European Roma Grassroots Organisation (ERGO) Network

- We bring together over 25 Roma organisations from across Europe.
- Our guiding principle: Roma themselves have to take an active role to achieve equal citizenship and the fight against discrimination.
- We function as liaison between Roma organisations and European decision makers, policy makers and institutions.
- We invest in evidence based advocacy to achieve more effective policies and programmes for Roma.

ERGO Network work on CLLD / LEADER
In 5 countries

Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia and Romania

With our members we:
- Build capacity of Local Roma NGOs/Groups
- Share information on CLLD/LEADER
- Monitor the performance of LAGs (quality audit)
- Building cooperation and networking between Roma actors

Why to invest in Roma?
Because its smart economics!

While the population in the majority of EU countries is ageing and shrinking, the Roma population is young and growing.

About 35% of the Roma population is under 15 years of age, compared to 15% of the European Union (EU) population overall. According to the FRA survey, 19% of non-Roma and 58% of Roma aged 16 to 24 are not in employment, education or training (NEET indicator).

In Romania, between 6-20% of new labor market entrants are Roma.

**Contrasting population pyramids in Romania**
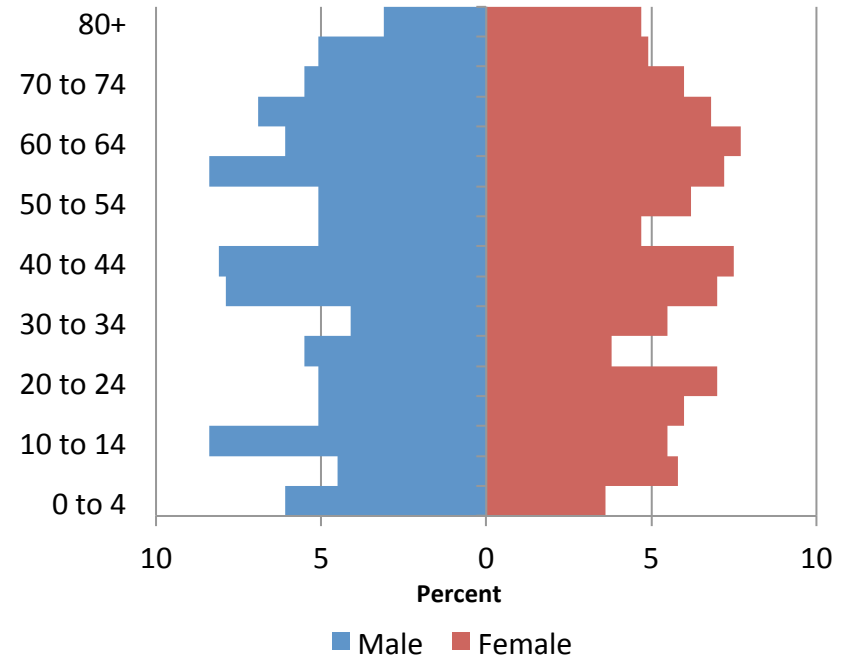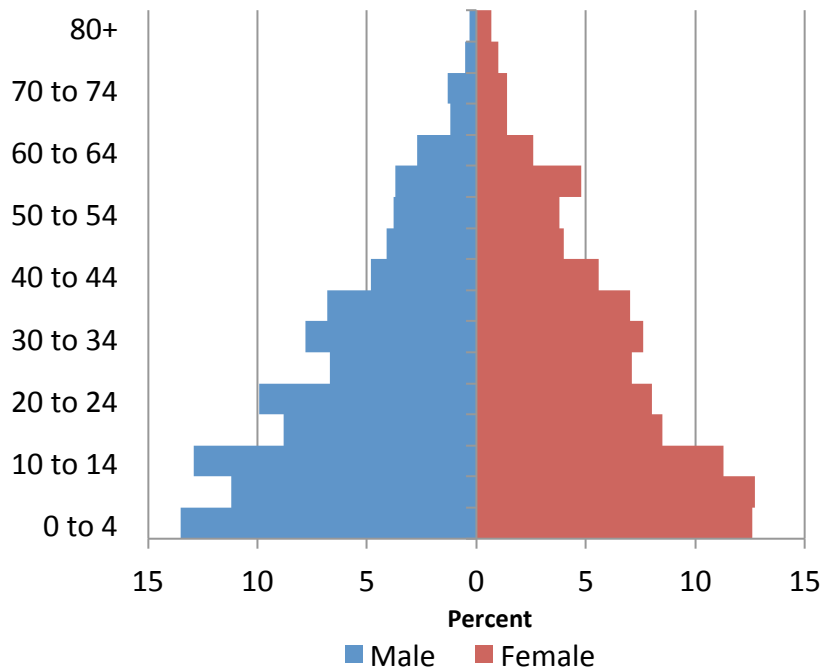
Source: UNDP/World Bank/EC regional Roma survey (2011) and United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2013). World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision, DVD Edition

Quality Audit

ERGO Network developped a monitoring tool that keep track on the performance of LAGs to reach out and include Roma into their LEADER/CLLD Territorial strategies

