Roma Inclusion 2008
Anti-Segregation

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A Complex Problem

Human Rights Dimension of Segregation

Social Dimension of Segregation

Education  Employment  geographical  Social

Policy response!

• Complex answers for complex problems
• Need to address interdependence of problems
• Need to address the link between segregation and low quality (of education, health services, housing etc.)
Challenging Segregation

- **Education**: *Ostrava II* ruling by ECHR; *case law* at national level (based on non-discrimination law), future case law of ECJ
- **Structural Funds**: Main instrument to address segregation in its different forms (education, occupation, health services)
- **Priority** to end segregation in “special schools”; focus on *improving quality* in all-Roma classes / “ghetto schools”
- Support of *civil society* as key instrument (capacity building, monitoring, strategic litigation)