
Czech Republic: Implementation of Decade National Action Plans for Decade for Roma Inclusion 2005 – 2015

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I. Education

II. Housing

III. Employment

IV. Health

The Decade in the Czech Republic

- The national coordinator for the Decade is the Czech cabinet of the Minister for Human Rights (Feb. 2009 Minister for Human Rights Mr. Michael Kocáb)
- Working tasks: the Office of the Council of the Government of the Czech Republic for Roma Community Affairs (Gabriela Hrabánová)
 - Activities:
 - Decade
 - Conception of Roma Integration
 - Various national activities related to Roma Integration and international activities (Decade, EURoma Network, Towards Evidence Based Policy – Integrated European Platform for Roma Inclusion)
 - Cost of Social Exclusion (WB)
 - CZ Presidency to the EU Council (viz. afternoon presentation)

Issue at stake

- Strategy to Combat Extremism
- Anti-discrimination legislature (June 17, 2009)
- Task force Targeting the problems of Extremism (tbd.)
- Strategy to Combat Social Exclusion (drafting)
- Conception of Roma Integration (update)
- Memorial of the Roma Holocaust with integrated educational and training centre

- Social Trap (social, financial)
- Rising Extremism
- Ghettoization and Marginalization

EDUCATION

I.

Ministry of Education:
Early Childcare program, Other Studies

Action Plan for Early Childcare and broadening of the Conception of Children until the age of 6

- April 20th 2009, the government approved the Action Plan for realization of **“Conception of Early Childcare for Children from socially disadvantaged environments”**.
 - Good Example of Cooperation between ministries: Education, Labour and Social Affairs and Health,,
 - The implementation of this Action Plan leads into preventive action and preparation trainings for family.

Study on the Situation of Roma Children in the Czech Educational System and Conclusion related to Preschool Care of Socially disadvantaged

- One of the first ethnically oriented studies!!!
 - Educational pathways and educational chances of Roma students of primary education from socially excluded localities,
 - Analysis of lecturers' individual approach towards students with special needs,
 - Conclusion: Integration of Roma children into regular preschool care (nursery schools) in combination with the system of pedagogic assistant is the most effective approach (leading into better school results in long term).

HOUSING

II.

Council for Roma Community Affairs (Grants)

Ministry for Regional Development (IOP)

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Council for Roma Community Affairs

- Forthcoming Social Inclusion and Ridding off the Consequences of Social Exclusion

- **Subprogram A:** Support for Field Work

Year	2008 (1. round)	2007
Number of Approved Applications	46	50
Number of Field Workers	86	89
Total Grant	10 000 k. Kč	120 000 k. Kč

- **Subprogram B:** Prevention from Social Exclusion and Community Work

Year	2008	2007
Number of Approved Applications	41	59
Total Grant	20 000 k. Kč	29 989 k. Kč

- Roma Coordinators in each region

Integrated Operational Program

- improving the access of poor Roma households to housing

- Funds for hard financial investment into the reconstruction and revitalization of marginalized localities

- IOP, Project in 6 pilot localities
 - IOP: Integrated Operational Program
 - 5.2.c.: (Integrated Plan for Development of Municipalities) 13,5 mil. EUR
 - Applications from IOP localities have bonus points in applying for Operational Program human resources and employment
 - Projects under the line (as a part of IPRM)

Employment

III.

Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs:
Welfare system Reformation

Public Services for Employment (Labour Offices)

- Individualized Services: client's Action Plans;
- Outsourcing of activation services (VVP, retraining, consultancy);
- 2009 – State Labour Office and Social Affairs (integrated public services, complex social work with disadvantaged clients);
- Periodical Evaluation of Employment Activation Policy (at this moment only statistical data, not so profound).

Welfare System Reformation

- **Motivating the Unemployed:** implementing existential minimum, modification of access to social welfare benefits, access to social welfare benefits is conditioned by active search for employment (working age population), special care till 20 years
 - Special care for:
 - younger than 20 years and older than 50
 - Accumulation of disadvantages
 - Individual action plans
 - Labour Offices can cancel registration at the Office, if the client does not follow retraining program after 5 months of being registered at the office

- **ESF programs:**
 - Special focus on socially excluded (Roma) under operational program human resources and employment
 - OP LZZ priority 3.2 – integration of socially excluded members of Roma communities
 - OP LZZ priority 3.3 – integration of socially excluded groups into labour market

HEALTH

IV.

Ministry of Health: Sastipen

Sastipen

- The project has been finalized, now it reached an evaluation phase.
- Awaiting a final analysis and recommendations, which can help to decrease inequalities in healthcare and to help with drafting and proposing individualized practices.

Conclusion

- Political will to improve the situation
- Cooperation among ministries
- Monitoring of Roma Marginalized Localities
- Work of the Agency for Social Inclusion in selected localities

Thank you for your attention,

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