

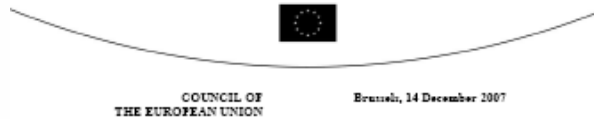
# ***Roma Inclusion 2008***

## ***Commission Staff Working Document***



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50. ... The European Council, conscious of the very specific situation faced by the Roma across the Union, invites Member States and the Union to ***use all means to improve their inclusion***. To this end it invites the Commission to ***examine existing policies and instruments*** and to report to the Council on progress achieved before the end of June 2008.

- ☑ Racial violence
- ☑ Situation in Italy as *pars pro toto*
- ☑ Political awareness that further negligence is not a feasible option
- ☑ EP resolution of January 31, 2008





57 pages

Adoption (July 2, 2008)

Annex to the Communication  
*“Non-discrimination and equal opportunities: A renewed commitment”*

## ***Community Instruments and Policies for Roma Inclusion***

1. Introduction
2. Legislation
3. Cohesion Policy
4. Non-discrimination Policy
5. Employment Policy
6. Social Inclusion Policy
7. Education, Culture, Youth Policy
8. Public Health Policy
9. Rural Development Policy
10. Enlargement Policy
11. Gender Equality Policy
12. Fundamental Rights Agency
13. Conclusions

Analysis of Community instruments and policies

“Scope for improvement”

Lessons learned for enhancing effectiveness

Gender mainstreaming across all thematic chapters!

Lack of precise  
data / knowledge

Implementation  
gap

Targeting or  
mainstreaming

Competences  
EU/Member States

Time constraints  
(02-05/2008)

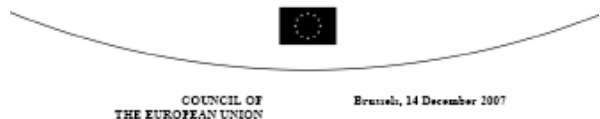
The CSWD is NOT



- A document which announces the next steps
- An Evaluation report

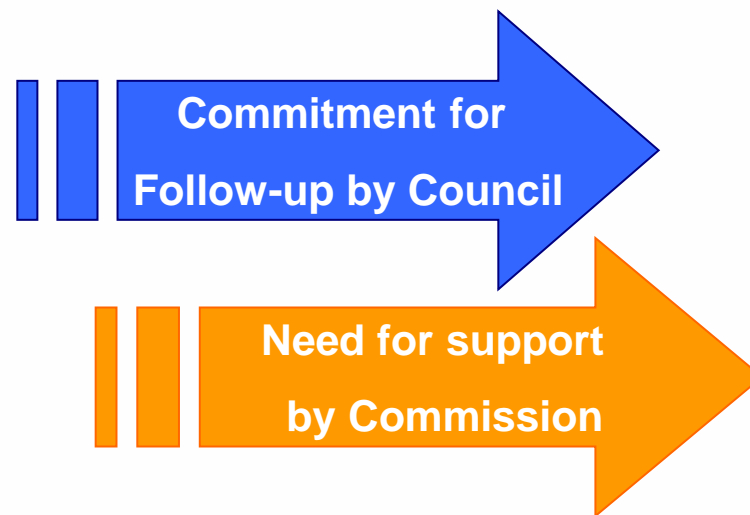
- ✓ instruments and policies are **appropriate**, but there is an **implementation gap** in the Member States
- ✓ the use of the potential of **Structural Funds and pre-accession instruments** is crucial for overcoming exclusion
- ✓ the **policy cooperation** mechanisms at EU - and Member States level are suitable for targeted analysis and action
- ✓ there is a need for a **supporting context** around the rights-based approach; Equality bodies and the cooperation/capacity building of civil society play an important role in this respect
- ✓ in the framework of existing instruments and policies there is considerable **room for manoeuvre** to make them more effective (lessons learned)

- ✓ Clear position regarding ***anti-gypsism, discrimination and social exclusion*** of Roma
- ✓ Commitment to enforce ***Non-discrimination legislation***;
- ✓ Commitment to support ***capacity building*** of civil society and to involve it at all levels of policy development and implementation
- ✓ Commitment to ***support Council*** in responding to the call of the June 2008 European Council
- ✓ Willingness to use the ***scope for improvement*** to make Community instruments and policies more effective



49. ... "The European Council looks forward to the results of the Commission's evaluation of existing policies and instruments aimed at improving the inclusion of the Roma population as well as to the forthcoming conference on this issue to be held in September. It **invites the Council** to take this **into account** in its examination of the revised Social Agenda. The **European Council will return to this issue** before the end of the year."

