

RomaIntegration2020

REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON MONITORING AND REPORTING

12-13 December 2016, Vienna

:: CONCEPT NOTE ::

RATIONALE

The Roma Integration 2020 project aims to ensure that national governments integrate Roma specific policy measures into: (1) mainstream socio-economic policies and public service delivery; (2) national budget planning and service delivery processes. Within this process, availability of accurate and up-to-date information is a prerequisite which allows tracking of progress towards established objectives and targets. In line with this, it also allows for optimizing resource allocation, and adequately planned and budgeted policies for Roma integration.

Therefore, data collection and monitoring indicators are essential in the Roma integration process, which makes part of the EU accession process. Given that the Roma Integration 2020 participating economies are aspiring to join the EU, efforts in data collection that guide policy interventions and budgetary allocations are needed. In addition, the thematic evaluation of IPA I pointed to the importance of reliable data for monitoring existing policies and programs.

The 2011 Roma regional survey conducted by UNDP in cooperation with the World Bank (WB), the European Commission, and in coordination with the EU's Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) provided key data for monitoring progress in the priority areas and cross-cutting issues of the Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015.

The Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015 initiative established the practice of annual reporting of the participating countries on the progress and implementation of the National Roma Integration Strategies and Action Plans. For that purpose, the former Decade Secretariat drafted a template for progress reporting, which the participating countries were using to provide data and information on relevant policies, programs and activities following the reasoning of STRUCTURE-PROCESS-OUTCOME. The progress reporting was coordinated by the Decade National Coordinator in which all relevant ministries were taking active part to provide the necessary data.

The Roma Integration 2020 project will build on this practice and for that purpose the Action Team has developed a template for reporting, which closely follows the reporting template of the European Commission DG JUST, which the EU Member States will be using.

This workshop aims to equip government officials with the necessary skills to collect data, use the monitoring indicators and report on the implementation of policies and programs relevant to Roma. It will also provide for an opportunity for various stakeholders to share best practices on monitoring, reporting and data collection.

OBJECTIVES OF THE REGIONAL WORKSHOP

The main objectives of the Regional Workshop on Monitoring and Reporting are:

- Acquaint participants with the methodology and application of the reporting template;
- Build practical skills in using the reporting template;
- Exchange good practices in data collection and reporting.



PARTICIPANTS

- National Roma contact points [7 expected]
- Representatives from state statistical offices [7 expected]
- One representative per line ministry (education, employment, housing, health, civil registration) [35 expected]
- Representatives of Ministries of Finance/NIPAC [7 expected]
- Roma civil society representatives [7 expected]
- Representatives of international organizations: CoE, DG NEAR / EC, ERRC, EUROSTAT, FRA, OSCE, REF, RIO, UNHCR, UNICEF, UN Habitat, UNDP, WHO

DRAFT AGENDA

DAY 1

Opening Session

Session I: Existing Monitoring Frameworks

Balkan Barometer, SILK, EU MIDIS, Examples from relevant EU and non EU countries

Session II: Introduction to monitoring and evaluation measures implemented in the framework of the Roma strategies

FRA Monitoring Indicators, UNDP Regional Roma Survey, Presentation of Roma Inclusion Index

Session III: Presentation and work of the template for reporting

Identifying challenges, lessons learnt from the past

Feasibility of the template

Work in groups during the afternoon

DAY 2

Session IV: Statistical data collection

Population census

Practices of the Roma Inclusion Index consultant

Identifying suitable indicators for tracking progress

Session V: Conclusions and Recommendations

How to proceed in countries' specific context, follow-up steps

