



Urban Agenda for the EU

Human rights perspective in the Urban Agenda

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Urban poverty partnership – Priority areas

- 1. Child Poverty**
- 2. Regeneration of Deprived Neighbourhoods**
- 3. Vulnerability of Roma People**
- 4. Homelessness**





Focus on child poverty

Based on the EC Recommendation “Investing in children: Breaking the cycle of disadvantage that states: “the Union must protect the rights of the child, combat social exclusion and discrimination, promote social justice and protection”

but also “Early intervention and prevention are essential for developing more effective and efficient policies, as public expenditure addressing the consequences of child poverty and social exclusion tends to be greater than that needed for intervening at an early age

→ **Adoption of a European Child Guarantee**





Focus on Roma vulnerability

Current Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020

states: “Member States need to ensure that Roma are not discriminated against but treated like any other EU citizens with equal access to all fundamental rights as enshrined in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. In addition, action is needed to break the vicious cycle of poverty moving from one generation to the next. In many Member States, Roma represent a significant and growing proportion of the school age population and therefore the future workforce.”

→ Adopt an Integrated Roma Framework from a Multi-Level Governance Approach + LOCAL ex-ante conditionalities





Focus on Homelessness

2010 European Consensus Conference on Homelessness states:

“homelessness represents a grave injustice and a violation of fundamental human rights that cannot be tolerated. [...] This effectively means the realisation of the right to housing. Housing rights are widely recognised in international human rights instruments. The jury considers that homelessness policy should aim at the realisation of these rights.

→ **Ending homelessness by 2030 (stronger targets)**



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Take-aways

Social matters and poverty reduction as a challenge to be kept high on the agenda of urban authorities/the URBAN AGENDA.

Human rights as a key input for the Urban Agenda.

Human rights : hand in hand with “efficient policies” discourse? Yes!



Thank you very much for your attention!

