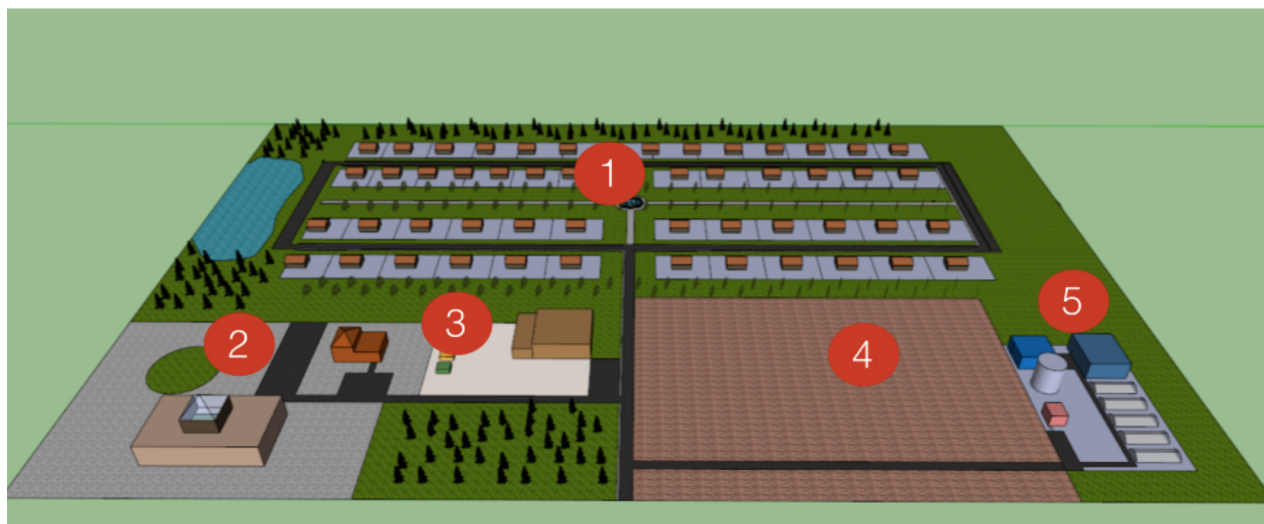


TABOR OF THE 21ST CENTURY

Project for the Promotion of Economic Activity of the Local Government



To revitalise the Law of Kin, which has been the cornerstone for the Roma people throughout centuries, **I propose to restore Roma people tabors, giving to them the shape of modern 21st century villages. To ensure that this would not become merely a closed environment for the representatives of the Roma nationality, the villages will be open to all interested parties. In the villages, there will be the following:**

Public-private partnership project with investment from EU structural funds, local government and private investors.

1. a residential village for 350 to 500 people;
2. a culture and friendship centre for restoring and cherishing traditions;
3. an administrative centre – the village elder, an out-patient department, an educational establishment, a shopping complex, a hostel;
4. a greenhouse complex and a turkey farm;
5. a shop for freezing and packaging fruit and vegetables. (With modern shock-freezing equipment imported from Israel.). A sewage treatment and co-generation plant.

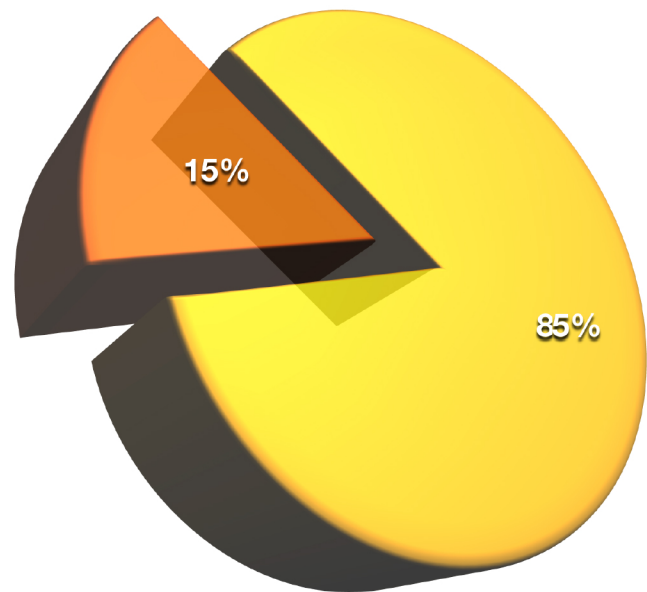
Benefits: Economic activity, reduction of unemployment and emigration, real integration, mitigation of criminogenous environment, an increase in health and education levels, restoration of the Law of Kin.

FUNDING:

EUR 70-75 million

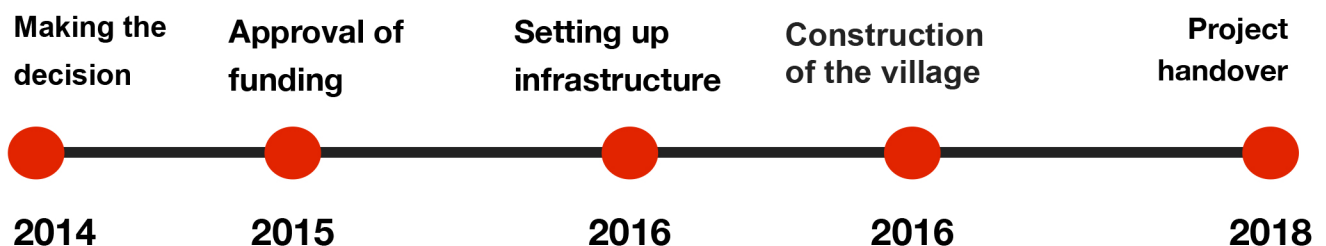
15% - of the funding – land allocated by the local government, infrastructure and financial support

85% - of the funding - the funding from the European Structural funds and private investors for establishing the housing stock, production shops and administrative centre, as well as for the initiation of economic



Funding from the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

WORK TO BE DONE:



Normunds Rudevičs's proposal regarding the creation of a Roma village is not only a brilliant initiative for real integration of the Roma, but also a significant project for the local economy!"

-JURIS JANSONS, OMBUDSMAN OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

PROPOSAL:

I propose to the local government to consider the possibility of involvement in the project, allotting of municipal land to the project, and of setting up the primary infrastructure necessary to start the production and construction of housing. Calculations show that local government's funding will fully pay off within six to seven years from tax and other sources of income. I offer my support during public discussions, as well as at other events, to ensure that a favorable decision is made.

Normunds Rudevičs, *High Commissioner of the Roma International Organisation, head of the Roma Association in Latvia*