
Czech Republic 2010 Decade Progress Report

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Introduction

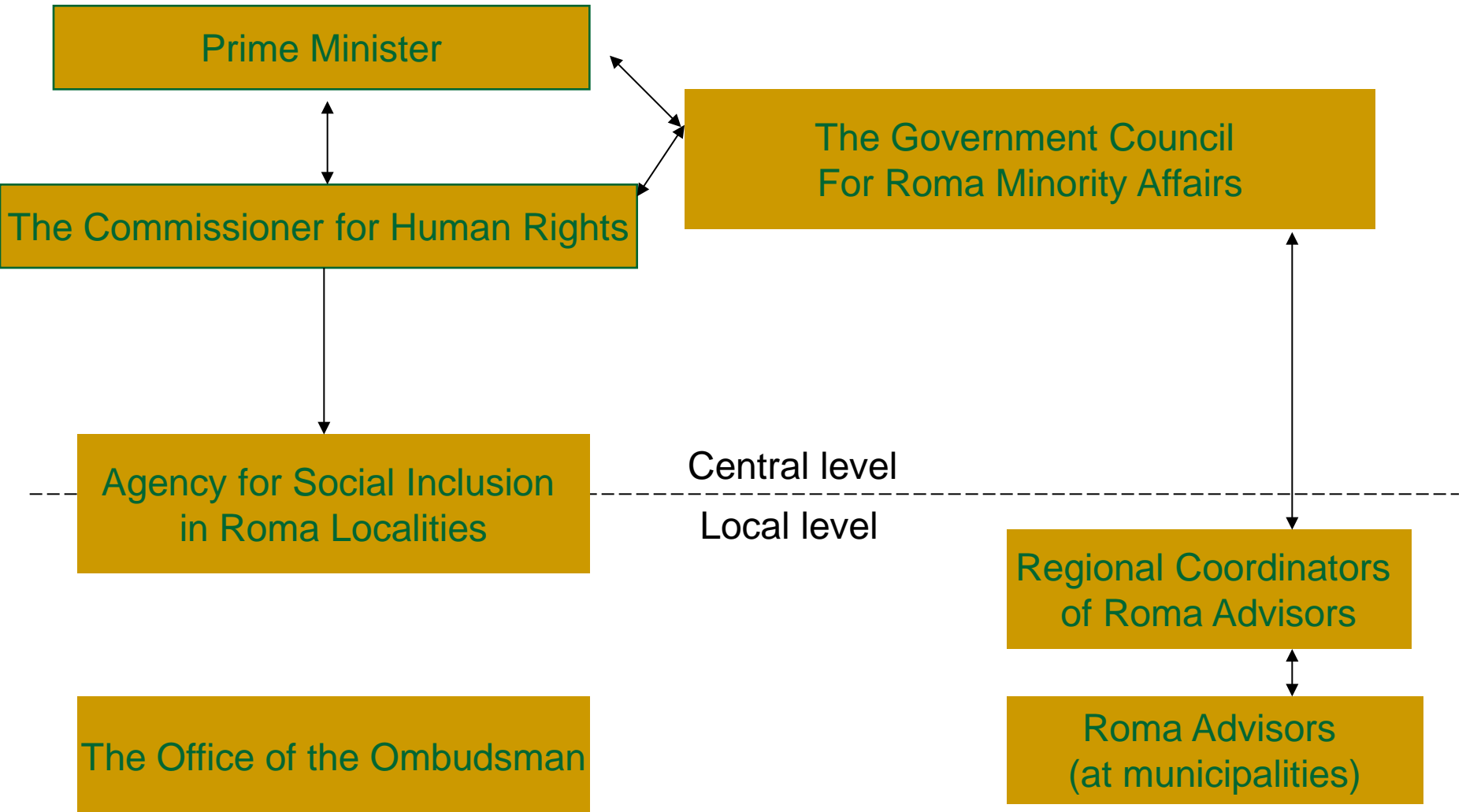
- **Situation of the Roma in the Czech Republic**
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Situation in the Czech Republic

General

- Estimated **180 thousands Roma**, or 1.6% of the total population (10 mil.)
- **Full enjoyment of all the rights** that follow from status of national minority and which are guaranteed in international conventions and in national legislation
- The greatest problem for most of the Roma who live in the Czech Republic is **social exclusion** (caused by internal and external – historical factors)
- The Czech government has been dealing with the topic of Roma integration since **1997**

Situation in the Czech Republic: Institutional Setting



Aims of State Policy for Roma Integration

- Full involvement of Roma in society and the improvement of the standing of Roma in all aspects of life.
- Achieve an improvement in the social standing of Roma, particularly in key areas such as **education**, **housing** and the **labour market**,
- Achievement of understanding between members of Roma communities and the rest of society.

