

## **SYNTHESIS**

**of the positions taken by the main stakeholders' representatives for the project**

**“Creating an Observatory for Raising Awareness on the EU Social Inclusion Policy in the South-West Region of Romania”**

**in the interval January – February 2006  
for assessing the impact of the project in the targeted area**

**1. Giugea Nicolae  
Dolj County, Prefect**

*“... the project touches very sensitive aspects in our county as well as at regional level. In my opinion it has brought a valuable contribution to raising awareness for us, the authorities, on what has been done and must be further on done for improving the inclusion of poor people, ethnic minorities and people from rural areas in the economic and social life of our county...”*  
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**2. Nita Loredana  
Dolj County, Prefect Counselor**

*“... even before having implemented this project, we had plans about social inclusion strategies. What the project has particularly brought for new is synergizing these strategies with those of the Anti-Poverty Committee, also in charge with promoting social inclusion, as well as with the Regional Development Plan...”*  
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**3. Stanescu Dana  
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Coordinator**

*“...the need of such programs is more than welcomed in the Oltenia Region, especially that the phenomenon of social exclusion is one of the problems which can be encountered here. Among the reasons which lead to social exclusion I can mention the unemployment and ethnic exclusion. The project contributes in an active way to a deep understanding of this phenomenon and it brought a stimulation of the public concern in this respect...”*  
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**4. Mangra Mihail  
Dean of the Faculty of Technological Systems Management, Drobeta Turnu Severin,  
Mehedinti County**

*“... as one of the people involved in promoting social inclusion in the area I can appreciate the positive impact that the outputs of the project exerted on the stakeholders' mentalities. In our case, we have applied for extraplaces (via the positive discrimination promoted by the Ministry of Education and Research) for Roma students. I was also involved in promoting the present project to the local authorities in Mehedinti County...”*  
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**5. Caldararu Ramona  
School Inspectorate, Valcea County, Counselor on Roma issues**

*“...as a roma population representative, as well as in my position of counselor in the Valcea unit dealing with PHARE projects for ensuring access to education for the ethnic minorities, I*

*was very happy to take benefit from the project developed by the University of Craiova, the Observatory for Raising Awareness on the EU Social Inclusion Policy in the South-West Region of Romania. I appreciate the particular attention that has been paid for including the roma population and the roma representatives in the actions developed as well as the attention for including the roma people on a larger scale in the dialogue at regional level and in the educational system. ”*

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#### **6. Busoi Diana**

##### **School Inspectorate, Dolj County, General Inspector**

*“... I had the opportunity to participate to a couple of meetings where the project was presented and promoted, namely: the re-establishment of the Antipoverty and Combating Social Exclusion Commission, the project meeting regarding the Social Exclusion and the Education Level and the project meeting regarding the Social Exclusion in Rural Areas. I was very much pleased with the fact that the project has a global approach, touching and trying to bring together relevant information from many fields. On another hand, with the occasion of the project meeting dedicated to Social Exclusion and the Education Level, fortunately scheduled with our period for yearly basis general assembly, some of the project materials were distributed among the participants...”*

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#### **7. Neagoe Bacanu Daniel**

##### **“Forever for Europe” Association, NGO**

*“... what the project brought new to the regional landscape is the fact that the Observatory has involved in its meetings and discussions the voice and opinions of the representatives of Civil Society. We have developed a common action in the eve of the winter holidays for the poor children in one village affected by the floods in our county and we think this could be a good starting point for future actions aimed at fighting against the social exclusion of poor children in the region...”*

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#### **8. Marinas Laura**

##### **Ministry of Education and Research, Bucharest, Director, Human Resources Development Program**

*“...as a director dealing with the European Social Fund within the Ministry of Education and Research from Romania, in view of successfully implementing this Fund in Romania, the Observatory built by the University of Craiova already proved to be a good incubator for social partnerships in the region, that we can value for future actions and programs ... ”*

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#### **9. Iliescu Victor**

##### **National Council for Adults’ Professional Training, Bucharest, Director**

*“... the problem of social exclusion is one of the most acute problems of the Romanian society and not only. Regarding the Observatory, I was personally involved in elaborating some of the reports and I appreciate the high degree of concern of the project team. I also appreciate the strong regional insertion of the project, at least from educational point of view...”*

