

DECADE PROGRESS REPORT KEY RESULTS FOR 2012

24th International Steering Committee Meeting
June 19th – 20th 2013
Zagreb

Zoltán Kovács, PhD
Minister of State for Social Inclusion
HUNGARY

Motto

‘The substance of the new conception is multi-dimensionality: that is to say that education-, social-, employment- and health-related problems are to be improved simultaneously. Only such a complex and multidisciplinary approach can bring positive and qualitative results in disadvantaged areas.’

National Social Inclusion Strategy 2011-2020

‘The Roma community is an opportunity – a hidden potential for the country’s economy.’

Prime Minister Viktor Orbán (7 May 2013, Roma Affairs Council)

Preliminaries

- **2003 - Budapest Conference**
- **2005 - Hungary** became a **founding member** of the Roma Decade Programme
- **2007 - Hungarian Decade Presidency**
- **2011 - During the Hungarian Presidency** of the European Council, HU initiated the **EU Framework** for National Roma Integration Strategies
- **2011 November** - HU was the **first** EU Member State to adopt the National Social (Roma) Inclusion Strategy

Basic principles

- **Integration through active participation**
 - **involvement**, not coercion
 - the Hungarian meaning of 'INCLUSION' (*felzárkózás vs. felzárkóztatás*)
- **Result-orientation**
- **Comprehensive, multi-dimensional approach**

Best practices

- **Early childhood education**
 - **Sure Start Children's Centres** (41 centres, 5 257 children)
 - State + EU-funded projects
 - **Education**
 - **Integrative Pedagogical System** since 2003 (1 600 institutions, 300 000 pupils and 13 000 teachers) – €23.3 million
 - **'For the Road' three-level scholarship package** (9 646 new entrants, 5 439 participants of Roma origin, 5 558 mentors in 2012/2013) – €6.85 million
 - **Roma College System** (5 colleges, more than 100 students) - €822 000
 - A groundbreaking initiative – **Gandhi High School**
- **altogether 17 000 children, mostly Roma**

Best practices

- **Employment and training**

- **Public employment scheme** (providing employment to 100 000 people, out of whom 54 800 people are of Roma origin in 2012 – more than €450 million)
- **Social land programme → Social/community employment** (providing employment to 1 400 people – more than €580 000)
 - + educational programmes

- **Housing**

- Complex settlement programme (22 settlements so far – €19.5 million)

Monitoring system

- A **separate monitoring system** has recently been established to follow the implementation of programmes in a **unified framework**
- Monitoring is assisted by the **social inclusion indicator system** developed by an independent research institution and with data uploaded by the Central Statistical Office by the end of the first half of 2013
- The Interministerial Committee for Social Inclusion and Roma Affairs has also set up a separate **Monitoring Working Group** with the cooperation of the public administration departments concerned
- In this spirit → forums for discussion: **Roma Affairs Council (CET)**, **Interministerial Committee for Social Inclusion and Roma Affairs (TFCTB)**, **Roma Coordination Council (ROK – T)**, **Human Rights Roundtable**, **Anti-segregation Roundtable**

To be continued...

Zoltán Kovács, PhD
Minister of State for Social Inclusion
Ministry of Human Resources
HUNGARY