EU ROMA STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR EQUALITY, INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATION

2020-2030
OVERVIEW

• Facts and figures about social determinants of Roma health

• Impact of COVID-19 on the Roma communities

• EU 2030 objectives and targets

• Council Recommendation for Roma equality, inclusion and participation

• Summary of novelties
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EXCLUSION AS SOCIAL DETERMINANT OF HEALTH

- Children at risk of poverty: 20% (Roma) vs. 85% (General population)
- Population at risk of poverty: 17% (Roma) vs. 80% (General population)
- Severe material deprivation: 6% (Roma) vs. 62% (General population)
- Paid employment: 43% (Roma) vs. 73% (General population)
- Share of people living in housing deprivation: 18% (Roma) vs. 61% (General population)
- Share of people with access to tap water at home: 80% (Roma) vs. 98% (General population)
- Children in early childhood education: 42% (Roma) vs. 92% (General population)
- Completed upper secondary education: 28% (Roma) vs. 84% (General population)
PERCEPTIONS ABOUT ROMA

- Share of Europeans feeling that discrimination against Roma is widespread in their country: 61%
- Share of Europeans who would feel comfortable working with a Roma colleague: 64%
- Share of Europeans who would welcome a Roma as partner of their children: 48%
- Share of Europeans who think their country’s efforts to integrate its Roma population are successful: 19%
Gap in life expectancy between Roma and non-Roma (in years)
IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC CRISIS

- Marginalised Roma are among the hardest hit
- Particular vulnerability due to:
  - overcrowded housing
  - lack of access to clean water
  - Sanitation
  - economic precariousness
- Risk of further slide into inequality
TOWARDS 2030 – OBJECTIVES & TARGETS
THREE-PILLAR APPROACH

EU Framework up to 2020

New EU Roma Strategic Framework

Socio-economic integration of marginalised Roma

Equality

Inclusion

Participation
SEVEN OBJECTIVES

- Fighting and preventing antigypsyism and discrimination
- Reducing poverty and exclusion to close the socio-economic gap
- Promoting participation through empowerment, participation and trust
- Better access to mainstream education
- Better access to sustainable employment
- Better health and access to healthcare
- Better access to desegregated housing
2030 EU TARGETS - EXAMPLES

- Cutting the proportion of Roma experiencing discrimination by at least half
- Reducing the poverty gap by at least half
- Ensuring that at least 95% of Roma have access to tap water
- Cutting the life expectancy gap by at least half
- Reduce the gap in housing deprivation by at least one third
- Cutting the gap in participation in early childhood education by at least half
- Cutting the gender employment gap by at least half
COM PROPOSAL FOR COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION - EXAMPLES

- Prevent and eliminate segregated healthcare services and ensure recognition of and reparation for past injustices, including the forced sterilisation of Roma women.
- Combat and prevent potential outbreaks in marginalised or remote Roma localities.
- Promote access to medical studies for Roma people and encourage recruitment of Roma as health practitioners and mediators, particularly in regions with a significant Roma population.
- Fight digital exclusion of Roma in access to healthcare services.
- Equal access without barriers to quality healthcare services, especially for those groups that are most at risk or those living in marginalised or remote localities.
IN CONCLUSION - WHAT IS NEW?

- Stronger focus on diversity among Roma: specific needs of women, youth, children, older Roma, LGBTI, EU mobile citizens, stateless, those living with disabilities

- Reaching out to all Roma (not only the marginalised), and to society at large

- Stronger focus on combining mainstreaming Roma inclusion across policy areas with targeted measures supporting effective equal access to rights and services

- Differentiated approach among Member States within a common framework using EU headlines and indicators
COMPONENTS OF THE PACKAGE

- **Communication** with two annexes:
  - Guidance for national strategies
  - Portfolio of indicators

- **Draft Council Recommendation** with guidance for concrete measures to achieve EU objectives and targets

- **Staff Working Document** outlining the methodological, analytical and contextual basis of the proposal
THE WAY FORWARD

- A ten-year timeframe until 2030, recognising that tackling discrimination and exclusion requires long-term commitments.

- Member States are asked to submit their national strategies by September 2021 and report on their implementation every two years.

- The Commission will also take surveys from FRA and coordinated civil society reporting under the new Roma Civil Monitor EP Preparatory Action into account.

- The framework will be subject to an in-depth mid-term evaluation, as well as to an ex-post evaluation after the completion of the ten-year timeframe.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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