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SPORT AS MEANS OF SOCIAL INTEGRATION FOR LESS FAVORED ETHNIC GROUPS

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Abstract: Integration of individuals in society depends largely on their compatibility, the way they are satisfied or not by their work and involvement, leading to the achievement of individual ideals. Mass or performance sport is one of the most important ways that positively influence behavior integration necessary to solve environmental situations, thereby the part becoming a functional element of the system.

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Introduction: Contemporary society requires its members certain standards of conduct to be observed, which generates an optimal cooperation between them. This collaboration can be achieved on long or short term, depending on the compatibility of their individual needs and climate necessary to achieve it, knowing that a society cannot be effective unless it is compatible with its members.

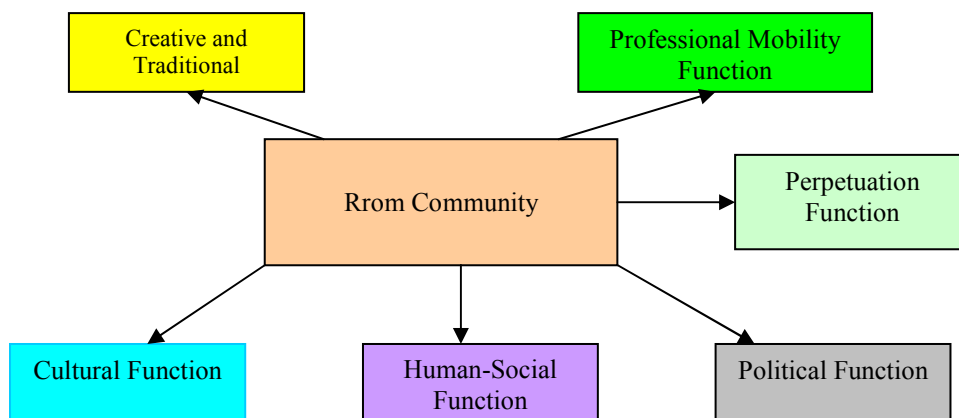
Individuals who want integration have certain personal needs, and their penetration into society is accepted only if they believe it satisfies their personal needs. The balance between individual and societal needs must be also achieved through the values shared by the two, becoming part of the grade in which they are satisfied with their work, involvement in society and, consequently, a limiting factor of their desire to leave the company. Individual social identity construction in democratic societies is done with rapid integration capability and defining in the entire range of economic, social, cultural and sport activities of a nation.

Starting from these dimensions (community, cultural, ethical, emotional, etc.) sport today is characterized by wide support of different population groups, which allows the construction of numerous original and specific identities through social phenomenon that occurs every day in all democratic societies.

Content: The gypsy ethnic group is an important social segment for our country to be integrated into society through various forms of activities. Difficulty in integrating the Roms into civil society must take into account that not all participants have the same way to engage in the general activity of the community.

In this context, we consider that, one of the most important tasks of Roms social integration is sport activity in all its manifestations. Sport should be a form of educational, cultural and social community activity that positively affects specific behaviors and exceeds traditional habits, thereby sport becoming an integrative consumer product. Modern society, as well as technical and economic progress achieved in recent years, leads to a constantly and continuing evolving of social values of freedom, creativity, individualism and consumer behavior which leads in its turn to leisure practice and even performance that is more important to identify the perennial values of the whole society. Mass sports activity or performance can be a certain way to integrate Roms in contemporary society, to eliminate the effect of social exclusion caused by outdated stereotypes and prejudices.

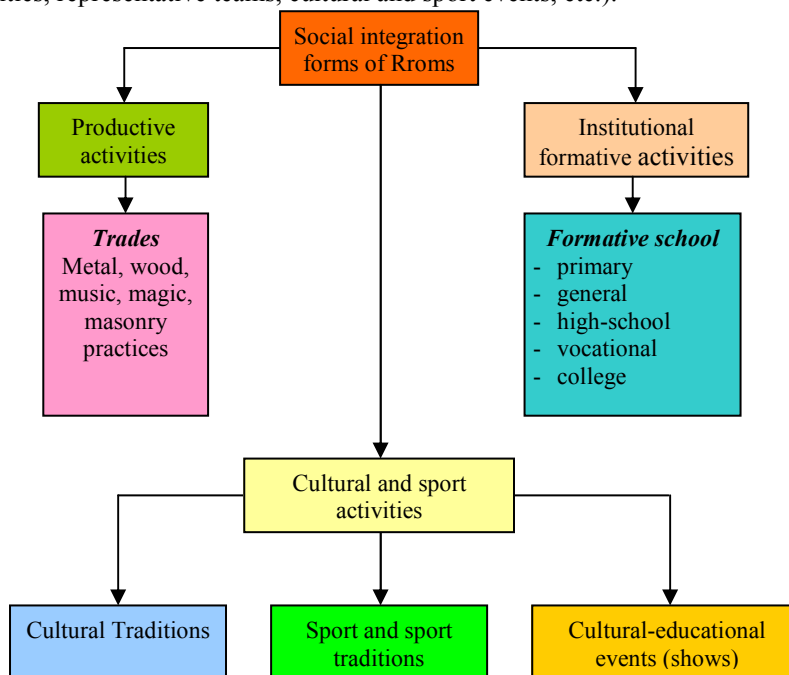
The functions performed by members of Rrom ethnic group are fully consistent with those of contemporary society, even if they customize by specific national, ethnic, religious or linguistic characteristics.



Due to these functions, the Rrom community must be found in practically all compartments (segments) of modern society. But this occurs with shy steps, liberalized access to participation in the process to obtain civic rights on democratic development of modern society and with it human social integration of Rroms is often hindered by prejudices, habits, or even .Seen from this perspective, global integration of Rroms in the Romanian society can not be assessed without specific educational content, without reliable procedures, clearly structured skills, sustainable goals, to ensure quality of activities and educational programs of integration.

