EU Framework, NRIS & the use of EU funds for Roma inclusion

Perspectives on EU funding for Roma inclusion
Decade of Roma inclusion 2005–2015
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EU & Roma inclusion
Time line

• 2008   EU Roma Summit

• 2010   Communication on social & economic integration of Roma in Europe

• 2011   EU framework for National Roma Integration Strategies (NRIS)

• 2012   1st Report on NRIS implementation

• 2013   2nd Report on NRIS implementation

Council Recommendation on Roma Inclusion
EU Framework for Roma inclusion
10 years strategy

- rationale
  - demographic opportunity
  - economic opportunity
- principles
  - responsibility of national public authorities
  - non-discrimination rules alone will not achieve Roma inclusion
  - targeted approach within broader anti-poverty / inclusion strategy
EU framework for NRIS

- reducing the gap with the rest of the population
  - integrated action for education, employment, healthcare, housing & essential services (water, electricity, etc.)
- National Roma Integration Strategies in all Member States
  - supportive policy framework
  - sufficient funding
    - EU funding alone will not suffice
  - monitoring & review mechanisms
  - in partnership with
    - Roma civil society
    - regional & local authorities
Countries with large Roma populations are among the poorest

people at risk of poverty or social exclusion
(as % of total population - 2011)
Countries with high poverty rates are not large social protection spenders
Countries with large Roma populations allocate limited EU funds to fight poverty

% ESF allocated to fight poverty (2007-2013)

FR, IE, AT, UK, BE, DE, MT, FI, RO, CY, PL, SK, CZ, LU, EL, HU, IT, NL, LV, ES, PT, SI, LT, SW, BG, EE, DK
Countries with large Roma populations are among least effective in using EU funds

% ESF 2007-2013 envelopes actually paid to countries (at end 2012)
Slow progress

- Why?
  - lack of political will
    - reluctance of majority population to invest to fight poverty
  - lack of capacity
    - central administration
    - potential beneficiaries (NGOs, local authorities)
EU funds 2014-2020 for social investment € billions (estimates)

- ESF: 16.3 billion
- YOI: 6.0 billion
- FEAD: 2.5 billion
- PSCI: 1.0 billion
- ERDF: 244 billion
- EAFRD: 195 billion
- Horizon 2020: 32 billion
- COSME: 2.5 billion
- Health: 0.4 billion

Legend: ■ earmarked  ■ total
2014-20 cohesion policy
€325 bn

ERDF + Cohesion Fund 75%
ESF 25%

Other priorities 20%
Social inclusion 5%
ESF ≥ 25% ESI + Cohesion funds

- 2007-13 actual ESF
- 2007-13 "potential" ESF

Impact simulation of “25%” rule in 2007-13
Social inclusion ≥ 20% ESF

% ESF allocated for disadvantaged people

simulation of impact of 20% rule in 2007-13
Common Strategic Framework
11 thematic objectives

- RTDI
- ICT access, use & quality
- SME competitiveness, agriculture, fisheries & aquaculture
- Shift towards low-carbon economy
- Climate change adaptation, risk prevention & management
- Environment protection & resource efficiency
- Sustainable transport & key network infrastructures
- Employment & labour mobility
- Social inclusion & fight against poverty
- Education, skills & lifelong learning
- Institutional capacity & efficient public administration
## 4 "ESF" thematic objectives

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## Integrated approach
social inclusion & fight against poverty

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Readings

- Commission website on Roma inclusion