The Government Concept for Roma Integration

human rights perspective

socio-cultural perspective

nationality perspective

- **Maximum Roma involvement**
- **Sustainability and feasibility of the measures**
- **Comprehensive solutions and partnership with interested persons and organisations**
- **The use of equalisation measures as instruments to break down initial Roma disadvantages**

Conceptual Area

other measures

- **The principles of the long-term Roma Integration Concept**
- **Reports on the status of Roma Minority in the Czech Republic**
 - Reviewed annually
 - Includes specific tasks for individual departments
 - Present examples of best practice and to outline the risks in the further development of the position of Roma communities
- **Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015 (Action Plan and annual reports)**

Roma Integration Concept

■ Realization plan 2010 - 2013

1. Removing external barriers, that is all forms of discrimination of individuals and whole groups defined by their race, skin colour, nationality, language, or membership of a national or ethnic group
2. Help in removing internal barriers, in particular removing the handicap in education and qualifications
3. Improving the social level of members of Roma communities, particularly by reducing their level of unemployment, improving housing and health-care conditions, pre-empting social exclusion in Roma communities and removing its effects
4. Securing the growth of Roma culture and the Romani language
5. Creation of an environment of tolerance, without prejudices
6. Securing the safety of members of Roma communities

EDUCATION

- **Early Childhood Care Concept** (*and Action Plan*)
- **National Action Plan for Inclusive Education**
- **Decade of Roma Inclusion**

- **Centers for Inclusive Education**

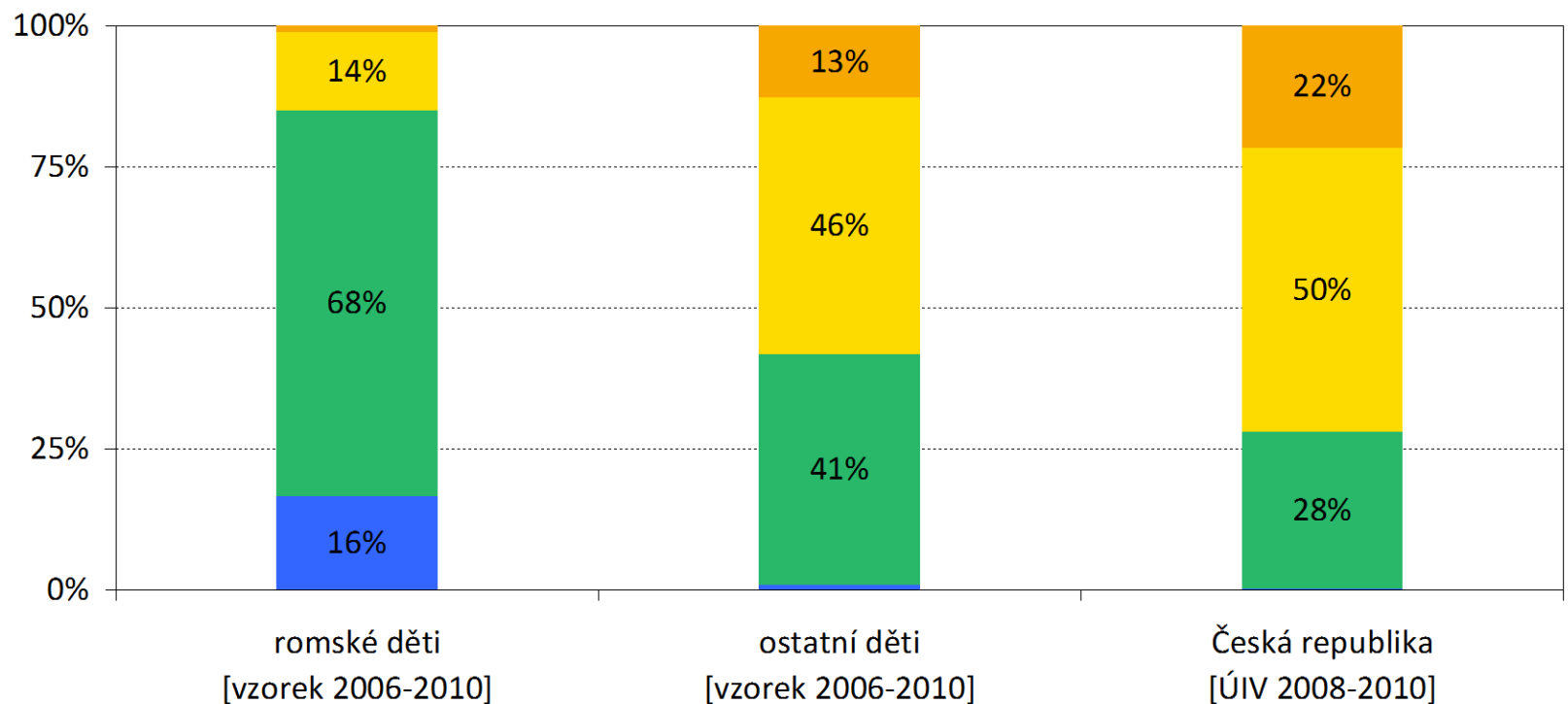
- **Preparatory classes** 206 (181) preschool classes in 176(162) schools for 2609 (2132) children
- **Pedagogic assistant** (442)
- **Support of Roma secondary school students**

