



European Commission



The European Union and Roma – Factsheet Spain

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

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1. Key Information

Roma population	
Estimate in National Roma Integration Strategy	Approximately 750 000
Council of Europe Estimate	Approximately 750 000 (data from 2012) i.e. 1.63% of the population
National Strategy	http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/roma-integration/spain/national-strategy/national_en.htm
Funding	http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/roma-integration/spain/index_en.htm

2. National Roma Integration – 2014 review

	Key steps taken since 2011	Identified Gaps
Education	<p>Significant progress over the last thirty years. For example, 94% of Roma children start school at the compulsory age or earlier.</p> <p>Recent progress made on: Supporting Roma associations activities to develop intercultural education and compilation of school material.</p> <p>Roma access to primary education and reduction of early school drop-out measures.</p> <p>Adult education programmes targeting Roma.</p>	<p>Needs to pay further attention to early school drop-out and the lack of continuity in education and training needed.</p> <p>Should encourage second chance education.</p> <p>The impact of these measures needs to be monitored.</p>



<p>Employment</p>	<p>Reinforcement of Roma targeted programmes.</p> <p>Roma integration measures included in the National Action Plan for Social Inclusion 2013-2016</p> <p>Measures to step up employment of disadvantaged groups, such as the Strategy for Entrepreneurship and Youth Employment 2013-2016</p>	<p>Should make further efforts for Roma to access employment programmes.</p> <p>Needs to pursue effective implementation of the strategy at local level.</p> <p>The impact of these measures needs to be monitored</p>
<p>Health</p>	<p>Increase of measures to improve the Roma health situation:</p> <p>National Strategy for Health Equality and health measures in the strategic plan on children and young people 2013-2016.</p> <p>Creation of the inter-university Institute supporting Roma health</p> <p>Roma health network gathering 16 NGOs (Equi sastipen Network).</p> <p>Upcoming national health survey on the Roma.</p> <p>Spanish Network of Healthy Cities (RECS) targeting disadvantaged groups.</p> <p>National Action Plan for Social Inclusion 2013-2016.</p>	<p>Should develop more targeted programmes, including preventive healthcare.</p>
<p>Housing</p>	<p>Increase of measures to improve the Roma housing situation:</p> <p>State Plan for the Promotion of Rental, Rehabilitation, Urban Regeneration and Renovation 2013-1016</p> <p>Housing initiatives taken at the regional and municipal levels (e.g. Andalusia, Catalonia).</p>	<p>Needs to pay further attention to the situation of Roma in illegal settlements.</p> <p>The impact of these measures needs to be monitored.</p>

Anti-discrimination	<p>Strategy against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and other related forms of Intolerance Creation of the Platform for the Police and management of diversity and training of security forces.</p> <p>Re-launch of the centres assisting victims of discrimination.</p> <p>Annual report on discrimination and the Roma population.</p> <p>Awareness-raising activities (funded by the government and carried out by NGOs; Dosta! Campaign; etc.).</p> <p>Hate attorneys in 50 Provinces.</p>	<p>Needs to enforce anti-discrimination legislation.</p> <p>Should fight prejudices in the media and multiple discriminations.</p>
Funding	<p>Roma inclusion has been supported by national and EU funds.</p> <p>Allocation of 6.7 % (~€ 536 million) of its total ESF budget for integrating disadvantaged people (2007 – 2013).</p>	<p>Should allocate at least 20% of its total ESF budget to fighting social exclusion and poverty.</p> <p>The European Regional Development Fund could be further mobilised to develop housing solutions for Roma.</p>
Priorities for the future (Commission recommendation)	<p>Efforts need to be maintained to ensure the effective implementation of the National Roma Integration Strategy.</p> <p>The conclusions from the 2013 internal evaluation of the Action Plan (including strengthening data collection and improving coordination and governance) should be followed-up.</p>	

3. Contacts

Contact Points

National Roma Contact Point	<p>Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality General Directorate of Services for Family and Childhood Sub-directorate General for Social Programs</p> <p>http://www.msssi.gob.es/en/</p>
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Fundamental Rights Agency Country Report:	<p>http://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2012/situation-roma-11-eu-member-states-survey-results-glance</p>

4. Promising practices

Integrating Roma into the labour market

ACCEDER Employment Programme

The ACCEDER Employment Programme implemented by the Fundación Secretariado Gitano supports the access of Roma to training and employment via targeted measures. These measures include the combination of guidance, counselling and training activities, with the search for employment in private companies and follow-up process of labour insertion after the beneficiary has started the job.

Since it was launched in 2000, it has had 74 600 beneficiaries, facilitated the inclusion in the labour market of more than 20 000 people, concluded more than 50 800 job contracts. The program received additional financial resources of 10 million EUR in 2012 and 2.1 million in 2013. Therefore, the total budget (ESF, excluding co-funding) of the program for the period 2007-2013 increased from 41 to 53.1 million EUR. In addition and in the framework of ACCEDER, a specific programme has been developed in 17 cities aiming at the labour integration of Roma people of 18-30 years old. It combines theoretical and practical training in a real work environment with a training schedule that allows participants to go through different job positions within the same sector.

'When I grow up I want to be...'

The project '*When I grow up I want to be...*' is co-financed by the European Social Fund and is aimed at getting more young Roma (between the ages of 7 and 10) to attend school. A workshop bus with a photographic studio travelled through 38 Spanish cities visiting Roma neighbourhoods, allowing the children to create photomontages reflecting their dream jobs. They then brought this art home with the message, "Whatever your dream may be, finish secondary school". The project has thus far reached 2 800 children and their families.