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Introduction to general EU and national framework on inclusive policies

EU Roma Strategic Framework for Equality, Inclusion, and Participation 2020-2030

GOAL until 2030: to promote **equality** and combat **exclusion** of Roma through their active **participation** in the process.

The three horizontal objectives of the EU Roma Strategic Framework for Equality, Inclusion, and Participation 2020-2030

1. **EQUALITY:** To fight and prevent antigypsyism as a form of racism and discrimination;
2. **INCLUSION:** To reduce poverty and exclusion to close the socio-economic gap between Roma and the general population;
3. **PARTICIPATION:** To promote participation through empowerment, cooperation and trust.

The four sectoral objectives EU Roma Strategic Framework for Equality, Inclusion, and Participation 2020-2030

1. To increase effective equal access to quality inclusive mainstream education;
2. To increase effective equal access to quality and sustainable employment;
3. To improve Roma health and increase effective equal access to quality health care and social services;
4. To increase effective equal access to adequate desegregated housing and essential services.

Indicators

- On the EU level, each Framework objective is quantified by appropriate indicators and their baseline and target values. The indicators for equality include discrimination experience and ethnic distance (towards neighbours). All indicators in the inclusion area are compared to the values in the general population.
- The following **participation indicators** are included: the number of civil society organizations involved in policy monitoring, the number of national bodies for the implementation of various policies that include Roma members, the number of reported discrimination cases, and Roma participation in elections

Reflection Paper: Towards a Sustainable Europe by 2030.

The document focuses on four pillars of sustainability:

- From linear to circular economy;
- Sustainability from farm to fork;
- Future-proof energy, buildings and mobility, and
- Ensuring a socially fair transition.

• Available at:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/rp_sustainable_europe_30-01_en_web.pdf

EU Anti-Racism Action Plan 2020-2025

Calls for better implementation of EU legislation, closer coordination, fair policing, increased national action, greater diversity among EU staff, informing the public and eliminating all racial and ethnic stereotypes in the media, education, culture, and sport, as well as better data collection

Council of Europe

- **The Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1951)**
- **European Social Charter of 1961**
- The recommendations for the abolition of racism and discrimination against Roma adopted by the **European Commission against Racism and Intolerance**
- The **Parliamentary Assembly's** documents on inclusion, discrimination against children, migrants, and asylum seekers, and the legal and general status of Roma in Europe should be mentioned in conjunction with the Council of Europe's standards on the promotion of Roma status.
- The **Strasbourg Declaration on Roma** emphasizes the importance of anti-discrimination legislation and social inclusion in advancing Roma status.

Declaration of Western Balkans Partners on Roma Integration within the EU Enlargement Process (2019)

- Adopted as part of the Berlin Process.
- Calls for the achievement of specific goals in the areas of employment, education, housing, health care, documentation, and discrimination prevention.
- Envisions the adoption of regional public budgeting standards related to Roma integration, as well as the establishment of official channels and mechanisms for the joint participation of local governments and Roma communities in policy formulation, as well as adequate mechanisms for monitoring and reporting on the implementation of Roma integration policies.



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Introduction to national framework on inclusive policies

- Please insert slides on national framework in your county

Discussion

- Are there any gaps between the directions provided by EU regulations and existing national framework?
- What is missing at the national level?
- Are there any gaps between national framework and our local policies and practices?
- What is missing at the local level, in your municipality?