



Roma Youth as a Specific Target Group in Roma Policies

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Content

Short summary of the current situation on
Roma youth policies

Why targeting Roma youth individually?

Recommendations



Brief analysis of the NAPs



the NAPs, Roma youth are:

passive beneficiary of measures, not stakeholders;

addressed specifically only with second-chance education and in terms of support in formal education;

encouraged to promote cultural and ethnic identity,



Brief analysis of the NAPs



In HR, CZ, RS, ES, young Roma are discussed also in employment;

The HU NAP promotes participation of Roma youth in competitive sports;

In SK, the Roma Youth Forum participated in the design of the NAP; however it is not particularly different from other NAPs on youth's perspective;

In ES, NAP mentions the need to provide rental housing for young Roma.



EU Framework for NRIS



EU Youth Strategy 2010-2018

EU Structured Dialogue – totally missing when
creating the EU Framework for NRIS

No consultations conducted with any Roma
youth networks



1. Young Roma are the most vulnerable group



Roma population is the youngest in Europe – average age is 25, compared to 40 across the EU

The youth is the majority – the biggest beneficiaries of any policies and the ones that mostly face the challenges

Current economic crisis exposes them to greater social exclusion and poverty



2. Young Roma are the basis towards integration



Taking advantage of civic and political participation, volunteering, creativity, entrepreneurship, sport and global engagement will further integration;

Youth policies can have cross-sectoral impact;

Enabling access to political participation and drafting policies in cooperation with young Roma will enhance opportunities for empowerment



3. Young Roma can change their communities from within



Young people are easier to integrate

It is easier to address sensitive issues such as gender identity, sexual orientation and diversity within the Roma community.

Neglecting these issues triggers consequences such as: early marriage, health issues, domestic violence, and gender inequality.

Help combat multiple discrimination



Recommendations



Include Roma youth organizations in decision-making processes on local, national and international level

Empower young Roma to embrace European Values in their communities

Invest in young Roma by developing policies that are a reflection of their everyday lives and needs

Encourage young Roma to take part in mainstream youth policies and programs in their respective countries



**Thank you for
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