MigRom Project
The immigration of Romanian Roma to Western Europe: Causes, effects and future engagement strategies.

Presentation and first results
What is MigRom?

• Research consortium (academic – senior and junior researchers, Roma research assistants- and non-academic partners – Romani NGO and local authority)
• Funded by the EC 7th Framework Research Programme, led by University of Manchester
• Carried out in Roma migrants communities in France, Italy, Spain, UK, and in origin communities in Romania
• Ethnography of Roma Migration
• Identifies good practice of integration
• Capacity building for communities
• Policy recommendations and models for authorities.
Key findings

• Migration connected to social segregation and extreme poverty linked to the collapse of state sector in 1990
• Search for a stable future
• Family migration
• Young population with low level of vocational skills
Social inclusion of Roma migrants

• Use of opportunities in destination communities: health, education, employment, housing

• Inclusion pattern similar to that of other immigrant populations
Migration as development support for origin communities

• Key role in helping develop the long-term social and economic standing of Roma communities in the origin countries.
Challenges

• Access to housing and its consequences on schooling
• Persistence of negative images in media and in public statements by officials
• Prejudices from authorities and third sector agencies against Roma communities and their consequences on public policies
• Need to avoid dependency and support self reliance
Recommendations

- Mainstreaming
- Housing
- Education
- Health
- Employment
- Empowerment
- Role of authorities
Thank you for your attention.