- ☑ Clear Member States' commitment
- ☑ Constant pressure to keep issue on the agenda
- ☑ Awareness that situation has human rights, social, and security dimension
- ☑ 1<sup>st</sup> time official Commission report



# Outputs – Inputs

## **Communication**

Section on Roma in the Non-discrimination Communication  
(July 2, 2008)

## **Staff Working Document**

Policies and instruments for Roma inclusion.  
An analysis  
(July 2, 2008)

## **Civil society**

Participation / input

## **Member States**

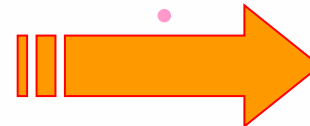
Participation / input

## **High Level Conference on Roma**

(September 16, 2008)

## **EP, EESC, CoE, others**

Participation, reports and resolutions, opinion



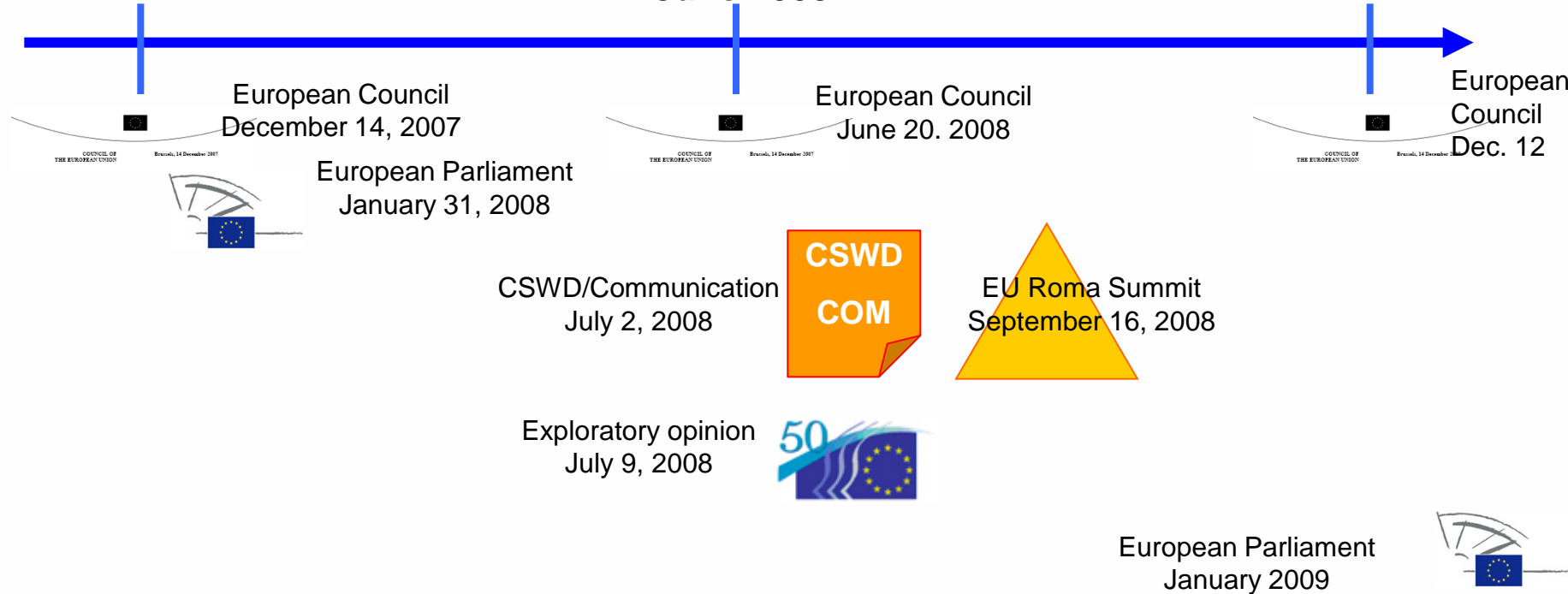


# Roma inclusion 2007-2009

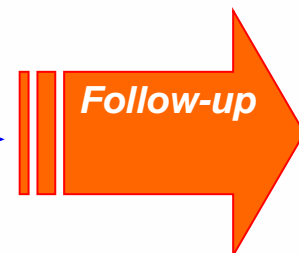
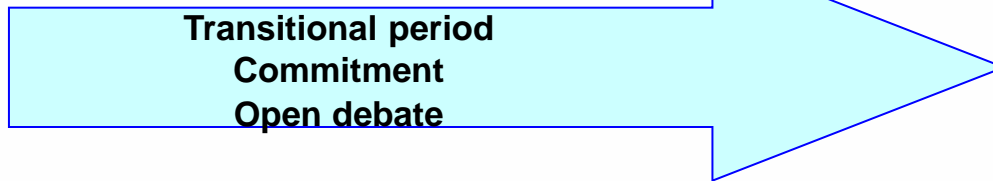
**December 2007**

**June 2008**

**December 2008**



**Competence EU**  
**Competence**  
**Member States**



- ☑ Conclusions of the June 2008 **European Council** are a clear signal to proceed; the Commission will do its utmost to **support** Council
- ☑ Priority: Need for an open and constructive debate **at EU Roma Summit** on September 16, 2008
- ☑ Next step: December 2008 **European Council** and clear proposals (plus political mandate) for follow-up

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