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# The European Union and Roma – Factsheet France

<http://ec.europa.eu/justice/roma-integration/france/>

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## 1. Key Information

Roma population	
Estimate in National Roma Integration Strategy	No estimate.
Council of Europe Estimate	Approximately 400 000 (data from 2012) i.e. 0.62 % of the population

National Strategy	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/roma-integration/france/national-strategy/national_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/roma-integration/france/national-strategy/national_en.htm</a>
Funding	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/roma-integration/france/index_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/roma-integration/france/index_en.htm</a>

## 2. National Roma Integration – 2014 review

	Key steps taken since 2011	Identified Gaps
Education	<p>Steps taken both in terms of policy making and governance on Roma education:</p> <p>Reminder that education is compulsory.</p> <p>Adoption of 3 ministerial circulars on education of Roma and Travellers. National working group on Roma and Travellers' education and network of CASNAV<sup>1</sup>.</p>	<p>Ministerial circulars need to be fully implemented at local level.</p> <p>The impact of these measures needs to be monitored.</p> <p>A tailored strategy for Travellers should be developed, notably to fight illiteracy and early school drop-out.</p> <p>Promoting access of Roma and Travellers to early childhood education and care needed.</p>

<sup>1</sup> centres académiques pour la scolarisation des enfants allophones nouvellement arrivés et des enfants issus de familles itinérantes et de voyageurs

<b>Employment</b>	<p>Vocational training measures in the ministerial circular of 26 August 2012.</p> <p>Cut of the employers' tax to the immigration office, which could benefit Roma.</p> <p>Limited-scale projects for travellers' employment (e.g. in agriculture).</p>	<p>Successful initiatives targeting Roma and Travellers.</p> <p>Ministerial circular needs to be fully implemented at local level.</p> <p>The impact of these measures needs to be monitored.</p> <p>Necessary to eliminate discriminatory practices in the workplace.</p>
<b>Health</b>	<p>Initiatives to improve access for disadvantaged groups to healthcare and health insurance:</p> <p>Health measures in the ministerial circular of 26 August 2012.</p> <p>Cut of the registration tax for State Medical Aid (AME).</p> <p>More people benefit from the universal health coverage level (CMU).</p>	<p>Ministerial circular needs to be fully implemented at local level.</p> <p>The impact of these measures needs to be monitored.</p>
<b>Housing</b>	<p>Ministerial circular of 26 August 2012 on anticipating and preparing evictions from illegal settlements.</p> <p>Support (including financial – € 4 million annually) to all local authorities in charge of implementing the ministerial circular.</p> <p>Data collection and monitoring of illegal settlements.</p> <p>Effective use of the European Regional Development Fund to build housing solutions.</p> <p>€ 5 million in the national budget allocated to halting sites.</p>	<p>Monitoring of the implementation of the ministerial circular as well as monitoring of population movements needed.</p> <p>Strategy for Travellers halting sites is necessary, notably for large gatherings of Travellers.</p>
<b>Anti-discrimination</b>	<p>Amendment of the 1969 law, ending the requirement for different documents from travellers in France with a regular income and those without. Also eliminated requirement to be registered without interruption in a commune for at least three years to be able to vote.</p> <p>2012-2014 Action Plan against Racism.</p> <p>National working group on discrimination and effective dialogue between the national Roma contact point and civil society/local actors.</p>	<p>Recommendations from the Défenseur des droits and from the Commission Nationale Consultative aux Droits de l'Homme should be followed up to ensure access to education, healthcare and services.</p>

<b>Funding</b>	<p>Roma inclusion has been supported by national and EU funds.</p> <p>Effective use of the European Regional Development Fund (€ 7 million programmed focusing on housing 2007-2013).</p> <p>Allocation of 34.6 % (~€ 1 861 million) of its total European Social Fund (ESF) budget for integrating disadvantaged people.</p>	<p>Further use of existing EU funding opportunities to support Roma inclusion.</p>
<b>Priorities for the future (Commission recommendation)</b>	<p>The policy framework for Roma integration is in place and should now be fully implemented at local level.</p> <p>Better coordination between the regions and central government and a strategy for Travellers' integration still has to be developed.</p> <p>Further reinforce the National Roma Contact Point capacity and mandate.</p>	

### 3. Contacts

Contact Points	
<b>National Roma Contact Point</b>	<p>Délégation Interministérielle à l'Hébergement et à l'Accès au Logement (DIHAL)</p> <p><a href="http://www.territoires.gouv.fr">http://www.territoires.gouv.fr</a></p>
<b>Managing Authorities for ESF (European Social Fund) funded projects</b>	<p>Ministère de l'économie, de l'industrie et de l'emploi ESF Sub-Directorate Tel. (33-1) 43 19 30 16 / 29 09</p> <p><a href="http://www.fse.gouv.fr">http://www.fse.gouv.fr</a></p>
<b>Managing Authorities for ERDF (European Regional Development Fund) funded projects</b>	<p><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/manage/authority/authorities.cfm?lan=EN&amp;pay=fr">http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/manage/authority/authorities.cfm?lan=EN&amp;pay=fr</a></p>
<b>Fundamental Rights Agency Country Report:</b>	<p><a href="http://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2012/situation-roma-11-eu-member-states-survey-results-glance">http://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2012/situation-roma-11-eu-member-states-survey-results-glance</a></p>

### 4. Promising practices

#### *The project Andatu*

The multi-partner project Andatu in Lyon, launched in autumn 2011 has mobilised local, civil, national as well as EU funding in an approach combining training, access to employment and housing. French language courses, adapted to job requirements for those obtaining employment, are offered to the participants who sign an agreement with the implementing association and the state. The programme also finances short professional trainings and provides individualised support to integration to the labour market.

The European Social Fund supported the launch of the programme with 350 000 euros. Andatu is also co-financed by the French government, the Greater Lyons and the Fondation Abbé Pierre, with assistance from the Rhône Department and local municipalities. Currently reaching 73 beneficiaries, the project could be extended to 400 participants for a total budget of 1.2 million euros.

<http://www.forumrefugies.org/~Ã½fr/missions/missions-aupres-des-migrants/programme-d-integration-des-migrants-roms-de-roumanie>