



# Recommendations of the Youth Conference to the Governments

Conclusions from the International  
conference on Roma Youth activism and  
participation held on 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2013

1. Introduce 3-5 internships and employment opportunities per year for young Roma graduates in strategic places in Decade governments starting with January 2014
2. Ensure Participation of Roma Youth in designing Roma & Youth related programs, policies and decision making processes as well as implementation of existing strategies with monitoring mechanisms.
3. Create priorities for Roma Youth within the Youth Guarantee Programs and similar active measures of employment in Decade countries



4. Ensure mechanism of participation of Roma Youth in the International Steering Committee meetings of the Decade

5. Introduce a budget line for Roma Youth initiatives to empower Roma Youth in all Decade countries:

a) Small grant schemes for local youth organizations and informal groups to enable them to realize local initiatives / micro – level interventions.

b) Institutional / administrative funding for existing structures on national and international level.

6. Strong political support for campaigns against anti-gypsism and stereotypes in order to fight stigmatization of Roma.



## 7. Invest in formal & non- formal education

a) Compulsory secondary education in all Decade countries

b) Investment in lifelong learning

c) Reduce the percentage of school drop-outs and eliminate school segregation

8. Form National Advisory Bodies on Roma Youth that would advise the governments on youth issues and function as the co-management bodies.

9. Support consistent research on the situation of Roma Youth on a national level.

10. Invest in programs and trainings that focus on strengthening the identity, leadership skills and community building to enable Roma youth to become active citizens and actors of change.