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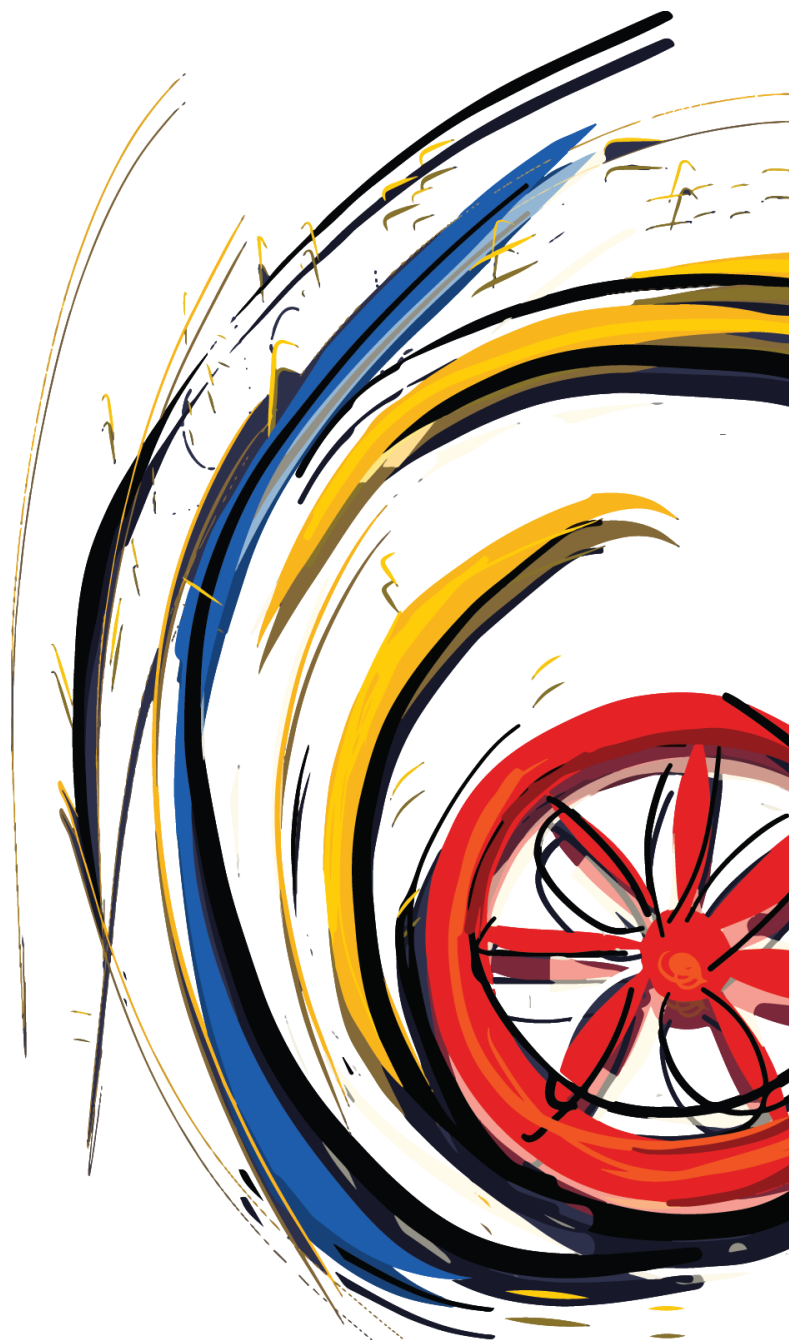## Regional Cooperation Council

Roma Integration 2020 – 5th Task Force Meeting

Belgrade/ZOOM, 15 December 2020

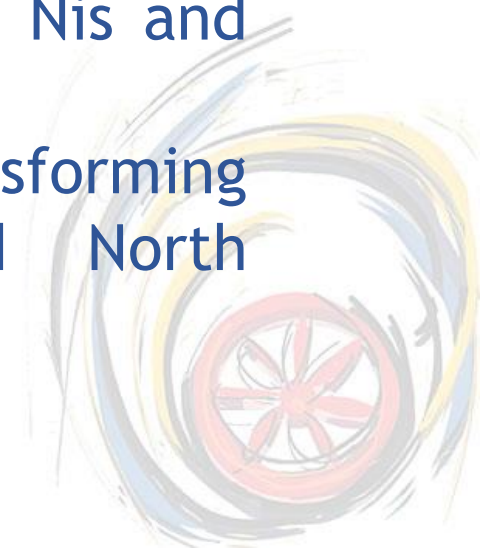# 2020 Achievements of the Roma Integration project

- Co-organized with AL Government a Poznan Declaration Ministerial meeting with concrete follow up conclusions
  - Endorsed at the WB Leaders' Summit in Sofia
- Mapping of illegal settlements has started
  - Created a software for data gathering of the mapping process
- Developed roadmaps for ending statelessness among Roma
  - Official adoption pending

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- Developed a model framework to guide the drafting of the post-2020 National Roma Integration Strategies
  - Pending official endorsement
- Started working on legalization cases of housing units in the municipalities of Nis and Leskovac in Serbia
- Developing programs on transforming undeclared work in Serbia and North Macedonia

