



Le Roma chave
kamen te sikon



Contribuția fondurilor europene la integrarea
populației Roma: Reuniuni la nivel înalt –
România

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to the integration of Roma*

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European Fund for Regional Development – 2007-2013 – relevance for Roma population

- The mono-fund approach as new compared to multi-fund approach 2000-2006 and its impact on the complexity of issues facing Roma population.
- DG Regio initiated consultations with civil society in 2010 and stressed the relevance of application by member states of changes in art.7 of ERDF Regulation starting this programming period.
- Limitation on interventions in Roma neighborhoods

Regional Operational Programme 2007-2013 Romania

- Differences in consultations within the preparation of the programming phase in terms of consideration of the socially vulnerable groups compared with SOPHRD.
- Limitation of applicability of interventions in neighborhoods with significant Roma population (Urban rehabilitation, social infrastructure.

Issues of implementation of the ROP in Romania

- Application process: issues of eligibility of potential beneficiaries and activities;
- Evaluation process: the crucial importance of the horizontal theme of equality of chances; the use of experienced evaluators on issues of Roma inclusion; issues on the transparency of the evaluation process; the lack of NGO representatives, particularly of social NGOs such as on Roma issues from the Monitoring Committee of the ROP;

Issues of implementation of the ROP in Romania (continue)

- Housing as a crucial entry point braking the cycle of poverty exclusion and discrimination.
- Selection of neighborhoods by local institutions considering deterioration and social needs not only economic and political interests.
- Limitation of funding for social infrastructure.

Recommendations for the preparation of 2014-2020 programming phase:

- broad consultation to include Roma NGOs in the development of strategic priorities of the NDP and SNRF;
- the revisiting of the implementation system on issues regarding priorities, eligibility of activities and potential beneficiaries, encouraging of partnerships (public, privat, NGOs);
- the development of a transparent system based on broader consultation with a view to the Monitoring Committee and the system of launching the calls for proposals, evaluation and implementation;
- the development of clear evaluation criteria in which the horizontal themes to be effectively considered in all stages (initial evaluation, monitoring during implementation and post-monitoring).