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**Public debates on *Local strategies for social inclusion*,**

**organised in Călărași and Dolj counties**

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During February, Public debates on *Local strategies for social inclusion* are being held in Călărași and Dolj counties, within the project *Inclusive governance,* implemented by the association “Assistance and Programs for Sustainable Development - Agenda 21”, in partnership with the National Agency of Civil Servants*.* The persons who want to participate in these debates are expected at the headquarters of the Institution of the Prefect of Călărași county on February 17 2016, and at the headquarters of the Institution of the Prefect of Dolj county on February 18 2016. The event will take place between 10.00 and 12.00.

Public Local Action Plans for Social Inclusion (PALIS) will be presented in the public debate, and participants will have the opportunity to analyze the proposed measures, to formulate new proposals, identify opportunities and resources for these measures to be put in place in practice. The debates are designed to create the necessary framework of solidarity between public authorities / institutions, civil society and citizens, with priority being given to representatives of vulnerable groups.

Management representatives of the institutions involved in the project, civil servants, citizens, representatives of local NGOs, of the mass-media, representatives of citizens' associations are expected to participate at the debates.

The Romanian Government’s policy of social inclusion is taken into account in the development/improvement of the action plans, and is based on a proactive approach that aims to increase the general standard of living of the population and to stimulate the income earned from working by facilitating employment and promoting inclusive policies for all vulnerable groups: Roma minority, people with disabilities, women, street children, 18 year-old young people who leave the state protection institutions, and the elderly.

*The* *study on identifying the needs of the disadvantaged groups* *at risk of marginalization and social exclusion*, conducted within the project, will also be presented on this occasion.

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Additional information about the project can be found on the websites www.anfp.gov.ro and www.agenda21.org.ro.