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# NATIONAL PRACTICES FOR IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSING CONDITIONS OF ROMA

## CROATIA

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# Roma in Croatia

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- Census 2011 data will be available in Dec 2012; there are reasons to expect much larger figure than in 2001
- Census 2001: 9,463 (0.21 %)
- Accepted estimates (GoC, IO, NGOs); 30,000-40,000
- Variety of Roma in Croatia (language, religion, origin...)
- Largest Roma Community in Međimurje County

# Housing conditions - 2001 Census Data

	Croatia	Međimurje County
Avg. House size	56.8 m2	34.2m2
Indoor toilets	40 %	7.3 %
Bathroom	40 %	6.8 %
Waterworks	50 %	16.0 %
Sewerage	44.8 %	8.8 %
Electricity	84.8 %	73.3 %

# Institutional framework and Roma participation

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- Systematic Efforts
- National Roma Program (2003) and Roma Decade Action Plan (2005) - chapters on housing
- Commission for the Monitoring of the Implementation of the National Roma Program
- Working Group for Decade Action Plan
- Local Roma Minority Councils and Representatives
- Roma MP

## Improving Roma housing conditions - practice

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- County spatial development plans for improving housing situation (2005-2010)- all 14 counties with significant Roma population prepared their plans
- Ministry for Construction and Physical Planning financing Detailed Plans (DPU)- 26 until now
- Donation of state owned land to municipalities, subsequently transferred to Roma house owners
- Resettlement/Housing Care through buying houses (priorities determined in cooperation with local welfare centres)

# EU funded projects

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- 3 infrastructure construction/improvement projects in 6 Roma Settlements
- IPA 2012 Cross-border project

		EU Funds	Croatian Contribution
PHARE 2005		470,000	157,000
PHARE 2006		2,472,000	975,000
IPA 2008		1,971,000	733,000
IPA 2012		720,000	80,000 + ?

## Other donors

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- EIB II (Integrated Development of Local Communities)-Darda 610,000 EUR
- Social Infrastructure-CNF 100,000 EUR

# Recent developments

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- Designing of National Roma Strategy up to 2020
  - Broad consultations
  - 7 working groups, including WG Housing, Physical Planning and Environmental Protection
- New projects planned



Thank you for your attention!