



Recent developments and upcoming plans of Hungary

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Decade of Roma Inclusion, International Steering
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Legal background

- 68/2007 parliamentary resolution – Decade of Roma Inclusion Program **Strategic Plan** (2007-2015) – adopted by the Parliament unanimously June 25, 2007



- 1105/2007 Government Decree – **Governmental Action Plan** (2008-2009) – adopted by the Government December 19, 2007

Action Plan, governmental measures

(2008-2009)

- Concrete projects, deadlines and sources.
- Priority areas:
 - education,
 - employment + development of enterprises,
 - housing,
 - health,
 - anti-discrimination
 - culture, media, sport
 - + gender equality as horizontal issue

Implementation of Action Plan

(2008-2009)

- **Targeting:**

- „**Group targeting**” – measures to groups where the Roma are overrepresented, (long-term unemployment, low educational attainment, early school leaving, etc.)
- „**Territorial targeting**” – measures to territories where the Roma are overrepresented (most disadvantaged territories, Roma settlements, ghettos)
- **Programs focused on Roma minority** (culture and antidiscrimination)

- **Sources:**

- national resources + EU Funds (in the New Hungarian Development Plan)
- Amount: ten billions HUF

Resource allocation of governmental measures

- **Goal:** ensure access of Roma among disadvantaged people.
- **Target programs** – e.g.
 - Scholarship program for Roma children (sources: 4,8 million euro).
 - Housing and social integration program of people living in Roma settlements (sources: 8 million euro).
- **Positive actions, aiming to provide equal access** – measures:
 - **development policy based on principle of equal opportunity.**
 - **establishment / development of Roma Networks** – e.g.
 - Roma managers in labour offices (county level) - (employees are selected by self-identification),
 - Roma assistants in primary schools,
 - Roma scholarships for healthcare providers, social workers, etc.,
 - Involvement of Roma NGOs.

Development policy based on principle of equal opportunity

- **Goal:** support projects which contribute to decrease of segregation of Roma in housing and education
- **Development of public education institutions**
 - Sources: 11,4 billion HUF = 45,6 million euro
 - Ca. 1000 villages have prepared reports on the situation of equal opportunities in public education.
- **Urban rehabilitation – Regional Development Program (ROP)**
 - Sources: 10,7 billion HUF = 42,8 million euro
 - Social rehabilitation, other developments
 - All applicants (large and medium-sized cities) should provide anti-segregation plan – ca. 170 plan has been prepared
- **Independent experts approve the anti-segregation plans.**
- **Guidelines on equal opportunity in the field of employment, health, housing and education are being prepared.**

Legislative provisions

Education – amendment of the act on public education

- **Support the most disadvantaged children** going to kindergarten (from January 1, 2009)
- **Equal opportunity plans** are necessary in projects, programs supported by national sources.
- In each schools of cities **the rate of the most disadvantaged children** (comparing with all of the school-aged children) can be max. 15% more than this rate of the city.

Thank you for your attention!

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