

# **ROMACT**

Effectiveness, sustainability &  
transformation

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# ROMACT

- Only EC-managed programme on the ground
- Since 2013

# WHAT WE WANT

- Improve living conditions in marginalised (Roma) neighbourhoods
  - social inclusion
  - reduce gap in education, employment, health, housing & utilities
  - improve public services at local level
  - ⦿ fight discrimination
    - more & better use of EU funds

# WHY ROMACT

- local authorities lack
  - political will to include marginalised [Roma]
  - capacity to achieve social inclusion
  - capacity to use <well> [EU] funding

# WHAT WE DO

- Improve capacity of local administrations to deliver better services to all citizens, incl. Roma
  - + Improve capacity of Roma to become active citizens

step 1

raising  
awareness  
& building  
commitment

step 2

agreeing on  
needs & plans

step 3

translating  
plans into  
measures &  
projects

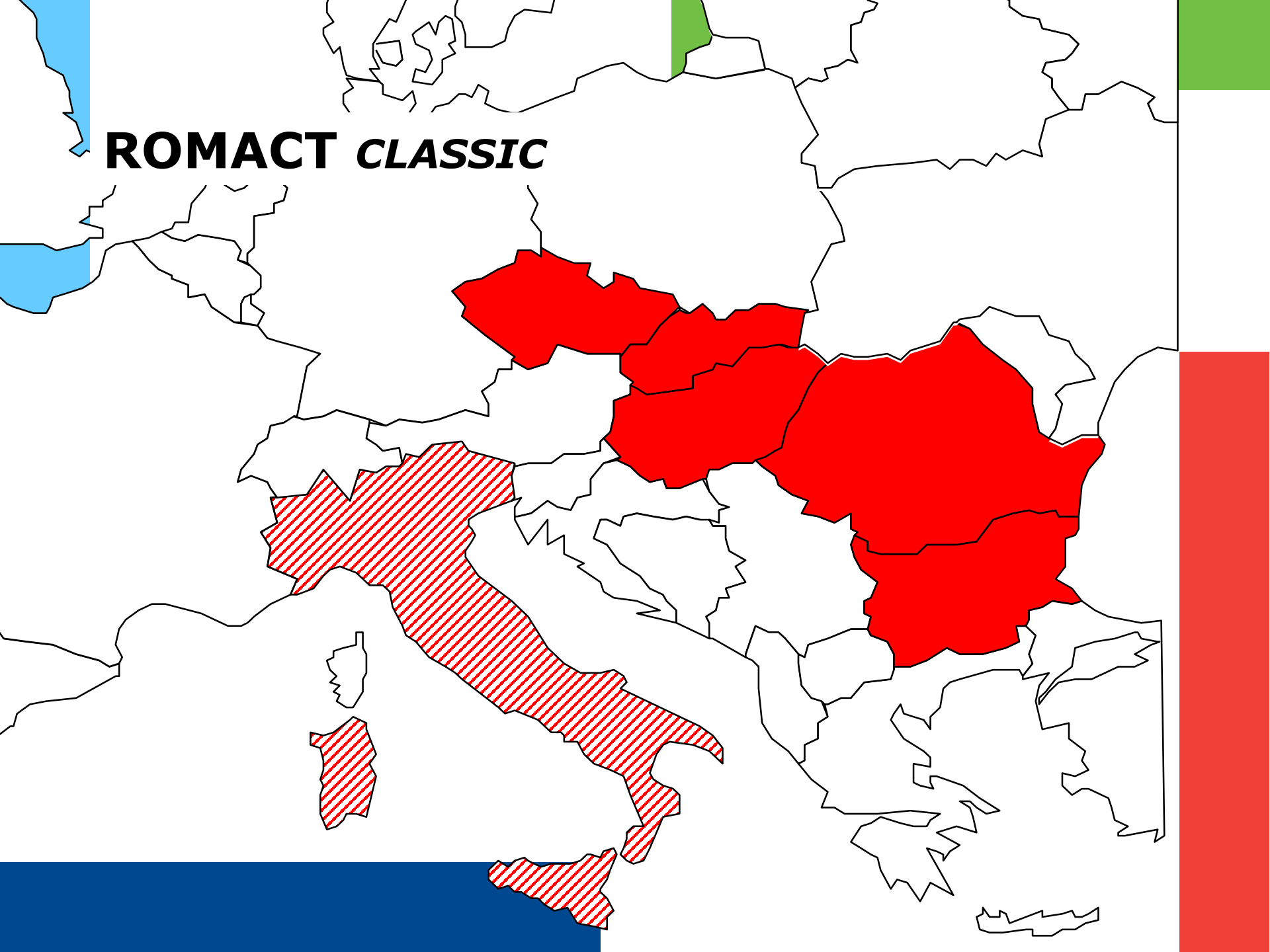
step 4

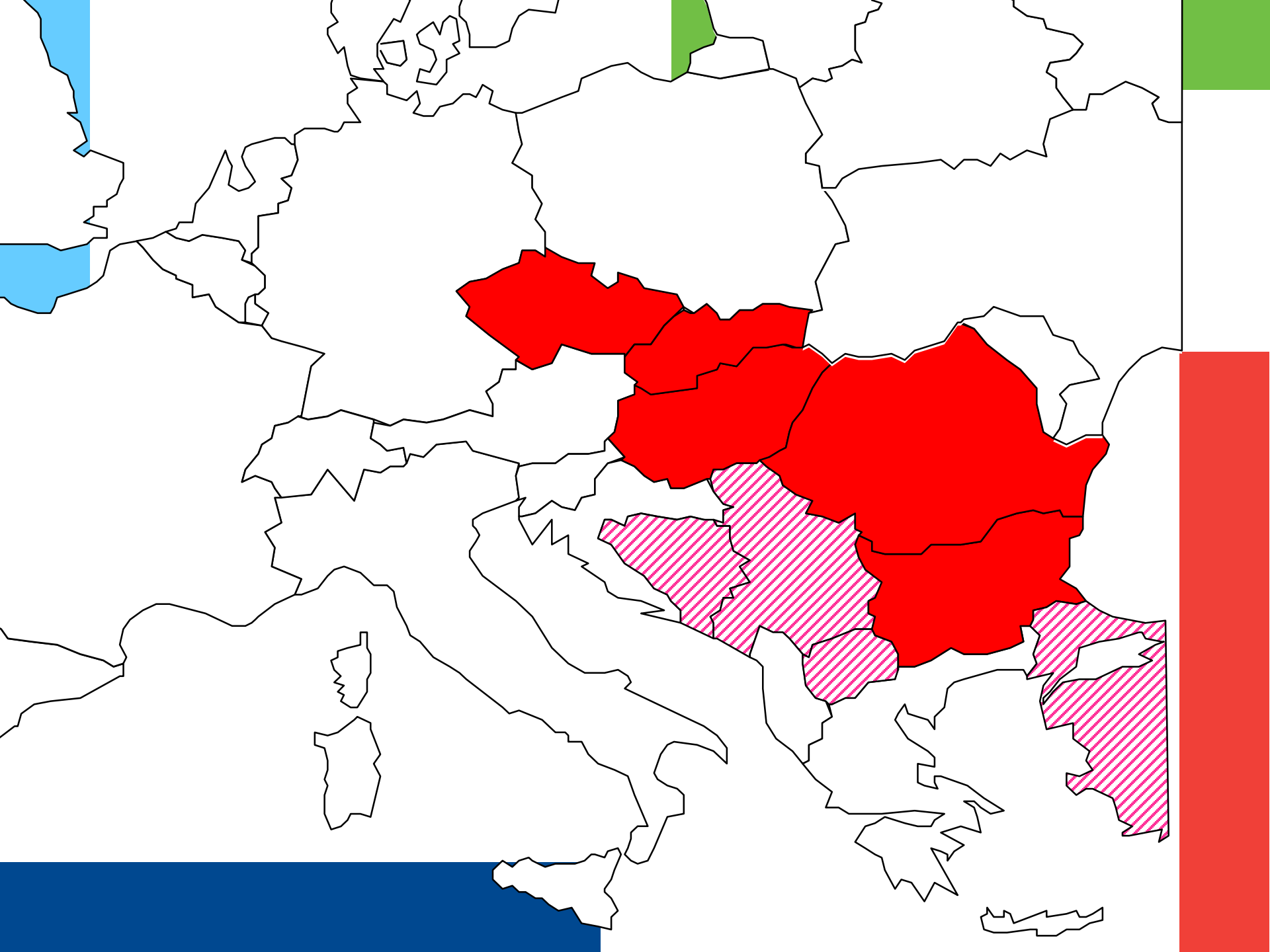
funding  
implementing  
monitoring

# 4 ROMACT STEPS

20 MONTHS CYCLE

# ROMACT CLASSIC

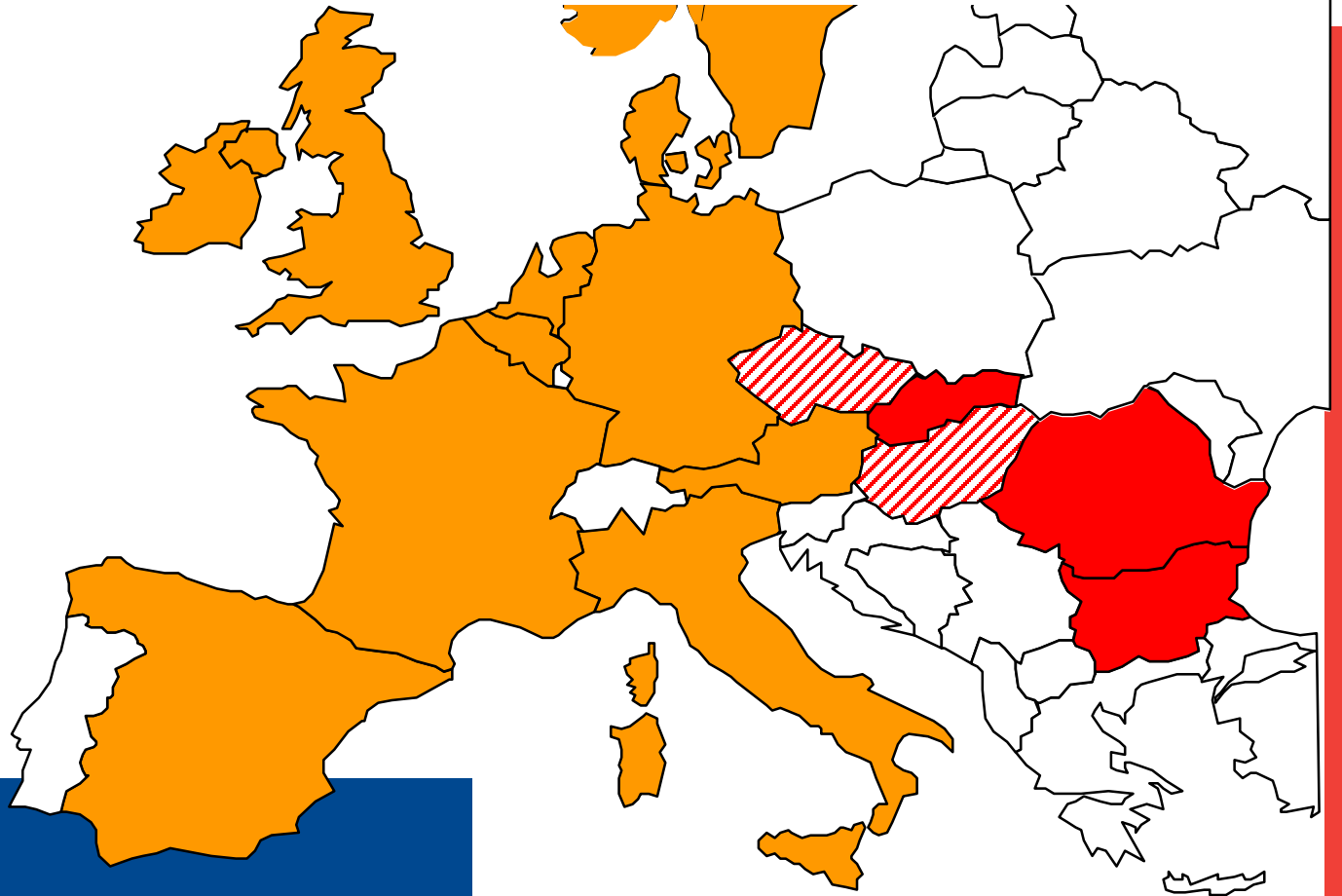






# ROMACT *TRANSNATIONAL*

- Integration of non nationals
- Cooperation with municipalities of origin



## EFFECTIVENESS

- from “social welfare” to “social inclusion”
- all vulnerable [Roma] people
  - “marginalised neighbourhoods” rather than “marginalised communities”
- large municipalities lack political will while small municipalities lack everything but will
- other relevant local & regional institutions
- culture of “public service”

# SUSTAINABILITY & TRANSFORMATION

- political changes (elections) continuously threaten sustainability
- municipalities “obsessed” by funds / projects
  - lack of strategic vision

## FOR US ...

- donors priorities do not always match needs on the ground
  - competition rather than cooperation between "helpers"
- to develop synergies between all donors