### Germany

### 1. Key Information

Roma population	
Estimate in National Roma Integration Strategy	Approximately 70 000
Council of Europe Estimates	Approximately 105 000 (data from 2012) i.e. 0.13 % of the population

## 2. National Roma Integration Strategy – 2012 assessment by the European Commission

	Key elements and Strengths	Identified Gaps
Education	A basic right to education, on the basis of the principle of equal treatment ensures non-discriminatory access to education to all, including Sinti and Roma.  Programmes improving the integration of disadvantaged groups within the education system. Sinti and Roma have access to the programmes offered on a non-discriminatory basis.  General measures supporting individual learning available to all pupils, in some Länder targeted specific support (at project level) for Sinti and Roma.	A problem-oriented description of the situation of Roma or other disadvantaged population groups in the field of education is not provided in the strategy. With sparse indications of attainment levels which are far below national average and the absence of comprehensive data, the situation of Sinti and Roma is often underreported. Because of political sensitiveness of any ethnic profiling, monitoring may preferably be done through specific studies, in cooperation with Sinti and Roma organisations.
Employment	Support under the general worker- focussed integration concept available to all Sinti and Roma (including profiling focussing on the individual's strengths and potential).	A problem-oriented description of the situation of Roma or other disadvantaged population groups in the field of employment is not provided in the strategy. Measuring

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	Problem-oriented, tailored support measures at Land level.	the impact of the equal treatment approach on the situation of Sinti and Roma is necessary, in order to ensure that the needs of this population are met.
Health	Access to healthcare and prevention services is available to all ensured people (provision of healthcare conditioned to the obligation to be registered within a health insurance scheme).  Specific advice centres for Sinti and	The health situation of Roma is not described. Measuring the impact of the equal treatment approach on the situation of Sinti and Roma is necessary, in order to ensure that the needs of this population are met.
	Roma in several Länder, funded partly by the Länder.	
Housing	No differentiation in housing provisions on the basis of ethnic origin.	The situation and challenges faced by Roma (and migrants) in terms of housing are not described.  Measuring the impact of the equal
	Particular attention paid to the needs of Sinti and Roma in some towns and cities in the context of housing and urban development policy.	treatment approach on the specific situation of Sinti and Roma is necessary, in order to ensure that the needs of this population are met.
	Social housing support provided to all disadvantaged, including Sinti and Roma, regardless of nationality or ethnic origin.	The opportunity offered by the cohesion policy instruments concerning social housing in the framework of an integrated approach (including energy efficiency, education, etc.) targeting marginalised communities, including Roma should be considered.
Structural requirements and Funding	Civil society organisations were consulted in the design of the strategy. Monitoring is only established in the context of the Council of Europe's Framework Convention on the Protection of National Minorities (FCNM), the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) and the Committee against the Discrimination of Races (CERD), but not at national level.	Germany is not one of the 12 countries that have indicated the allocation of funding from national budget/EU or other sources for Roma inclusion policy measures in their strategies  Measuring the impact of the equal treatment approach on the specific situation of Sinti and Roma requires a robust monitoring at national level.

# 3. Progress in implementing the National Roma Integration Strategy (European Commission 2013 report)

Involving I and Region Authoriti	onal	Working closely civil soc	with	Allocating financial resources		Monitoring evaluation		Measures to t discriminati		Measures to er the National R Contact Point work efficier	oma ts to
Dialogue Set Up	×	Dialogue with Civil Society at National Level	×	Addressing all four key areas (education, employment, health, housing) when allocating financial resources	×	Mapping of the situation of Roma	×	Enforcing anti- discrimination legislation at local level	×	Enforcing anti- discrimination legislation at local level	×
Supporting the exchange of experience and cooperation among local authorities	*	Involvem ent of civil society and Roma at local level	*	Territorial approach when allocating financial resources	*	Monitoring the results and impacts of the national strategy	*	Raising awareness (including in public administrations)	*	Coordination between central and local government	*

Allocation of resources to local and regional authorities	<b>✓</b>	Financial support for developin g the capacity of civil society	×	Involvement of local/regional authorities and civil society in planning the use of EU funds	×	Identification of areas with extremely poor Roma communities	×	Increasing awareness among Roma of their rights	×	Involvement of the National Roma Contact Points in planning the use of EU funds	×
						Involvement of stakeholders in monitoring and evaluation	*	Tackling multiple forms of discrimination against Roma women	×		
						Cooperation with National Statistical Offices	x				
						Planned regular reporting and evaluation	×				

### 4. Contacts

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At Local and Regional Level	
EUROCITIES member city	Berlin Bonn Chemnitz Cologne Dortmund Dresden Düsseldorf Frankfurt Hamburg Karlsruhe Mannheim M:unchen Münster Nuremburg
Council of Europe - The European Alliance of Cities and Regions for Roma Inclusion	Participating cities: City of Berlin City of Stuttgart

ROMED network (me	diation for Roma)	15 mediators, 2 trainings  About NFP/CPM Documentation and Cultural Centre of German Sinti and Roma represented by Oliver v, Mergensen oliver.mengersen@sintiundroma.de
Fundamental Rights Report:	Agency Country	http://fra.europa.eu/en/country- data/2013/country-thematic-studies-situation- roma

#### 5. Examples

Example of active involvement of local and regional authorities and Example of
fighting discrimination

#### The Scheme

In Germany, the government of the State of Berlin adopted a strategy on Roma inclusion on 7 August 2012. It calls for the development of a regional action plan on Roma inclusion. A steering group was set up including different Senate Departments of the Berlin government and local authorities that deal with Roma migrants. Civil society helped develop this regional action plan .

In Germany, the Land of Schleswig-Holstein decided in 2012 to amend its constitution to recognise Roma and Sinti that are German nationals and live there as an ethnic minority.