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# The European Union and Roma – Factsheet Denmark

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

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## 1. Key Information

Roma population	
Estimate in National Roma Integration Strategy	Approximately 2 000
Council of Europe Estimate	Approximately 2 500 (data from 2012) i.e. 0.05 % of the population

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

## 2. National Roma Integration – 2014 review

	Key steps taken since 2011	Identified Gaps
Education	Measures to prevent school drop outs (e.g. campaign, creation of a task force) and integration of pupils (e.g. language testing and support, replacing segregation with individual support in mainstream education).	Systematically monitor situation and impact of measures to integrate Roma.
Employment	Initiatives to support employment of vulnerable groups: DKK 45 million campaign to reach out to highly marginalised immigrants from which Roma can benefit. DKK 115 million campaign: “We need everyone”. Guidance provided to job centres on ethnic minorities.	The impact of these measures now needs to be measured.

<b>Health</b>	Better access to and use of health-care among ethnic minorities. Training of health professionals.	The impact of these measures now needs to be measured.
<b>Housing</b>	Improved living conditions in deprived residential areas (DKK 220 million annually dedicated to disadvantaged housing areas in 2011-2014); Reduce the number of disadvantaged housing (between DKK 25-30 million annually, for the renovation of social housing, strengthened cooperation between stakeholders, etc.). Support the development of emergency shelters (DKK 7.5 million allocated in 2012 and 2013) and prevent the formation of ghettos and of segregation between various communities.	The impact of these measures now needs to be measured.
<b>Anti-discrimination</b>	Support provided to victims by the Danish Institute for Human Rights.	Carry out awareness raising campaigns to tackle prejudices and stereotypes against Roma. Reinforce training activities focusing on administrative staff working closely with Roma communities.
<b>Funding</b>	No specific amount has been allocated exclusively for Roma integration.  Roma inclusion has been supported by national funds, mainly via the Social Reserve allocated to projects aiming at improving the situation of vulnerable groups.  In the 2007-2013 financial period, Denmark has allocated no European Social Fund (ESF) budget for integrating disadvantaged people.	At least 20% of the total European Social Fund (ESF) budget should be allocated to fighting social exclusion and poverty.
<b>Priorities for the future (Commission recommendation)</b>	In 2013, efforts were undertaken to facilitate the work of municipalities facing challenges in Roma integration, to stimulate dialogue among local authorities on this issue. However, the lack of more precise knowledge on the situation of Roma makes it difficult to evaluate the social and economic effects of the policy measures taken. Therefore, evidence-gathering and a more systematic monitoring is needed.	

### 3. Contacts

Contact Points	
National Roma Contact Point	Ministry of Children, Gender Equality, Integration and Social Affairs Department for Law and International <a href="http://english.sm.dk/Sider/Velkommen.aspx">http://english.sm.dk/Sider/Velkommen.aspx</a>
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Managing Authorities for ERDF (European Regional Development Fund) funded projects	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/manage/authority/authorities.cfm?lan=EN&amp;pay=cz">http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/manage/authority/authorities.cfm?lan=EN&amp;pay=cz</a>
Fundamental Rights Agency Country Report:	<a href="http://fra.europa.eu/en/country-data/2013/country-thematic-studies-situation-roma">http://fra.europa.eu/en/country-data/2013/country-thematic-studies-situation-roma</a>

### 4. Promising practices

#### *Project 'Hold On Tight Caravan'*

The project 'Hold On Tight Caravan', administrated by the Ministry of Education, is focused on getting more youngsters from ethnic minorities to begin and complete a Vocational Education and Training programme. The initiative is managed on the ground, in schools, by employees who ensure a coordinated approach to each young person at risk. The project is implemented across Denmark with the strategic objective of developing shared models and tools to reduce early-school leaving and improve the job prospects of these young people. Since it started in 2009, overall school and training drop-out rates have fallen from 20% to fewer than 15%, while the gap with ethnic Danish students has narrowed. The ESF contribution for the 'Hold On Tight Caravan' was €3 214 000 during the period 2009-2013.

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