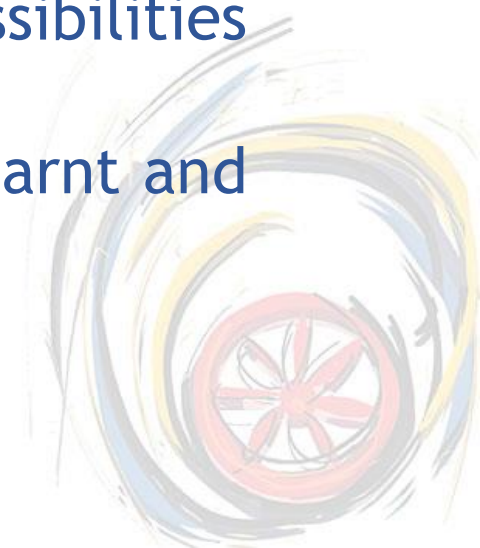# 2020 Achievements of the Roma Integration project

- Increased presence in the media in order to promote the fight against antigypsyism, positive stories and case studies;
- Coordination of COVID-19 emergency response meetings
    - Raised the voices of Roma communities
    - Policy proposals and contributions to IPA reprogramming;
    - Public budgeting reprograming using Roma responsive budgeting principles.

Follow up of the Poznan Declaration commitments

- Mapping of informal settlements and update on the piloting process
- Roadmaps for ending statelessness, reflections on content of the roadmaps and envisaged adoption
- Monitoring and data collection, possibilities for conducting Roma specific surveys
- Roma responsive budgeting, lessons learnt and assessment of the process
- Drafting and adoption of new NRIS

Mapping of informal settlements and update on the piloting process

- Roma settlements are mapped in two municipalities per economy
- Database of the Roma settlements is being developed on the QGIS platform
- Training on the QGIS platform conducted for government officials
- Mapping should be finalized by the end of 2021
- Discussion should focus on how the mapping process can be completed, what are the needs?

Roadmaps for ending statelessness

- Developed and proposed to the governments
- ENS has been actively engaged in the process
- Official endorsement is expected in 2021
- Discussions should focus on what is expected from RCC, from UNHCR, from ENS

Roma responsive budgeting

- Not taken into account in the rebalance of public budgets for 2020
  - In some cases, significant budget cuts where made from the dedicated Roma integration budgets
- Will require full involvement of various stakeholders, including Ministries of Finance
- Example of Albania should serve as good practice and basis for peer-learning (especially at local level)
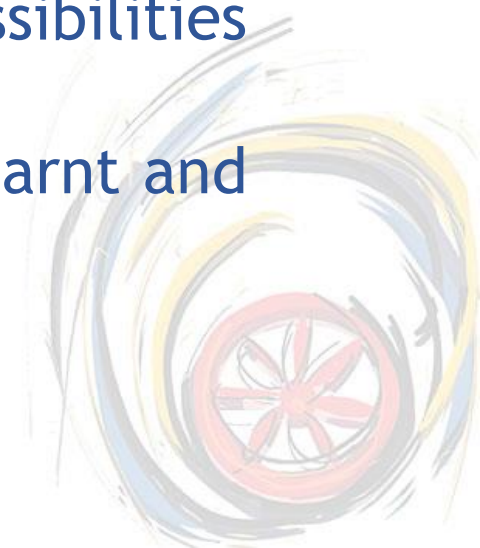
Monitoring and data collection

- Expert on developing the methodology for the Roma Survey is engaged and working
- Pilot survey is expected after the 2021 census results are available (for sampling)
- FRA is involved and consulted in the process
- We must consider involving the State Statistical agencies!

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The new EU Roma Strategic Framework

- RCC provides technical assistance in the process

- Deadline for official adoption of NRIS is September 2021 (discussion on individual dynamics)

- Proposal for guidelines and a model National Roma Strategic Frameworks

- Recommended targets aligned with the Poznan Declaration, the EU Framework and the local context

Calendar of Activities for 2021 & Technical Assistance Requests

	Activity	Notes	Time
A1.1	Roma Integration Policy and Governance Clinic	Interdisciplinary bodies and country consultations	Ongoing
A1.2	Sectoral Roma Integration Actions	Expert support to Roadmap implementation: undeclared work; housing mapping	Ongoing
		On demand actions	TBD
A1.3	National Platforms on Roma Integration	All economies	Feb – Oct 2021
A2.1	High Level Meeting on Roma Integration	Berlin Summit	TBD
A2.2	Task Force Meeting		Dec
A2.3	Regional Analyses	Fight against Antigypsyism	Jan – Sep 2021
		Impact of COVID-19 on Roma	Dec 2020-May 2021
A2.4	Regional Conferences on Roma Integration	Civil Registration	TBD
		Mainstreaming in sectoral reforms	TBD
		Employment opportunities for Roma	TBD
A2.5	Media Dissemination	Webinar with media journalists and editors	25 Jan 2021
		Media products	Continuous
A2.6	Mainstreaming Roma issues in RCC	ESAP	Continuous
		Green Agenda	Continuous
		Digital Agenda	Continuous
		Women empowerment	Continuous
A2.7	Regional Online Reporting Tool	MKD pilot, Housing data-base	Jan – Sep 2021
A3.1	Participation of NRCPs at EU fora	EU Roma Week	TBD
		EU Roma Platform	TBD
		Berlin process Summit	TBD
A3.2	Input on Roma Integration to the EU		Continuous