

EXERCISE FOR REFLECTING ON STEREOTYPES AND INCREASING KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE ROMA

Name	Myths and reality about Roma and Bulgarians
Project moment	Mentors training
Target group	Mentors
Goals	Specificities of Roma community, realizing own stereotypes, work with attitudes
Methodology	30 minutes The participants are divided in two groups. They write on flip charts. There is a presentation and a discussion at the end.
Resources	Flip chart paper and markers
Description of development	The participants work in two groups, the first one writing all of the stereotypes they have heard about Bulgarians and the second one - the stereotypes about the Roma. The goal of the discussion of the list of stereotypes is to draw the attention of the participants to the positive aspects of the two groups and to the similarities between them. The activity allows us to work with the preconceptions (which are related to the so-called "myths" about the Roma and the Bulgarian community) and how they may contrast reality.
Recommendations	The activity has to be led by an experienced trainer as there might be emotional moments or tension.