

# Introducing the civil society monitoring reports

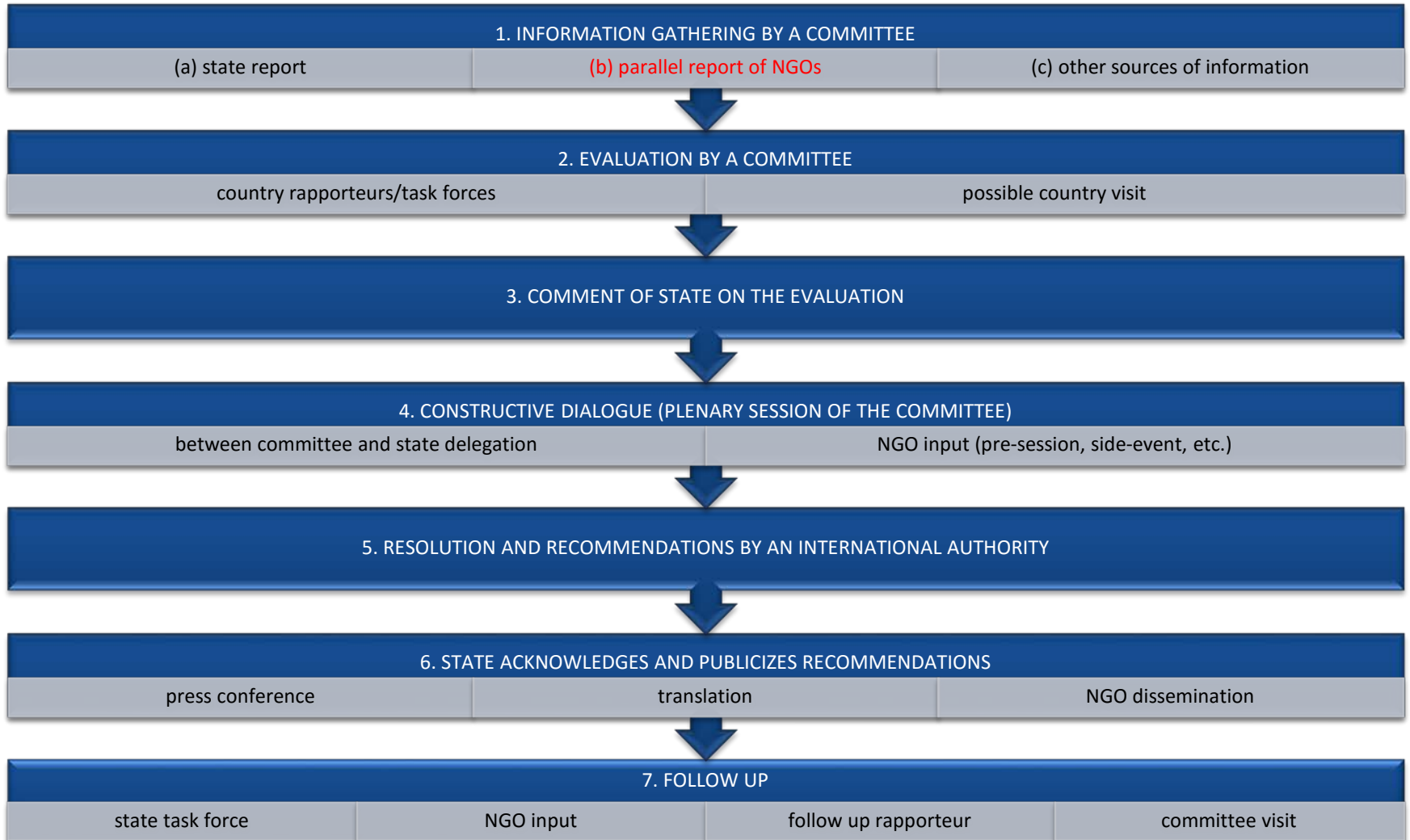
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# AN IDEAL SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL MONITORING



# EXISTING SYSTEMS OF MONITORING

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## Examples of complete systems

- ▶ Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (UN)
- ▶ Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (CoE)

## Incomplete systems

- ▶ Decade of Roma Inclusion
  - ▶ **missing:** committee of evaluation, weak international authority, recommendations, follow-up
- ▶ EU Framework
  - ▶ **missing:** committee of evaluation, mandatory state progress reports, mechanism to receive and review shadow reports, public country-specific recommendations, follow-up