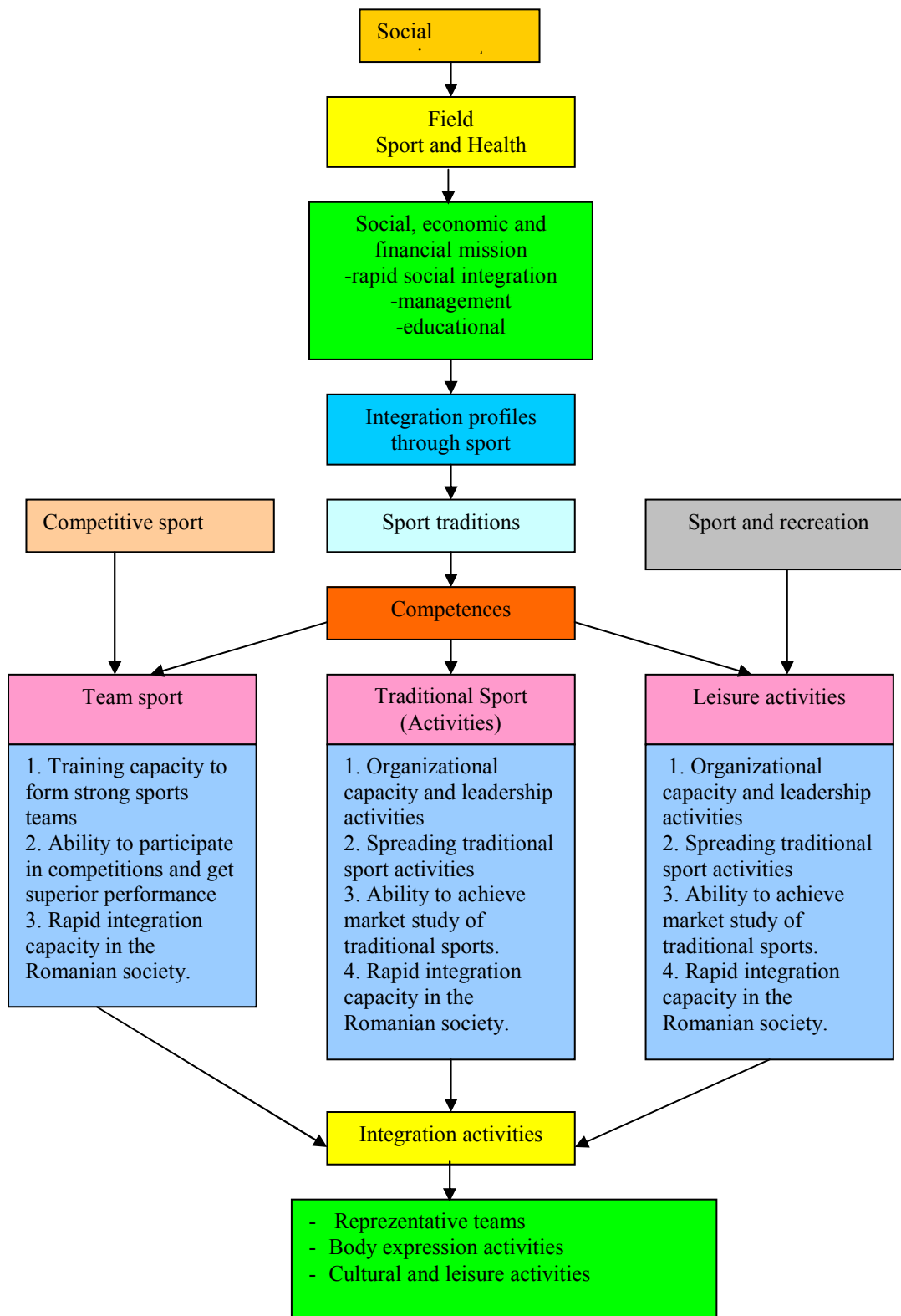
Integration of Rrom ethnicity should be done in full accordance with the objectives of their professional competence:

1. Organizing professional training directions on common categories (vocational).
2. Cooperation and common development of preoccupations regarding continual training of professions on the basis of accumulated knowledge in the educational process.
3. Ensuring good institutional cooperation with (through) the Rrom community by installing mechanisms to ensure quality of life on the principles of ethics, equity and contribution to achieving the national gross product of Romanian economy.
4. Organizing training courses for various professional activities required in the labor market and with it the rapid integration without loss of material goods in productive activity.
5. Ensuring optimal coverage extra productive activities for the Romanian society so that it may create appropriate forms of integration (sports activities, representative teams, cultural and sport events, etc.).



Evaluating these forms of integration will be based on acceptance and interest of the Romanian society to include them in general concerns regarding the development of modern society.

Here is the paradigm of integrating the Rrom ethnicity in contemporary society through sport.



Conclusions:

1. A new strategy to integrate Rroms in Romania through sport, meets new requirements of social development of the concept regarding the role of physical education and sport in the lives of different classes of citizens.
2. This integration (of Rroms) through sport is dynamic and flexible, while allowing Rroms and other citizens to adapt to any requirements included in the activities of Romanian society.
3. This strategy falls within the concept of autonomy that provides equal opportunities for all categories of citizens, enabling the full human and material potential, irrespective of the nature and structure of Rrom ethnicity.
4. The new strategic orientation provides both formative and practical activity in which the Rrom ethnic integration through sport in Romanian society represents an example for all categories of Rroms worldwide.
5. It is imperative to design approaches to specialized institutions carrying out the integration of less favored ethnic groups (in sports and not only) in contemporary society.

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