

PROGRES REPORT

SLOVAK REPUBLIC 2010

- June 2010 – parliamentary elections
Government coalition of 4 parties – centre right parties, liberal conservative (SDKU, SAS, KDH, Most-Hid)
- July 2010 –government program declaration –extensive SR government thesis in relation to Roma politics
- August 2010 –change on the post of the plenipotentiary for Roma communities M.Pollák
- December 2010 – USVRK – answers directly to the Prime Minister Iveta Radičova
- November 2010 – municipality elections

Grant scheme: 2010 – cca. 900 000€
2011 – cca. 830 000€

USVRK coordiantes HP MRK (EU structural funds)

Support for the national minorities

(In SR – 12 traditional)

- Minority languages law spring 2011
- Act on Minorities support- end of 2011

SR Government council for human rights, national minorities and gender equality- Council for minorities 4 Roma representatives

Work Group for inclusive education

Education

(Education conception of Ministry of Education of SR)

- **Pre-Education-** not compulsory, BUT supported by the Ministry of Education (including alternative programs + strengthened “zero grade”)
- **PRIMARY EDUCATION-** Education of pedagogues as well as non-pedagogical school staff + strengthened Teachers Assistant- 28 mil.€ for cca 300 schools
- **SPECIAL SCHOOLS-** improved diagnostics, repeated re-diagnostics, strengthened control mechanisms, culturally relevant testing- a child without a health indication **will not** be permitted to enter the 1st grade
- **SECONDARY EDUCATION-** allocated classes, 6 private schools

Employment– Social area

- Unemployment is high at 13 %

Fundamental changes:

Act on Material need assistance

Act on social services

Prepared new legislative norm:

Act on Socially excluded communities (SVS)

EU Structural funds:

National project for the support of Terrain Social Work (TSP including co-ordination)

National project for the support of Community Centers (KC)

Health

- Program: Health of disadvantaged communities 2009 -2015 – attempt to stabilize and scale up the program
- Securing access to drinking water
- Program of hospital assistants

Housing

- Support for the construction of Municipal rental houses of lower standard. Since 2001 cca 3000 housing units build
 - In 2010 – cca 200
 - Preparation of the program of multilevel housing scheme

Review of National Action Plans

19. April 2010 –initial meeting

April / June 2010 – work in working groups

January / April 2011 –work in working groups

Together cca 25 meetings, with over 70 representatives of ministerial resorts, experts, NGOs

Revised National Action Plan has 4 priorities and contains 136 measures

Partner organizations:

- *United Nations Development Program – UNDP*
- *Open Society Foundation*

Main Goals

Education

- Target: Increase the education level of Marginalized Roma Communities

Health

- Target: Improve the state of health in the Marginalized Roma Communities

Employment

- Target: Increase the employment of the Marginalized Roma Communities

Housing

- Target: Improve the housing conditions and integration of Marginalized Roma Communities

Education

Increase the education level of the Marginalized Roma Communities

- Secure the participation of children from socially disadvantaged background on pre-primary education
- Improve the motivation, school results and attendance of children as well as increase the number of children continuing in further education
- Improve the results of education process at high schools
- Improve the conditions for the pedagogical and specialized employees
- Support the development of identity and the right of education in mother tongue
- Tackle the problematic issues of special school system including the education in special schools and education facilities including the educational counseling and prevention

Health

Improve the state of health in Marginalized Roma Communities

- Create appropriate systemic and legislative tools for the improvement of health in Roma population
- Lower the number of preventable infection cases
- Improve the access to safe drinking water
- Improve the accessibility and utility of health care network
- Increase the awareness and counseling activities aimed at the improvement of health and the illness prevention

Employment

Increase the employment levels of people living in areas with Marginalized Roma Communities

- Support of the employment of members of Marginalized Roma Communities
- Support the increase of employment of members of Marginalized Roma Communities
- Improve the relationship of unemployed persons living in Marginalized Roma Communities with labour offices and other institutions
- Propagate the good practices of Roma employment

Housing

Improve the living conditions and integration of Marginalized Roma Communities

- Tackle the issue of illegal buildings and Roma settlements built illegally on land of private owners and land without legitimate land titles
- Support the construction of municipal rental houses and houses of lower standard in Roma communities
- Secure the construction of infrastructure in segregated and separated Roma settlements in Slovakia in accordance with the minimal obligatory standards and with the recommendations of European Council Rec (2005)4

Thank you for your attention

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