# WHAT IS SHADOW REPORTING?

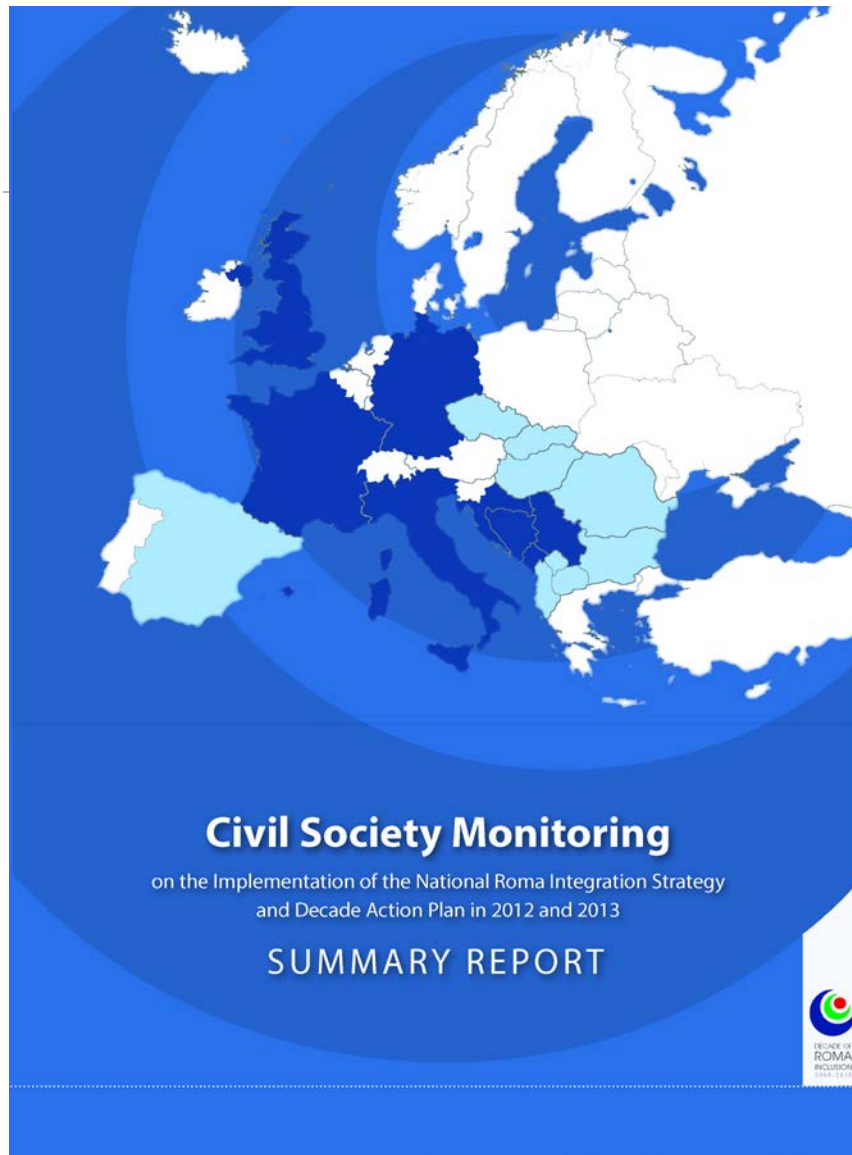
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- ▶ Shadow reports are a method for NGOs to **supplement** or present **alternative information** to periodic government reports that State parties submit within the framework of international agreements
- ▶ Shadow reports **cannot substitute** quantitative monitoring and evaluation by state authorities but are vital tools **to make states accountable**.
- ▶ Within the **EU2020** the compatibility of NRIS with mainstream policies can be assessed, but it **does not allow for Roma specific state and NGO reports**.
- ▶ Shadow reports can channel local knowledge into the policy process and reflect on **the real, non-quantifiable social impact** of government measures.
- ▶ Shadow reports are fundamental tools to involve **civil society in the monitoring** of policies and to foster the **active participation of Roma**.

# PILOT YEAR OF SHADOW REPORTING

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- ▶ **Coordinating:** Decade Secretariat, OSF: Roma Initiatives Office + Making the Most of EU Funds for Roma program
- ▶ Civil society coalitions selected after **open call**
- ▶ **8+8 countries:**
  - ▶ **first cycle:** Albania, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Macedonia, Romania, Slovakia, Spain
  - ▶ **second cycle:** Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, France, Germany, Italy, Montenegro, Serbia, United Kingdom
- ▶ Common template and **professional review**
- ▶ Monitoring both **mainstream** and **targeted** government measures
- ▶ **Summary report** in English and Romani; **country reports** in English and national languages
- ▶ [www.romadecade.org/civilsocietymonitoring](http://www.romadecade.org/civilsocietymonitoring)



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# ASSESSING GOVERNMENT MEASURES

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- ▶ Positive measures of the Roma strategies
- ▶ Positive mainstream measures
- ▶ *Positive but insufficiently designed or implemented measures*
- ▶ Largely negative measures of the strategy
- ▶ Largely negative mainstream measures

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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