

- **The main priority of the European Commission according to President Barroso's Communication from February 2005 is focus: "First, Europe's actions need more focus. We must concentrate all our efforts on delivering on the ground policies that will have greatest impact."**
- **Problems: no European Roma policy, mainstreaming used by national government as an excuse for inaction, weak results and no sustainability of Roma financed projects**
- **Solution: A European Roma Policy/ European framework Strategy for Roma; Creation of an effective institutional framework able to prepare and implement such a Strategy**

- **13 EU Countries with National or Action Plans Focused on Roma**
- **7 Resolution of the European Parliament and EU Council focused on Roma**
- **5 EU member countries part of the Decade**
- **Hundreds of EU documents proving the need for comprehensive strategies in order to properly address the situation of Roma**

- **Establishing a Commissioner portfolio for minorities and immigration (2009).**
- **Strengthening the existing European Commission structures- to lead to much improved efficiency of the EU Roma related projects.**
- **An Interministerial group within the European Council focused on Roma and other disadvantaged groups**
- **A pan-European task force on Roma – built on the existing but inefficient Informal Intergovernmental group (2009-2010).**
- **A EU budget line focused on the support and development of Romani civic society with a focus on human capacity building (2009).**

European Roma Grassroots Organisation

- a multisectoral and multidimensional approach
- full roma participation (inclusive consultations; ongoing Roma involvement; transparency of consultations ; numerus clausus ?)
- a matrix of evaluation and assessment based on segregated ethnic data;
- a prioritization of raising awareness and fighting against anti-Gypsyism;
- strategic components at the sectoral level;
- close cooperation of Intergovernmental organisations and national governments
- resources for capacity building within the Roma communities