

Slovenia

1. Key Information

Roma population	
Estimate in National Roma Integration Strategy	7 000 - 10 000
Council of Europe Estimates	<i>Approximately 8 500 (data from 2012) i.e. 0.41 % of the population</i>

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











	Key elements and Strengths	Identified Gaps
Education	<p>Inclusion of Roma.</p> <p>Early childhood education measures.</p> <p>Developing confidence in education.</p> <p>Learning about Roma culture, eliminating prejudices.</p> <p>Raising the quality of education providers to Roma children, (support measures such as free lunches, textbooks, school buses).</p> <p>Establishment of a "support for learning" network, in particular for Roma pupils in secondary education.</p>	<p>The implementation timeframe could have been more detailed.</p>
Employment	<p>A range of employment policy measures specifically targeted to Roma, to increase their "employability", with due</p>	<p>The proposed measures could be more concrete. It is difficult to assess their effectiveness due to the lack of data and quantified targets.</p>

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	consideration to the gender aspect.	
Health	<p>Measures aiming to improving health of the Roma, especially women and children.</p> <p>A pilot project in a region with more developed healthcare provision for the Roma.</p>	More developed specific measures would be needed, with concrete targets.
Housing	<p>Legalisation of settlements as the legal condition for the construction of basic infrastructure.</p>	<p>The challenges identified are limited to the legality of settlements and infrastructure, whereas not enough is said on discrimination in renting/buying property, access to public amenities and Roma in urban areas.</p>
Structural requirements and Funding	<p>Local authorities were fully involved in the preparation of the strategy. It is foreseen that they also play a role in the implementation of parts of it.</p> <p>The Civil society was involved in the preparation of the strategy and it is foreseen that they play a role in the implementation. Representatives of the Roma community also participated in the preparation of the strategy.</p> <p>The implementation of the strategy will be monitored by a Commission composed of all relevant stakeholders in addition to civil servants.</p>	<p>Slovenia is 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..</p> <p>The funding for specific measures in the programme is not always clearly specified.</p>

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

Involving local and Regional Authorities		Working closely with civil society		Allocating financial resources		Monitoring and evaluation		Measures to fight discrimination		Measures to enable the National Roma Contact Points to work efficiently	
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	✓	Involvement 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		Financial support for developing 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					
						Planned regular reporting and evaluation					

4. Contacts

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At Local and Regional Level	
EUROCITIES member city	City of Ljubljana
Council of Europe - The European Alliance of Cities and Regions for Roma Inclusion	Participating cities: Murska Sobota
Fundamental Rights Agency Country Report:	http://fra.europa.eu/en/country-data/2013/country-thematic-studies-situation-roma