

Work Package 5 Briefing Paper: Researching Marginalised Minorities in Higher Education Institutions

Objectives

1. To develop Roma Education Fund (REF) expertise on barriers and enablers for marginalised minorities in European higher education through visiting and exchanging knowledge with Seville, Umeå and Sussex.
2. To apply REF's specialist knowledge to specific country contexts.

Description:

1. Secondment of three teams (each 1ER and 1 ESR) from Roma Education Fund to academic partners.
2. Conducting empirical research of institutional policy, practices and experience of the inclusion of marginalised minorities in higher education participation through interviews and documentary analysis.
3. Identification of future initiatives to support widening participation of Roma students in European higher education.

Deliverables: A series of three country-specific (Sweden, Spain, UK) research-informed briefing papers to be led by REF on issues for Roma people in accessing higher educational opportunities in European countries

Progress and Outputs:

- Garaz, S. & Petre, G. (2016). *Researching Marginalized Minorities in the UK Higher Education and the Case of Roma: Policies and Practice.*
- Garaz, S. & Notar, I. (2016). *Marginalized Minorities in Higher Education in Spain: Policies and Practice.*
- Idrizi, M. & Tomic, L. (2016). *Researching Marginalized Minorities in Higher Education in Sweden and the Case of Roma: Policies and Practice*

These are available at: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/education/cheer/researchprojects/rise/outputs>

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