

**Decision of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies to adopt the Opinion on the
Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council
Report on the evaluation of the EU framework for National Roma Integration Strategies
up to 2020
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The Chamber of Deputies supports the measures proposed by the European Commission to reduce the gap between Roma and the rest of the population in terms of education, employment, health and access to housing and public utilities. In this regard, recommends harmonised measures at European level to stimulate the business sector in cooperation with public institutions and national authorities, with concrete actions to improve the economic situation of the Roma population. There is a need for sociological studies to assess the extent and persistence of the disparities between the situation of the Roma population and the rest of the population, taking into account the relevance of tolerance and social cohesion to the knowledge of the cultural life of the Roma population, stressing that cultural diversity is a European value.

The Chamber of Deputies supports the development of the European Union framework for greater flexibility to adapt its objectives and the selection of target groups according to specific national contexts, but recalls that there is a need for a pragmatic European strategy that meets both the long-term needs of integration of the Roma population and its immediate needs, but considers that intensified coordination is needed to take over actions and responsibilities at European level which face objective challenges at the level of the Member States.