# Albanian state efforts for Roma people education

#### Decade National Action Plan

- In the end of 2009, Albanian Government has aproved the National Action Plan for Roma Decade
- Education is one of the main priority area of this Action Plan 2010-2015
- In the first year of Action Plan implementation (2010), good progress is identifyied in education issues.

### Other strategic document

The education issues for Roma people are even included as specific objectives in National Strategy of Social Inclusion.

 Increase the level of education for Roma children, preventing social exclusion

Offer free vocational training courses

### Which are the education problems of Roma children

- Non-Attendance the preliminary school because of :
- Economic issues. Extreme poverty for Albanian Roma is particularly high at 39%.
- 40% of Roma families require their children to work (begging or selling) and for this reason the children do not go to school.
- The non-attendance of pre-school education, block them to communicate easily with the other children.

## Which are the education problems of Roma children

Drop-out school early

- Early marriages
- Facing with discrimination by the other children, even by teachers
- Absence of parents awareness for the necessity of education

In order to improve accessibility, participation and attending school by Roma children, some commitments are made:

- In 2010, the number of children who goes to preschool education and are academically and socially prepared for school is increased
- In the framework of kindergarten educational programme to help preschool roma children to integrate them in the compulsory 9-toyear school, some preparatory classes are established for linguistic development of children facing with difficulties in communication.
- In 2010 aprox. 700 Roma children are registered in preschool education

- Under the implementing of project "The Second Opportunity", by the Ministry of Education, which intend integration of abandoned school children and their retrieval in educational procces, 60 classrooms are established and there are 400 beneficiaries Roma children.
- Some local government provide free transport service Roma children to go to school and there are 100 children benefited.

- In order to fulfill the needs for textbooks and school supplies for Roma children, there is a new decision by ME in Albania, to finance totally by the state budget.
- Among 2010, the Regional Educational Office, are engaged and realized 103 awareness and advisering campaines for the parents of Roma children.

- Some specific curriculas for training teachers are compile, in order that they treat the roma children like the others and to understand that the education foundation is the quality and not racial differences.
- ME is working to the multiculturalism inclusion in school programmes in order to enrich with information the other children and soften somehow discrimination mentality of the other part of society.

Considering that one of the main reasons of esclusion of roma children from education was non-registration in civil national registry of them, a decision of ME is approved, so all roma children are admitted in school even being nonregistered.



Thank you for attention