



## THE EUROPEAN WERGELAND CENTRE & EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS 2014 - 2022

- EWC has worked with the EEA and Norway Grants since 2010 in **9 out of 15 beneficiary countries**
- Today: **14 projects within education**
- Focus on developing a **democratic culture**
- Large- to small-scale projects (1-3 years), from 10 000 to 1.5 million EUR
- 8 pre-defined & 6 open calls
- Funding via a range of programmes and mechanisms:
  - *Local Development, Poverty Reduction, Social Inclusion / Roma Inclusion* (4)
  - *Education Programme* (2)
  - *Active Citizenship Fund* (4)
  - *Human rights* (1)
  - *Cultural Programme* (1)
  - *Funds for Bilateral Relations* (2)



## Our role

- EWC expertise highlighted in several Memorandum of Understandings
- EWC acts as both project promoter and project partner
- We have a wide range of partners, including national authorities, program operators and civil society organisations
- We maintain dialogue and inform decision-makers
- Development of innovative models for training in democratic citizenship
- Holistic training offer: practice, feedback and follow-up
- Promote Norwegian education practice and policy
- Document experiences from practice and inform project operators (PO)
- Facilitate collaboration through EWC's European network

# Promoting inclusive, safe & democratic schools

## **Greece** - Integration of refugee students in Greek schools

- EWC: project promoter. Partner: Ministry of Education of Greece
- Whole-school approach: trainings of teachers and school management, home-school cooperation in all 13 regions of Greece
- Regional networks: hubs for civil society working with schools
- New manual for use in classrooms around the country
- Potential to transfer knowledge to other countries, supporting the integration of refugees from Ukraine

## **Slovakia** - Strengthen inclusive schools

- EWC partners with education authorities
- Aims to support teachers in promoting inclusion and diversity in schools
- Training of teacher trainers in Oslo and Slovakia
- Developing high-quality learning materials relevant to local context





# Capacity building of teachers

## **Romania** - Training program on inclusion and diversity

- Partner: Romanian Social Development Fund
- Capacity building and study visits in Oslo
- Online course in local language
- Training with self-reflection on one's own bias, interactive methods, concrete action plans, home-school cooperation
- Network building (learning communities) and teacher-to-teacher peer support

## **Romania** - Teacher course on inclusion

- Training for teachers in disadvantaged areas with large proportion of Roma children
- Exchange of experiences and competence development

## **Croatia** - Capacity building in STEM and digital citizenship

- STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
- Combined competence development in STEM subjects and digital citizenship
- Focus on artificial intelligence and the role it plays in young people's lives (digital skills)







## Strengthening public institutions

### **Romania** - Raising the competence of teacher training institutions

- Competence development within democratic and inclusive culture in schools, aimed at teacher-training institutions
- National courses for teachers on inclusion in schools (several accredited)
- Networking conference

### **Czech Republic** - Establishing the Roma and Sinti Center

- EWC supports the establishment of the Roma and Sinti Center in Prague
- Assists in the development of the Center's educational offer for school students
- Supports the competence development of the Centre's educators
- Facilitates study visits

### **Slovakia** - New training centre for Roma language and culture

- EWC as "sparring partner"
- Planning and conceptualisation of a new center for Roma language and culture together with Slovakia's National Institute of Education

# Building resilience & competences of young people

## **Poland** - "Fighting antisemitism, xenophobia and racism now"

- Partner: POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews
- Focuses on hate speech and challenges connected to it
- Aims to increase awareness and knowledge about hate speech, as well as strengthen skills and attitudes to prevent it

## **Poland** - "Youth for the City, City for Youth"

- Partner: City of Lublin
- Strengthens young people's resilience when handling crisis; reinforces their ability and confidence to participate in public life
- Encourages youth engagement
- Aimed at young people in Poland and Norway, including young refugees from Ukraine







## Capacity building of civil society organizations

### **Poland** - How to address controversial issues

- Training for civil society organizations in a climate of shrinking civic space
- Training in how teachers can handle controversial topics (focus on gender and equality)
- Exchange of experience about the Norwegian curriculum and education system

### **Lithuania** - Training of civil society organizations

- Strengthen the role of civil society in education
- Focus on improving cooperation with education authorities
- Seminar on integration of Ukrainian refugees

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