

EU 2020 Strategy

- page 3, “Recognising constraints and facing new challenges” - it will be useful strengthen position of Roma communities as social problem of middle-east Europe:
„We also need to recognise the challenge presented by European demography: even prior to the crisis, the change in our demography, with a lower proportion of young people in the overall population, was expected to result in a substantially reduced potential growth by 2020. The crisis has exacerbated the long-term social challenges Europe faces today, such as the integration of an increasing immigrant population, social exclusion **of marginalised groups (e.g. Roma communities)** and child poverty, and solidarity between generations in the context of an ageing society. In order to meet these challenges, employment rates of both men and women will have to rise rapidly and social protection systems will have to be modernised so that they provide an affordable response to the future needs of our society.”;
- page 5, “Creating value by basing growth on knowledge” – it will be useful specify EU priorities/Commission priorities in the field of research (specify research area; which are priorities for small and medium enterprises);
- page 5, “Creating value by basing growth on knowledge” – it should be useful mention if Commission plans to change or create new programs for research support; also it will be useful mention existing programs, which support research.