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#### **10. Cismaru Valentin**

**Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Valcea County, President**

*“... the University of Craiova acts as major provider for educational services in the Region of Oltenia. During the last period we developed together many actions. What was surprising for me was the very pragmatic and precise character of their actions, the activities related to this project (as I know) being an example in this respect...”*

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#### **11. Dobrin Daniela**

**Agency for Employment, Dolj County, Executive Director**

*“... we are glad to be a partner within this Project. I took the position of Executive Director when the project was already running, but due to the good connection with the coordinator we were able to synchronize our ideas. I was also glad to help the project in spreading the questionnaires to the other Employment Agencies within the SW Region and I would like to address many thanks to my colleagues mentioned below...”*

**Raduica Iulian, Agency for Employment, Valcea County, Director**

**Carloganu Cristian, Agency for Employment, Olt County, Director**

**Tilea Constantin, Agency for Employment, Gorj County, Director**

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#### **12. Petrencu Iulia**

**Officer, Craiova Penitentiary**

*“... I have taken part in the workshops organized by the University of Craiova within this project. I think that further attention should be paid to the social inclusion of persons leaving the penitentiaries in the Region, because they are at very high risk of social exclusion and repeating the delinquency incidents. The project took into account these needs and I hope that further interest will be paid...”*

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#### **13. Chiriac Cristian**

**Oltenia Archdioceses, Social Counselor**

*“... the University of Craiova is one of our traditional partners in projects pointing to social problems. The Archdioceses of Craiova took very serious its role in the partnership developed by the project and tried to fulfill its tasks, according to the project's scheduled activities. Acting as a major dissemination vector especially in the rural areas and being able to produce feed-back on the reality seen there (in connection to other projects, also), we are really glad that we contributed to shade new light on this very worrying problem of our society...”*

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#### **14. Stroe Ionut**

**Dolj County Direction for Youth, Director**

*“... the University of Craiova offered with this project a strong argument for building partnerships with diverse stakeholders. I estimate the project as being an example to be followed by other promoters that act in the field of combating social exclusion...”*

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### **15. Roy Colin Ackerley**

#### **Expert Human Resources Development for the Ministry of Labour**

*“... I had the opportunity to visit Craiova and to meet Prof. Rinderu and Assist. Prof. Gherghinescu. Despite the fact that the project was not directly introduced to me, I was able to remark at that moment and to comment now that there is built a strong partnership between different representative stakeholders in the area...”*

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### **16. Majina Ileana**

#### **Dolj County Council, Department for European Integration, Director**

*“... usually the institutions in the area propose all types of partnerships, for all types of projects. For this reason we are very selective in choosing the partnerships where to be involved. In this project we did not have any hesitation of being part of the team and the obtained results, until now, prove very clear that we were right...”*

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### **17. Chioralia Gheorghe**

#### **Real Inter Press Agency, Director**

*“... one of the major preoccupations of Real Interpress Media Agency is to promote the European Union initiatives in the South-West Region of Romania, especially in the rural areas. We consider that we act as professionals and we have a not very pleasant, but true overview of the problem emphasizes by this project. We appreciate that we met another group of professionals when acting as partners in this project and we consider this initiative as bringing benefits for fighting against social exclusion...”*

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### **18. Mitica Mihai**

#### **National Agency for Roma People, Dolj Branch, Counselor**

*“...roma community representatives have been invited and consulted on equal basis in the Observatory activities; we have felt like equal partners of dialogue and action; we have seen future ways of cooperation especially in the field of education – which is one of the biggest needs and problems of our community. I trust a fruitful impact of the Observatory in the future on our level of social inclusion in the Oltenia community...”*

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### **19. Cristian Boldur**

#### **Craiova City Hall, Press Officer**

*“... we are partners in the project and we are partners in other several project. The current project is one where the expression “value for money” is more than true. I especially positively appreciate the dissemination of the project in the area and the functionality of the network developed by the promoter. Meanwhile, the project focuses on the Roma population also and served as a “shock attenuator” when divergences appeared...”*

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