

**Summer Workshops Camp - social skills development camp for  
Roma youth from Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia,  
3.8 - 8.8.2024  
project evaluation**

### **Introduction**

This year, for the second time, we successfully organized a summer camp in Warsaw, Poland, aimed at Roma youth from the Visegrad countries. The camp provided young people not only with the opportunity to meet and get to know each other but also with a space to develop personal and social skills. In this evaluation, we will examine the different aspects of the camp, including organization, program content, atmosphere, and feedback from participants. Our goal is to highlight what went well, identify areas for improvement, and prepare for future editions.

### **Evaluation of activities by camp participants**

Participants had the opportunity to evaluate the activities. They assessed the quality of the program, whether their expectations were met, their favorite activity at the camp, the importance of organizing such events for young Roma, and what skill they take home that they learned at the summer workshop camp.

### **Summary of questionnaire questions and predicted results**

#### 1. Participation in last year's camp

Most participants did not attend last year's camp. Only participants from Slovakia, from the organization ETP Slovensko, attended last year's summer workshop camp with the same group.

#### 2. How much were you looking forward to this year's summer workshop camp?

Participants rated their excitement for this year's camp on a scale from 1 to 10, with one being the least excited and ten being the most excited. The results give us an idea of how positively participants anticipated the camp. The most common responses ranged between 7-10, indicating that participants were very much looking forward to the summer workshop camp.

#### 3. Participation in the summer workshop camp for the first time

We found that most participants were attending the summer workshop camp for the first time, except for participants from Slovakia who attended the camp in the same group for the second time.

#### 4. Participants' expectations

Participants mainly expected to learn new things, acquire new skills and competencies, and meet new people.

5. What were you most looking forward to when you found out you would be attending this year's summer workshop camp?

- a) The camp leaders
- b) Friendships I experienced last year
- c) The great program prepared for us
- d) New friendships

Participants had the opportunity to choose multiple answers. The most common responses were that they were looking forward to new friendships they would build at the camp, the camp leaders, and the great program prepared by the leaders.

6. What were your expectations when you arrived at the summer workshop camp?

Most participants answered that they wanted to meet new people from other countries, experience different Roma cultures from other countries, and were looking forward to good games.

7. Were your expectations met?

The answers (yes, no, partially, not at all) give us an idea of how well the camp met participants' expectations. Out of 24 participants, 15 answered yes, and 9 answered partially. The conclusion is that participants' expectations were largely met.

8. Evaluation of the quality of the program we prepared

Participants rated the quality of the program on a scale from 1 to 10, with 1 being the least satisfied and 10 being the most satisfied. This data helps us assess how the program was rated from the participants' perspective. One participant rated their satisfaction as 1, two participants rated it 6, four participants rated it 7, five rated it 8, six rated it 9, and six rated it 10. From these results, we can conclude that the participants rated the quality of the program highly.

9. Which activity did you like the most?

This question shows us which activities had the most impact and which aspects of the program were most appreciated. The most common responses were quiz games, evening games, dancing, and bingo.

10. Do you think it is important to organize such events for young Roma?

All 24 participants answered yes. These responses make it clear that participants find these events valuable and beneficial.

11. If yes, why?

Participants most often answered that it is important for young Roma to meet and get to know each other.

12. How can young people from other V4 countries enrich you?

The most common responses were related to language, traditions, exchange of experiences, and values.

13. Do you think participants of the summer workshop camp have the same opportunities in their countries?

Answers to this question help us understand how the camp might reflect participants' conditions at home. Out of 24 participants, only two did not respond. Eight of the 24 participants felt that they had equal opportunities in their countries, while 14 felt that they did not.

14. If not, can you write down a few points on how they don't have equal opportunities?

We did not receive many responses to this question, but a few included lack of support in their countries, limited financial resources for travel, and not everyone having access to a warm meal daily.

15. What skill will you take home with you?

This question gives us an idea of what specific skills or experiences participants are taking away from the camp and how they can apply these skills in their daily lives. Some participants mentioned that they learned to communicate with others without knowing their language, others learned to understand the culture of Roma from other V4 countries, and still others said that the summer workshop camp helped them realize they do not have to be ashamed of who they are in terms of their ethnicity.

### **Evaluation of supervisors' activities and study conclusions**

This section included an evaluation of the program and the level of engagement of the trainers in organizing the camp. It is important to communicate the goals of the meetings when carrying out tasks. All the trainers surveyed agreed that the organizers clearly communicated the goals to be achieved during the camp. Additionally, the survey shows that, according to caregivers, all goals were met.

In group work, mutual communication and cooperation between partners is important. The group of supervisors rated the level of cooperation as very good. It is difficult to achieve success without one's own contribution. Respondents were asked to indicate their level of engagement in project activities. Based on the survey results, we can assume that all supervisors were very committed to ensuring that the goals were achieved. The project, among other things, aimed to gain new skills, competencies, and boost self-confidence. All but one tutor indicated that the skills acquired during the camp should be useful to participants in their daily lives. The trainers were fully prepared for the activities.

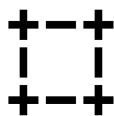
### **Recommendations**

Based on the conducted evaluation research and analysis of empirical material, it can be concluded that the activities of the Summer Camp fully achieved their goals. It is worth noting that both participants and partners rated the entire camp very highly. Feedback from the survey

included improving food for participants (some participants did not like pierogi) and choosing a more private setting for future camps, exclusively for summer workshop camp participants. Otherwise, we can conclude that participants enjoyed the entire summer camp and are looking forward to future editions.

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