the Situation in 2010

- Lower participation in pre school education than average (59%)
- Legislation changes, which however do not fully comply to D.H. & others vs. CZ
- High percentage of Roma in former special schools
- 1/3 of Roma leave before graduation from the 9th grade of primary school

Další směřování dětí, které ukončily své vzdělávání na ZŠ hlavního vzdělávacího proudu Srovnání dat od 14 ZŠ a České republiky

■ nehlásily se na SŠ ■ střední vzdělání s maturitou ■ střední vzdělání s maturitou na gymnasiu



EMPLOYEMENT

- Concept for Roma Integration
- European Employment Strategy, the Lisbon Strategy and the National Reform Programme 2008–11
- Decade Action Plan
- Basis for a Strategy to Combat Social Exclusion

- Social and terrain work
- Active employment policy
- Social economy

the Situation

- long-term, repeated and concentrated household unemployment (where multiple members of a working age are unemployed) much more often than the majority population) 0
- Roma applicants are unable to meet the requirements placed by employers on job vacancies because of their low level of education, which is, *inter alia*, due to segregation in education, and their low skills
- prejudices of employers
- the average monthly income of employed Roma is 58% lower than that of the majority population in the Czech Republic (World Bank study)
- alarming situation of socially excluded Roma communities with unemployment rate in these locations ranges from 70% to 100%

HOUSING

- **Concept for Roma integration**
- **Basic strategy to combat social exclusion**
- **Action Plan for the Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005 – 2015**

- **Construction of subsidised flats**
- **Regional Operational Programme (ROP)**
- **Integrated Operational Programme (IOP)**
- **Integrated Development Plans of the Municipalities**

the Situation

- voluntarily segregation through the spontaneous relocation of wider Roma families seeking to maintain their links and family solidarity
- involuntary segregation often results from a worsening of the socio-economic situation of low-income Roma households
- for low-income Roma families it is difficult to find suitable housing, but also to maintain it
- lack of access to social forms of housing lack of access to social forms of housing

- **Subsidised social housing in 2003 – 2010**

First-time flats - 522

Rental flats for low income people - 21,652

Total number of social housing units - 22,174

HEALTH CARE

- Programme of medical social assistants –
 - *In 2010 the programme was used by 519 people, of whom 70% were women. The assistants worked with these clients on a total of 950 long-term contracts through 6,890 interventions, of which a substantial proportion were advisory (44%) and acting in the interest of the client (22%).*

- Surveys of situation of Roma communities in the health care area
 - *e.g. the research project **Sastipen***

the Situation

- In 2010, poor sanitary conditions were the cause of a high incidence of Type A hepatitis in certain Roma communities
- Assessment of incidences of Hepatitis A, an estimated 30% of all cases reported in the CR in 2009 were Roma and a sharp rise in this disease in the Roma population was recorded in the first half of 2010, where over 50% of all reported cases of Hepatitis A were Roma

SECURITY

- **Strategy of Combating Extremism**
- **The right of assembly** was amended based on the initiative of the Minister for Human Rights
- **Strategy for work of the Police of the Czech Republic in relation to minorities**
- **Social Assistant in criminal proceedings**

the Situation

- crime and risky forms of behaviour are often latent in marginalised communities, which makes it all the more difficult to deal with effectively.
- easy access to people who exploit the critical living situation and the lack of availability of legal sources of income for the marginalised inhabitants for their own benefit and profit,
- problem of the declining age of those engaging in risky forms of behaviour

CULTURE

- The Ministry of Culture has provided sustained support to the activities of organisations and civic associations that are partially financed through state support and focused on the presentation and development of Roma culture
- In 2010, the Ministry of Culture supported Roma awareness, cultural, and cultural-educational activities through its subsidy policy, granting CZK 20,449,435 (cca 837 000 EUR) in the following subsidy programmes:
 - Support for the cultural activities of the members of national minority groups living in the Czech Republic;
 - Support for the integration of Roma community members;
 - Dissemination and adoption of information in the languages of national minorities;
 - Cultural activities;
 - Support for the development of the religious and cultural-religious activities of civic associations;
 - Education in the languages of national minorities

Thank you for your attention

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