



EU POLICY on ROMA INCLUSION

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WHY is it necessary



WHAT is it about



HOW is it implemented





The European Roma communities

- 8-12 million European citizens
- diverse in terms of lifestyle, culture and level of social integration
- residing mainly in CEEC
- after the economic hardship in the post-communist societies – migration to most affluent economies of the EU





- Fight against any form of discrimination is one of the founding principles of the EU
- Social inclusion of Roma is not limited to a few (Central and Eastern) European states

➔ *It becomes an issue of an European dimension*





Supporting the Roma - the EU approach

- There is no "exclusive" targeting of Roma by EU policies and programmes
 - ➔ Roma are European citizens with the same rights as any others
- Roma should benefit from EU policies and programmes designed for "most disadvantaged groups" in society
 - ➔ Due to ethnic discrimination Roma benefited less from EU support than any other disadvantaged groups



2010-2011 - The turning point

- It was politically accepted to make a special case for Roma among the European citizens → *"explicit, but not exclusive targeting"*
- A Task Force ROMA created in 2010 (federating DGs inside the European Commission) has released in 2011 a EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020

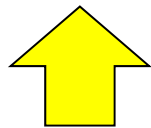


Each Member State will present or update a “National Roma Integration Strategy” with objectives horizon 2020

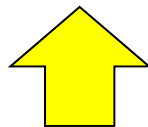


Four Policy Pillars of the National Strategies:

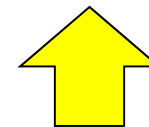
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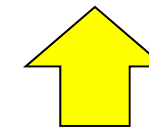
Employment



Housing



Health





The Role of the EU

Subsidiarity principle in EU policy-making



EU Institutions can

- *coordinate Member States initiatives and/or policies (e.g. yearly assessments of the National Strategies on the progress in the key areas; setting the European Platform for Roma Inclusion - forum for discussion and exchange between European Commission, Member States and other stakeholders)*
- *provide financial support (via specific Programmes)*





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Measures that are "explicitly, but not exclusively targeting Roma"

Lifelong Learning Programme 2007-2013 ***Key Activity 1 – Policy Cooperation and Innovation***

- ***Priority 1.2*** Support for transnational co-operation projects to develop lifelong learning measures for Roma integration
- ***Priority 1.3.2:*** Support for network activities for awareness-raising of the most successful practices in the social integration of Roma

Budget: 5 534 000€

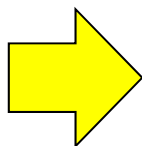




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- *Three Calls for Proposals – 2011, 2012 and 2013*
- *Budget: 5 534 000€*
- *25 co-funded projects*
- *Beneficiary countries – Bulgaria, Romania, Spain, Greece, France, Slovenia, Croatia, Germany, UK, Belgium*



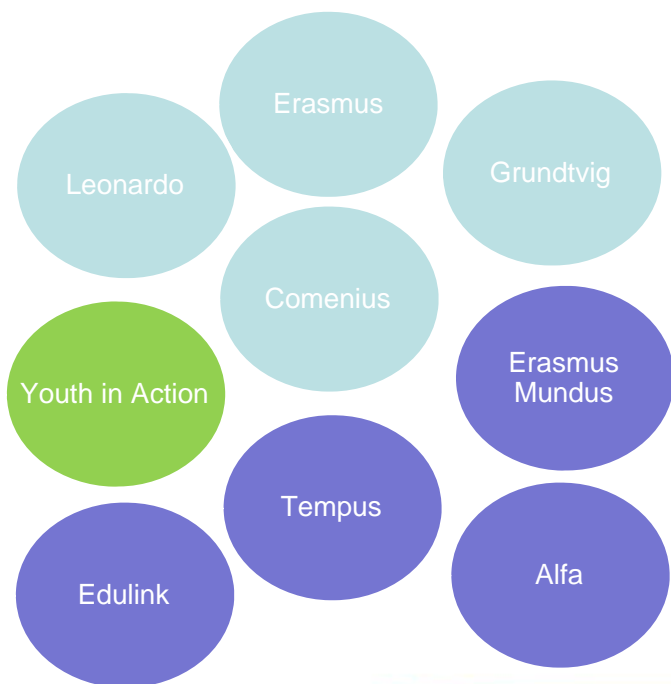


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2007-2013



2014-2020





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KA1

Learning mobility of individuals

- ⇒ Staff mobility, in particular for teachers, trainers, school leaders and youth workers
- ⇒ Mobility for students in higher education and in vocational education and training
- ⇒ Master degree scheme
- ⇒ Mobility for higher education for EU and non-EU beneficiaries
- ⇒ Youth volunteering and youth exchanges

KA2

Cooperation for innovation and exchange of good practices

- ⇒ Strategic Partnerships between education, training and/or youth organisations and other relevant actors
- ⇒ Large scale partnerships between education and training establishments and business: Knowledge Alliances & Sector Skills alliances
- ⇒ IT-Platforms including EYP, e-Twinning and EPALE
- ⇒ Cooperation with Partner Countries

KA3

Support for policy reform

- ⇒ Open method of Coordination
- ⇒ EU tools: valorisation and implementation
- ⇒ Policy dialogue with stakeholders, non-EU countries and international organisations
- ⇒ Large scale prospective initiatives



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➔ Strategic Partnerships between education, training and/or youth organisations and other relevant actors

Under Horizontal Priorities:

- supporting projects for reducing disparities in learning outcomes affecting learners from disadvantaged backgrounds/with fewer opportunities
- enhancing access to, participation and performance in (formal/ non formal) education and training, preventing early school leaving, preparing educational staff and youth workers for equity, diversity and inclusion challenges;
- combating segregation and discrimination of marginalised communities, such as migrants and Roma;
- facilitating transitions from education to the world of work for disadvantaged learners





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➡ Large scale prospective initiatives

Forward-looking Cooperation Projects – innovative approaches in the field of education, training and youth with potential for mainstreaming

7 priorities:

➡ Reducing disparities in learning outcomes affecting learners from disadvantaged backgrounds

- promote access and attainment of disadvantaged learners
- combating segregation and discrimination of marginalised communities, such as migrants and Roma;
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! Call for proposals to be published soon



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Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme 2014-2020

Objectives: Promotion of non-discrimination (among others)

Budget: 439 Million

! November 2014: Call for proposals - Projects to support activities on non-discrimination and Roma integration – Action grants 2014

More information: http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants1/programmes-2014-2020/rec/index_en.htm





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EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation 2014-2020

➔ **PROGRESS Axis**

Three thematic sections: 1) employment 2) social protection, social inclusion and reduction and prevention of poverty and 3) working conditions

Objective (one out of four): "Increase the capacity of organisations to develop, promote and implement EU policies and laws"

➔ specific reference for support on Roma integration

Budget for 2nd thematic section: 270 Million

More information: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1082&langId=e>



Programmes managed in a shared responsibility

European Social Fund 2014-2020

€16 billion earmarked for actions combating social exclusion and poverty



A specific investment priority for integration of marginalized communities such as Roma has been foreseen





Programmes managed in a shared responsibility

European Regional Development Fund 2014-2020

- Support for physical and economic regeneration of deprived urban and rural communities
- Investing in health and social infrastructure to improve access to health and social services

