DECADE PROGRESS REPORT
KEY RESULTS FOR 2012

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Motto

‘The substance of the new conception is multi-dimensionality: that is to say that education-, social-, employment- and health-related problems are to be improved simultaneously. Only such a complex and multidisciplinary approach can bring positive and qualitative results in disadvantaged areas.’

National Social Inclusion Strategy 2011-2020

‘The Roma community is an opportunity – a hidden potential for the country’s economy.’

Prime Minister Viktor Orbán (7 May 2013, Roma Affairs Council)
Preliminaries

- 2003 - Budapest Conference
- 2005 - Hungary became a founding member of the Roma Decade Programme
- 2007 - Hungarian Decade Presidency
- 2011 - During the Hungarian Presidency of the European Council, HU initiated the EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies
- 2011 November - HU was the first EU Member State to adopt the National Social (Roma) Inclusion Strategy
Basic principles

• Integration through active participation → involvement, not coercion
  - the Hungarian meaning of ‘INCLUSION’ (felzárkózás vs. felzárkóztatás)

• Result-orientation

• Comprehensive, multi-dimensional approach
Best practices

• Early childhood education
  • Sure Start Children’s Centres (41 centres, 5 257 children)
    • State + EU-funded projects

• Education
  • Integrative Pedagogical System since 2003 (1 600 institutions, 300 000 pupils and 13 000 teachers) – €23.3 million
  • ‘For the Road’ three-level scholarship package (9 646 new entrants, 5 439 participants of Roma origin, 5 558 mentors in 2012/2013) – €6.85 million
  • Roma College System (5 colleges, more than 100 students) - €822 000
  • A groundbreaking initiative – Gandhi High School

→ altogether 17 000 children, mostly Roma
Best practices

• Employment and training
  • Public employment scheme (providing employment to 100,000 people, out of whom 54,800 people are of Roma origin in 2012 – more than €450 million)
  • Social land programme → Social/community employment (providing employment to 1,400 people – more than €580,000)
    • + educational programmes

• Housing
  • Complex settlement programme (22 settlements so far – €19.5 million)
Monitoring system

- A separate monitoring system has recently been established to follow the implementation of programmes in a unified framework.
- Monitoring is assisted by the social inclusion indicator system developed by an independent research institution and with data uploaded by the Central Statistical Office by the end of the first half of 2013.
- The Interministerial Committee for Social Inclusion and Roma Affairs has also set up a separate Monitoring Working Group with the cooperation of the public administration departments concerned.
- In this spirit → forums for discussion: Roma Affairs Council (CET), Interministerial Committee for Social Inclusion and Roma Affairs (TFCTB), Roma Coordination Council (ROK – T), Human Rights Roundtable, Anti-segregation Roundtable.
To be continued…

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