European Commission and the Council of Europe which resulted in more than 100 trained members of Greek Roma communities as mediators.

Protecting vulnerable social groups, understanding and meeting their existing needs are within the scope of responsibility of Police Authorities. Social mediation can be an effective means of accomplishing their preventive role.

# Pilot implementation: Creation of Local Action Groups in selected / target areas, to promote preventive security issues

Promoting and enhancing the relationships of trust in the field, through the development of Local Action Groups, with the participation of representatives of the local authorities and relevant services, the Roma communities and the trained police officers.



## Impact assessment – Develop Public Policy Recommendations

Impact assessment, focusing on the behavioral change of the trained police officers and the members of Roma communities, who participated in the project, with a focus on their relationships, existing attitudes and perceptions.