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6<sup>TH</sup> TASK FORCE MEETING

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# Order of business

- Poznan Declaration implementation
- National Roma Strategic Frameworks up to 2030
- Roma Integration action in 2022 and beyond
- AOB





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# Poznan Declaration



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# Conclusions of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ministerial meeting on Roma Integration

- Mapping of informal settlements by 2021
- Adoption of roadmaps on civil registration by 2021
- Data collection
- Roma responsive budgeting
- Adoption of new NRIS
- Undeclared work programs
- WBIF
- Digital and Green



# Poznan Declaration

- Employment:
  - National Programme for Transforming Undeclared Work among Roma (MK, SR, MN)
  - Digital Boost Academy (MK)
- Housing:
  - ongoing regional mapping: <https://romahousecheck.rcc.int/#/> (-SR)
  - Legalisation (SR, 50)
  - Feasibility study (MK)
- Civil Registration:
  - Roadmaps support (discussions on concrete implementation)
- Data collection:
  - Methodology (MK, MN)





# Poznan Declaration by economy

- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Kosovo\*
- North Macedonia
- Montenegro
- Serbia

\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.





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# National Roma Strategic Frameworks



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# National Roma Strategic Frameworks up to 2030

- The EU Roma Strategic Framework on Equality, Inclusion and Participation
- Strategic planning: process and content (by economy)
  - Albania
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - Kosovo\*
  - North Macedonia
  - Montenegro
  - Serbia
  - Turkey



# Roma Integration action in 2022

- Roma in the mainstream agendas:
  - Digital agenda
  - Green agenda
  - Covid-19 recovery plans



# Roma Integration in 2022

## A1.1. Roma Integration Policy and Governance Clinic

Continue strategic planning and action planning if needed (MK)  
Roma Responsive Budgeting (all, Romacted-local)  
Statistical survey (MK, MN, SR)

## A1.2. Sectoral Roma Integration Actions: Formulating, Implementing, Budgeting and Monitoring of Roma Integration Policies

Undeclared work (AL, MK, MN, SR)  
Legalisation (AL, MK, MN, SR)  
Civil registration (all)  
Roma language in education (MN, BH)

## A1.3. National Platforms on Roma Integration

(all)

## A2.1. High level meetings on Roma integration

Ministerial meeting (MN, depending on the Berlin Process)

## A2.2. Task Force Meetings

## A2.3. Regional analyses

## A2.4. Regional conferences on Roma integration

Civil registration  
Antigypsyism  
Statistical data

## A2.5. Media dissemination

Marking important dates  
Census campaign  
Media products (continuation)

## A2.6. Mainstreaming Roma issues into RCC activities and outputs

Balkan Barometer  
Employment and Social Affairs Platform  
Youth Lab

## A2.7. Online Roma integration Regional Reporting Tool

Housing GIS

## A3.1. Participation of National Roma Contact Points at EU fora on Roma Integration

## A3.2. Input on Roma Integration to the EU, including for reporting

ad-hoc, IPA programming





# RI Phase III - Logic of intervention

- To increase the equality, inclusion and participation of the Roma population in the Western Balkans
  - Discrimination against Roma and its effects are effectively addressed in the Western Balkans
  - The situation of Roma is improved in the areas of housing, employment and civil registration in the Western Balkans
  - The institutional capacities of the governments of the Western Balkans to tackle the challenges of Roma are increased



# RI Phase III: Equality and mainstreaming

- Antigypsyism is recognised and addressed through legislation and institutions.
- Mainstream policies in socio-economic spheres and regionally high-priority issues address the specific challenges of Roma.
  - Roma in the public sector
  - Work with the general public



# RI Phase III: Socio-economic area

- Housing legalisation processes are initiated and dwellings of Roma are legalised through pilot initiatives.
  - Housing data, conditions for improvement
- Employment of Roma is encouraged by piloted promising practices.
  - transformation of undeclared work
  - innovative employment measures (entrepreneurship, digitalisation, green business)
- Civil registration is resolved for all Roma in need through a partnership with the governments



# RI Phase III: Institutional capacities

- *Policies and institutional arrangements dealing with Roma issues exist in the region.*
  - Policy management
  - Capacity building to NRCs, coordination bodies, Roma civil servants
  - Social dialogue on Roma issues
- *The governments of the Western Balkans have established proper monitoring and reporting mechanisms.*
  - Statistical data
- *Budget for Roma planning and reporting is improved in the Western Balkans*
  - IPA programming





# Types of activities

- Technical and expert support to governments
- Direct implementation support to beneficiaries
- Regular social dialogue at national and regional level
- Further development of monitoring and reporting mechanisms
- Capacity building activities
- Regional exchange and coordination
- Linking the region with EU
- Cooperation with media and content production