Quality Audit Monitoring Cycle
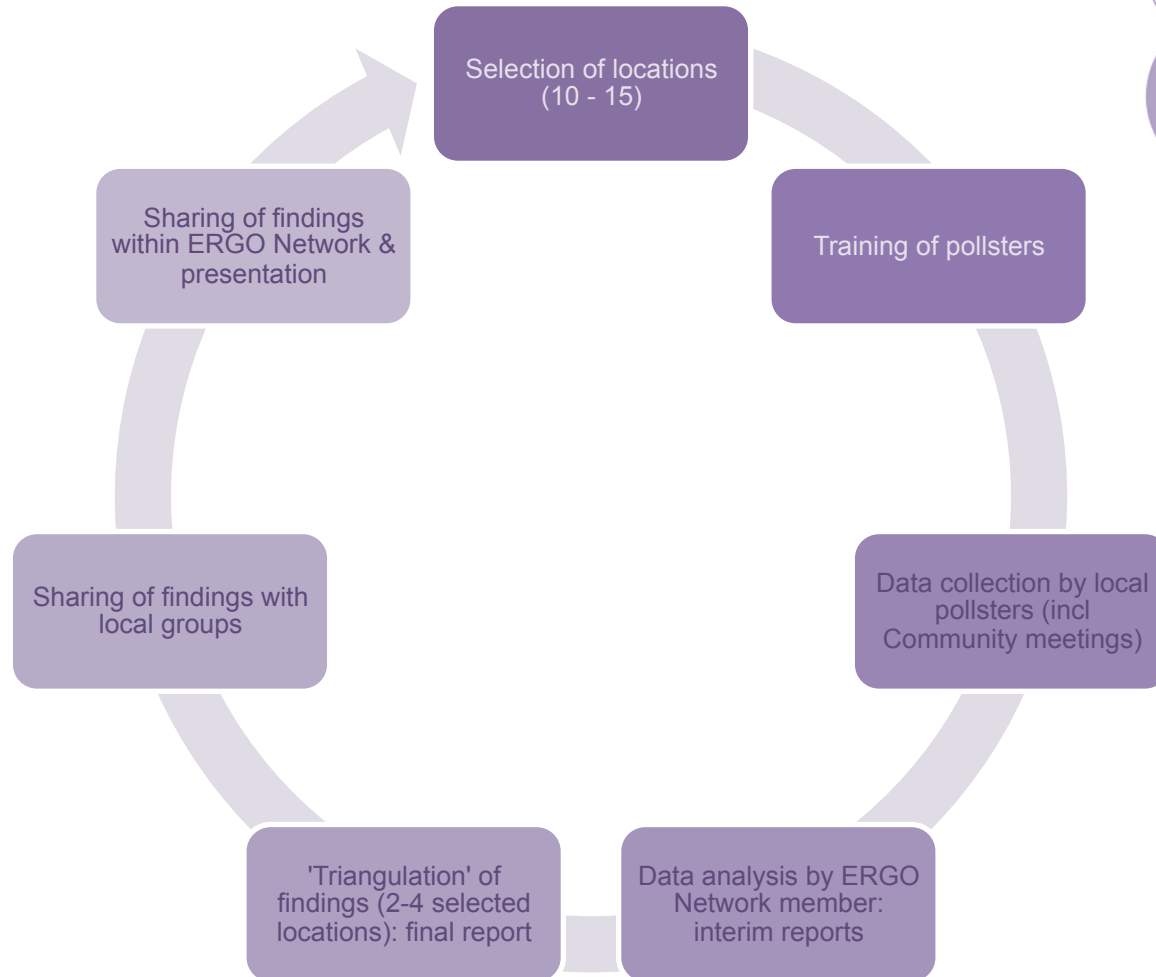
QA Scorecards

Separate scorecards for each phase
Awards scores from 0 – 100 for each LAG across three dir

Phase	Dimension 1: Community participation *"Extent and quality of the participation of the community in Local Strategy development and implementation"*	Dimension 2: Quality of the Local Strategy *"Extent to which a local integrated strategy reflect community needs and an acceptable level of ambition"*	Dimension 3: Community Impact *"Extent to which (projects implemented under) the strategy produces results for the community"*
1. Preparation	✪	) ✪)	
2. Strategy Planning	✪	✪	
3. Implementation	✪		✪
4. Evaluation	✪		✪

Example: Findings Bulgaria

Name of the LAG	NGO Representation (30)	Community Representation (15)	Community Participation (25)	LAG Objectives (30)	Total (100)
1. Pestera	9	0	5	9	23
2. Tundja	24	9	22	28	83
3. Aytos	11	6	8	16	41
4. Isperih	22	7	12	30	71
5. Kneja	0	0	0	0	0
6. Kotel	0	0	0	3	3
7. Byala Slatina	13	8	21	30	72
8. Sredets	0	0	0	9	9
9. Tvarditsa	0	0	10	16	26
10. Zavet-Kubrat	7	6	6	0	19
11. Avren	3	0	0	13	16
12. Vetovo	0	0	0	9	9
13. Ljaskovets-Strajitsa	4	0	7	16	27
14. Slivopole Tutrakan	0	0	0	9	9
15. Omurtag	0	0	0	9	9
16. Petrich	0	0	0	9	9

Relevance Social Inclusion

Quality Audit could be of use to helpful to track the involvement of any other disadvantaged groups too.