

# 2021 DEVELOPMENTS IN RESPECT TO KEY SECTOR POLICIES IN THE AREA OF ROMA INTEGRATION

2019

1 x meeting:

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## SECTOR WORKING GROUP ON ROMA INTEGRATION

### SWG FUNCTIONALITY

- The work approach applied by SWG Roma Integration **is not characterized by any serious dynamics** in the course of 2021. A decision needs to be taken on the method for future work of this sector group, i.e., whether it will operate independently and receive necessary and adequate institutional support, or it would be more appropriate to co-opt this sector group with SWG Education, Social Policy and Employment, from which it was initially separated in 2019.

2021

No plenary sessions held

2020

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### CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION

- **Seventeen (17) civil society representatives** participate in this SWG, with the status of members. In 2021, SWG Roma Integration did not hold any plenary sessions and therefore their participation cannot be assessed.

### CSO CAPACITY

- Civil society representatives believe that **their role in this sector group is unclear**, consider themselves uninformed about developments within the sector group and expressed reserves in terms of their participation. Moreover, it was reiterated that assessment cannot be made about their effective participation given the fact that this sector group does not have any dynamics of work and there is no communication among SWG members outside meetings.

### EFFECTS FROM SWG WORK

- In 2021, SWG Roma Integration **demonstrated poor performance**, i.e. did not hold any plenary sessions or operational meetings. Such work dynamics is insufficient for development of strategy and planning documents and for monitoring results achieved in a manner that allows meaningful involvement of stakeholders.

# STRATEGIC GUIDELINES



# EU Roma Strategic Framework

The European Commission has adopted new headline targets by 2030:

- cut the proportion of Roma with discrimination experience by at least half
- double the portion of Roma who file reports when they experience discrimination
- cut the poverty gap between Roma and the general population by at least half
- cut the gap in early childhood education participation by at least half
- cut the proportion of Roma children attending segregated primary schools by at least half, in member-states with significant Roma population
- cut the gap in employment and the gender gap in employment by at least half
- cut the life expectancy gap by at least half
- reduce the gap in housing deprivation by at least one third
- ensure that at least 95% of Roma have access to tap water

## Roma Inclusion Strategy 2022-2030

At national level, the **Roma Integration Strategy 2022-2030** was adopted in early 2022

### Strategic objectives

1. Increase employment of Roma in RNM
2. Ensure permanent, dignified and non-segregated housing for Roma
3. Increase coverage of Roma children and pupils and improve their performance in all education areas in RNM
4. Increase life expectancy among Roma population
5. Develop, foster and promote Roma culture, language and tradition
6. Ensure material security and reduce social exclusion of Roma population
7. All Roma people to have civil registration on the territory of RNM by 2030
8. Eliminate forms and manifestations of anti gypsyism and reduce discrimination against Roma

### Performance indicators

1. Achieve at least 28% employment rate by 2030
2. Achieve 80% of Roma living in urbanized settlements and having access to communal infrastructure
3. Increase access to all education levels by 2030
4. An average increase of 5 years for life expectancy among Roma population by 2030
5. Institutions that foster Roma identity are established by 2030
6. Achieve 50% reduction of poverty among Roma by 2030
7. 0% of stateless persons by 2030
8. Reduce the share of Roma that have faced any form of discrimination by 2030

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