

CLLD Quality Audit – Overview by Nevo Parudimos

We applied the CLLD Quality Audit scorecards for phase 1 (preparation), in 6 Local Action Groups and 7 localities. The Quality Audit for another 4 LAGs and localities in rural areas is still in process.

The first conclusions are:

- Roma NGOs lack information about the CLLD process.
- There is a need of information and capacity building for Roma NGOs from Romania concerning LEADER and CLLD.
- There is a need of representation of Roma in the LAGs and in the bodies that prepare the new programming period guidelines and strategies both in rural and urban CLLD.
- There is a need to reduce the co-funding obligation for civil society to 0%.
- The proposal of quality active measures for the new strategies of the LAGs was well received by the LAG management teams, but further research should be conducted in order to analyze how many of the new strategies included these measures.
- The management teams of the LAGs need Roma NGOs for dialogue and cooperation. Roma NGOs can help to involve the Roma community members in the planning process for new strategies.
- A sharing of good practices between the management team of LAGs would be very helpful for the LAGs.

There it is still an important need to inform and capacitate Roma civil society in order to be able to become a real dialogue partner for the Local Action Groups in order to increase the involvement of Roma in the new planning process and implementing process for the next strategies.

There is a need to work on the implementation of the CLLD principles and how the Local Action Groups understand those principles for the creation of the new strategies. Unfortunately, the Roma communities are still hard to reach and the principle to work with them is still up to down.

The national meeting and also the local meetings with the management teams of the LAGs were considered a success, because both the national bodies and the local actors would like to see a stronger and more organized voice of the Roma community.

