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Extracts from the joint press conference by Viviane Reding, and László Andor, on Roma integration strategies

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On 26 June 2013, Viviane Reding, Vice-President of the EC in charge of Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, and László Andor, Member of the EC in charge of Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, gave a press conference regarding the Commission's progress report released on the same date on the implementation of Member States' national Roma integration strategies, which is also accompanied by a proposal for a Recommendation, setting out a series of specific policy recommendations to help guide Member States to effectively implement their strategies.



HEURE	DESCRIPTION	DUREE
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	Exterior view of the Berlaymont building in Brussels, Belgium	00:00:07
00:00:12	Arrival of Viviane Reding, Vice-President of the EC in charge of Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, and László Andor, Member of the EC in charge of Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, to the press conference	00:00:07
00:00:19	Soundbite by Viviane Reding (in ENGLISH): The EU Framework for national Roma integration has been in place for over two years now. Member States have submitted national Roma integration strategies. The commitment is there. But, frankly, there is a big gap between commitment and delivery. Progress is there but it is the exception rather than the rule. We see reports almost on a daily basis about Roma people living in ghettos, facing discrimination or being victims of racist remarks. I know Roma integration is not popular amongst national politicians but it is necessary.	00:00:44
00:01:03	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:04

00:01:07	Soundbite by Viviane Reding (in ENGLISH): Many Member States have set up mechanisms to better coordinate their Roma integration efforts nationally and between the countries. Member States have also established a dialogue with local and regional authorities and made efforts to fight discrimination. Take Spain, which has trained 158 police forces to deal with ethnic discrimination.	00:00:28
00:01:35	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:04
00:01:39	Soundbite by Viviane Reding (in ENGLISH): The moment of truth for us has come because if Member States are serious about their national strategies, then they need to deliver the actions which are linked to those. The Recommendation has to be adopted unanimously in the Council and I know that I can count on the European Parliament.	00:00:23
00:02:02	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:04
00:02:06	Soundbite by Viviane Reding (in ENGLISH): I hope that I can also count on Member States to do their job. The Commission will report back. We will keep Roma integration high on the political agenda because we believe it is too serious to be left only to Sunday speeches.	00:00:19
00:02:25	General view of the speakers	00:00:03
00:02:29	Soundbite László Andor (in ENGLISH): The Recommendation we have proposed today underlines our continuing commitment to addressing the exclusion suffered by Roma both in terms of poverty and discrimination. Let me continue with the statistics because they are startling. Four out of five Roma people in the EU live in poverty. Only one in three is working. And only one out of two Roma children attends pre-school or kindergarten.	00:00:30
00:02:59	Cutaway of a photographer	00:00:04
00:03:03	Soundbite László Andor (in ENGLISH): Member States, especially those with large Roma communities, must urgently and forcefully promote effective equal access for Roma to quality inclusive education and to the labour market. Otherwise, they will not close the gap between Roma and non-Roma and so fail to meet their Europe 2020 targets in the fields of education, employment and poverty reduction.	00:00:27
00:03:30	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:04

00:03:34	Soundbite László Andor (in ENGLISH): On 29 May 2013, the Commission proposed Roma-specific Recommendations for five Member States; Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia. These Member States need to ensure that their large Roma communities have access to quality inclusive mainstream education from their early childhood onwards and/or promote activation measures that support their transition to the labour market.	00:00:27
00:04:01	Viviane Reding and László Andor leaving the press conference	00:00:06

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