Roma Inclusion 2008
Commission Staff Working Document

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50. ... The European Council, conscious of the very specific situation faced by the Roma across the Union, invites Member States and the Union to use all means to improve their inclusion. To this end it invites the Commission to examine existing policies and instruments and to report to the Council on progress achieved before the end of June 2008.

☑ Racial violence
☑ Situation in Italy as pars pro toto
☑ Political awareness that further negligence is not a feasible option

Examination of Community instruments and policies
Community Instruments and Policies for Roma Inclusion

1. Introduction
2. Legislation
3. Cohesion Policy
4. Non-discrimination Policy
5. Employment Policy
6. Social Inclusion Policy
7. Education, Culture, Youth Policy
8. Public Health Policy
9. Rural Development Policy
10. Enlargement Policy
11. Gender Equality Policy
12. Fundamental Rights Agency
13. Conclusions

Analysis of Community instruments and policies
“Scope for improvement”
Lessons learned for enhancing effectiveness

Gender mainstreaming across all thematic chapters!

Annex to the Communication “Non-discrimination and equal opportunities: A renewed commitment”

Adoption (July 2, 2008)

57 pages
Challenges

- Lack of precise data / knowledge
- Implementation gap
- Targeting or mainstreaming
- Competences EU/Member States
- Time constraints (02-05/2008)

The CSWD is NOT

- A document which announces the next steps
- An Evaluation report
Main Results CSWD

- Instruments and policies are **appropriate**, but there is an **implementation gap** in the Member States.
- The use of the potential of **Structural Funds and pre-accession instruments** is crucial for overcoming exclusion.
- The **policy cooperation** mechanisms at EU- and Member States level are suitable for targeted analysis and action.
- There is a need for a **supporting context** around the rights-based approach; Equality bodies and the cooperation/capacity building of civil society play an important role in this respect.
- In the framework of existing instruments and policies, there is considerable **room for manoeuvre** to make them more effective (lessons learned).
Clear position regarding *anti-gypsism, discrimination and social exclusion* of Roma
Commitment to enforce *Non-discrimination legislation*;
Commitment to support *capacity building* of civil society and to involve it at all levels of policy development and implementation
Commitment to support *Council* in responding to the call of the June 2008 European Council
Willingness to use the *scope for improvement* to make Community instruments and policies more effective
49. … "The European Council looks forward to the results of the Commission's evaluation of existing policies and instruments aimed at improving the inclusion of the Roma population as well as to the forthcoming conference on this issue to be held in September. It invites the Council to take this into account in its examination of the revised Social Agenda. The European Council will return to this issue before the end of the year."
 Outputs – Inputs

**Communication**
Section on Roma in the Non-discrimination Communication
(July 2, 2008)

**Staff Working Document**
Policies and instruments for Roma inclusion. An analysis
(July 2, 2008)

**Civil society**
Participation / input

**High Level Conference on Roma**
(September 16, 2008)

**Member States**
Participation / input

**EP, EESC, CoE, others**
Participation, reports and resolutions, opinion
Conclusions of the June 2008 European Council are a clear signal to proceed; the Commission will do its utmost to support Council.

Priority: Need for an open and constructive debate at EU Roma Summit on September 16, 2008.

Next step: December 2008 European Council and clear proposals (plus political mandate) for follow-up.
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