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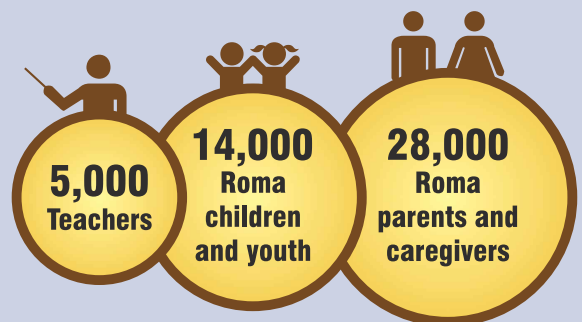
OVERVIEW

The latest census in Slovakia (2011) shows that 2% of the population self-identified as Roma, the second largest ethnic minority in Slovakia after Hungarians. However, unofficial sources say that Roma represent 7.5% of Slovak inhabitants. In response to growing extremism in the country over the last decade, the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport has recommended that secondary schools and institutions offer activities aimed to prevent racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, extremism and other forms of intolerance through excursions to concentration camps and commemorative places of the Holocaust in Slovakia and the region. Nevertheless, the implementation is lacking and according to the Slovak Public Defender of Rights, in 2013 Roma represented over 88% of pupils in special education classes and schools surveyed.

Early school leaving of Roma from secondary schools is very high; while only 35% of Roma students enroll in secondary schools, only about 19% graduate. UNDP figures further indicate that only 2% of working age Roma (aged 15-65) have completed the Matura exam which must be passed in order to apply to a university or other institutions of higher education, and enrollment in tertiary education is below 1%.

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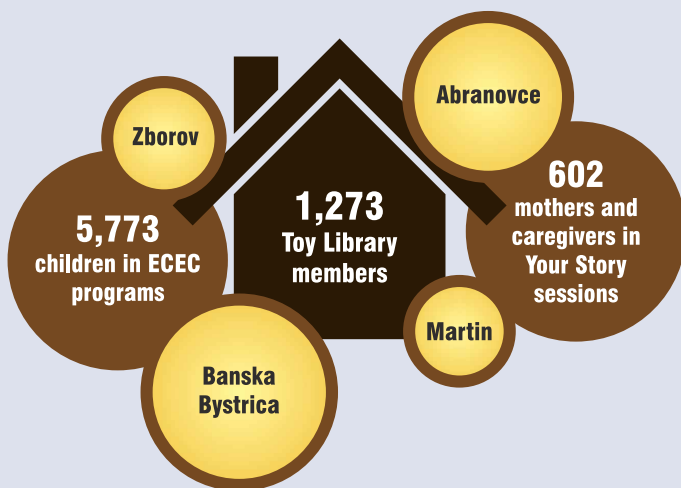
PROJECTS SUPPORTED AND FINANCED IN 2017-2018

Educational level	Project	Grantee / Implemented by
Early childhood education and care	A Good Start	Equal Chances Association County Association of Romani Initiatives, KARI Union
Secondary education	Support of Roma Secondary School Students – Scholarship program	Roma Education Fund
Tertiary education	Tertiary Education Scholarship Program	Roma Education Fund

PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2017-2018

Project	Financed by
Pedagogy Scholarship Program (Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia)	VELUX Foundations

Early childhood education and care



Primary education



Secondary education



Tertiary education

