

Lithuania

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Roma population	Estimate in the document	(no estimate)
	<i>Council of Europe estimates</i>	<i>approximately 3 000 i.e. 0.08 % of the population</i>
Approach		National strategy

	KEY ELEMENTS	IDENTIFIED GAPS
Education	<p>The strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <p>Non-formal education/cultural activities for Roma children.</p> <p>Educational activities for Roma children in the Roma community centre.</p> <p>Foreseen research in order to get sound picture of the integration of Roma into the educational system.</p> <p>Adult education measures for Roma.</p> <p>Roma mediators.</p> <p>Language and IT courses for Roma.</p> <p>Teacher training and teaching material on Roma history and culture.</p>	<p><i>There is no plan beyond 2014. Attention to early childhood education should be addressed</i></p>
Employment	<p>The strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <p>Disseminate information about active labour market policy measures.</p> <p>Projects supported by EU structural funds assisting Roma getting integrated in the labour market.</p>	<p><i>There is no plan beyond 2014. As Roma women are recognised as particularly vulnerable, specific attention to them should be paid.</i></p>
Health	<p>The strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <p>One event on healthy lifestyle organised in Vilnius.</p> <p>Training for Roma women and girls on hygiene.</p>	<p><i>There is no specific goal in the health sector and no plan beyond 2014. The specific situation and challenges met by Roma in health are not described, e.g. as regards access to health insurance. Foreseen measures are pilot initiatives only.</i></p>

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Housing		<i>The situation of Roma in housing is not described although census data are available. The effective access to housing of Roma should be monitored, in order to make sure that their needs are met.</i>
Structural requirements and funding	<p>The strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <p>Activities to raise awareness of Roma on their rights and promote tolerance and increase intercultural dialogue.</p> <p>Measures to promote Roma culture (events, Children Day Centres, research on and support of Roma history and folklore).</p> <p>The submitted strategy contains a sound action plan, detailing a calendar and funding (amounts and sources).</p> <p>Quantified indicators to monitor progress on the goals are fixed.</p> <p>The intergovernmental working group established under the Ministry of culture is responsible for monitoring process.</p> <p>Responsibilities of implementation are clearly divided among the relevant ministries and institutions.</p>	<p><i>Stronger cooperation with the local actors and the civil society is recommended. An integrated approach (also paying attention to the issue of housing) of Roma inclusion is needed.</i></p> <p><i>Setting up a robust monitoring system would be necessary.</i></p>