Recent developments and upcoming plans of Hungary

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Legal background


- Concrete projects, deadlines and sources.

- Priority areas:
  - education,
  - employment + development of enterprises,
  - housing,
  - health,
  - anti-discrimination
  - culture, media, sport
  + gender equality as horizontal issue
Implementation of Action Plan
(2008-2009)

• **Targeting:**
  - „Group targeting“ – measures to groups where the Roma are overrepresented, (long-term unemployment, low educational attainment, early school leaving, etc.)
  - „Territorial targeting“ – measures to territories where the Roma are overrepresented (most disadvantaged territories, Roma settlements, ghettos)
  - Programs focused on Roma minority (culture and antidiscrimination)

• **Sources:**
  - national resources + EU Funds (in the New Hungarian Development Plan)
  - Amount: ten billions HUF
Resource allocation of governmental measures

- **Goal:** ensure access of Roma among disadvantaged people.

- **Target programs** – e.g.
  - Scholarship program for Roma children (sources: 4,8 million euro).
  - Housing and social integration program of people living in Roma settlements (sources: 8 million euro).

- **Positive actions, aiming to provide equal access** – measures:
  - development policy based on principle of equal opportunity.
  - establishment / development of Roma Networks – e.g.
    - Roma managers in labour offices (county level) - (employees are selected by self-identification),
    - Roma assistants in primary schools,
    - Roma scholarships for healthcare providers, social workers, etc.,
    - Involvement of Roma NGOs.
Development policy based on principle of equal opportunity

- **Goal**: support projects which contribute to decrease of segregation of Roma in housing and education

- **Development of public education institutions**
  - Sources: 11,4 billion HUF = 45,6 million euro
  - Ca. 1000 villages have prepared reports on the situation of equal opportunities in public education.

- **Urban rehabilitation – Regional Development Program (ROP)**
  - Sources: 10,7 billion HUF = 42,8 million euro
  - Social rehabilitation, other developments
  - All applicants (large and medium-sized cities) should provide anti-segregation plan – ca. 170 plan has been prepared

- Independent experts approve the anti-segregation plans.

- Guidelines on equal opportunity in the field of employment, health, housing and education are being prepared.
Legislative provisions

Education – amendment of the act on public education

- **Support the most disadvantaged children going to kindergarten** (from January 1, 2009)

- **Equal opportunity plans** are necessary in projects, programs supported by national sources.

- In each schools of cities **the rate of the most disadvantaged children** (comparing with all of the school-aged children) can be max. 15% more than this rate of the city.
Thank you for your attention!