Good practices in the registration and issuance of documents for Roma community
Based on the current context, in which the Romanian Government aims to improve in all levels the Roma conditions, our institution - Directorate for Persons Records and Databases’ Management engaged actively to coordinate the registration and issuance the civil status and identity documents for Romanian citizens of Roma minority.

According to Government Decision no. 1.221/2011 for the approval of the Romanian Government's Strategy for the inclusion of Romanian citizens of Roma minority for the period 2012-2020, our institution has as main objective to continue the process of identifying persons without certificates of civil status or identity documents in order to register in the national registry and issue the civil status certificates and identity documents.
212 cities
2868 communes
3187 territorial administrative units
• Authorities responsible of the civil status field:

*Directorate for Persons Record and Databases’ Management*

- County Councils/Bucharest General Council
- Public Community Services for Persons Record
- City Municipalities

• Civil status registrars - the mayors
Birth registration

- medical certificate of birth, with the registration number, the date, sanitary unit seal, signature and stamp of the doctor;
- birth certificate and identity card of the mother or of the applicant, if the birth is not declared by mother;
- marriage certificate of the child’s parents, if they are married.
Keeping the current record of persons and issuance of identity documents are made by **public community services of persons record**.

The application for issuing the identity card shall be signed in the presence of the public servant from the specialized service and must be accompanied by documents which provide the proof of:
- last name and first name
- date of birth
- marital status
- citizenship
- domicile address and, when appropriate, residence address.
Best Practices

The lack of civil status documents

The incidence of medical unassisted birth remains high, due to the lack of identity documents of the parents, that prevents the registration in the healthcare system.

Granting the expert support from the authorities and the involvement of non-governmental organizations at the local level led, in most of the cases, to the registration of children in the civil status registry and issuance of civil status certificates.

The segment of the Roma population, which after 1990, was temporarily abroad and whether they have registered the birth of the child with unreal information or didn't registered the birth nor to the competent local authorities, nor to the Romanian diplomatic mission/consular office from that country.

The procedure laid down by the legislation in force requires, in general, the need of introducing an action in court for delayed birth registration, a lasting procedure requiring the appointment of a lawyer, to formulate and support the action.

Restraining of Roma people to ask for qualified support of the responsible authorities make it necessary to involve non-governmental organizations at local level, to provide specialized assistance for such situations.
One of the problems often encountered in practice highlighted by non-governmental organizations representing the Roma minority in the meetings with our institution, is the lack of documents that prove the living space.

The procedure was simplified and the living space can be proved with the applicant statement on its own responsibility, together with the public order police verification note, by which it is certified that there is a building and the fact that the applicant is resident at the declared address.

Public community services for persons record organize campaigns with the mobile station and take pictures and documents necessary for the issuance of identity documents.

For the Roma communities living in far or isolated locations
Public Community Services for Persons Record

- Public order police officers (A)
- Civil status registrars (E)
- Social assistance (C)
- Roma experts from the local municipalities (B)
- Roma organizations representatives (D)
Protocol

To support and guide the Romanian citizens of Roma minority to obtain civil status certificates and identity documents

Cooperation Protocol

- General Inspectorate of Romanian Police
- Directorate for Persons Records and Databases' Management
- General Directorate for Child Protection
- Romani CRISS
Thank you for your attention!