



# Introduction of Roma Inclusion and Empowerment Programme

EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanisms 2014-2021

## Strategic-developmental framework

#### Hungarian National Social Inclusion Strategy (HNSIS) 2030

#### Horizontal concerns set:

- situation of Roma women,
- equal access to public services,
- digitalization.

# Target system of developments for social inclusion within the EU 2021-27 programming period

- 1. Further reducing the proportion of people living in poverty
- 2. Preventing the reproduction of poverty
- 3. Reducing territorial and social inequalities, strengthening social cohesion

1.1. Increasing labour market opportunities

- 2.1. Poverty reduction for families with children
- 3.1. Involvement of the most deprived settlements and regions in social and economic development

1.2. Restart, social integration

2.2. Increasing educational opportunities

- 3.2. Social integration of people living in segregated areas and settlements, improving their housing situation
- 3.3. Policy developments and coordination to strengthen social inclusion

#### HNSIS 2030 - vision

Promoting **equality, inclusion and participation of the Roma** across the following intervention areas:

- Child welfare,
- Public education-education and training,
- Employment,
- Health,
- Housing and access to public services,
- Community development,
- Cultural and ethnic minority rights.

	Baseline (year)	2026	2030
Material and social deprivation among families with children	22,9% (2019)	19%	13%
Poverty gap	38,7% (2020)	30%	20%
Number of children visiting Sure Start Children's Houses	2379 (2019)	2700	3400
Early school leaving rate among Roma students	64,6% (2019)	58%	45%
Number of Roma students between 15-24 attending higher education	2,2% (2019)	3%	4%
NEET rate for Roma youth	41,0% (2019)	36%	30%
Percentage of Roma with low level of education	77,4% (2019)	70%	60%
Employment rate among Roma between the age of 15-64	45,5% (2019)	51%	60%

- > not all Roma are socially excluded but all might experience discrimination,
- Roma shall be strengthened to become the promoter of change,
- the majority society has an inevitable role in contributing to foster genuine equality and inclusion.

# Developments for social inclusion within the EU 2021-27 programming period

- greater emphasis on territorial approach;
- development and continuation of programmes adjusted to path of life, that reach children in a more differentiated way;
- supporting basic institutions serving disadvantage compensation and social inclusion, and development of territorial coordination;

Aiming complementarities, the content of the Roma programme includes developments specifically targeting the Roma, as follows:

- supporting access to online services in disadvantaged areas with significant Roma population rate ususally lacking public services
- strengthening marginalised Roma communities and CSOs working with them
- learning support for and expanding the social network of Roma disadvantaged students through peer mentoring
- strengthening Roma identity through supporting the raised online visibility of cultural, historical and linguistic heritage and values

#### I. Planned call for proposals

Aim: improved access to online services and digital infrastructure for the Roma in disadvantaged areas

Total budget allocation: € 13.201.906

Grant amount: 1a: € 50-70.000

1b: € 225-500.000

- Digital competence and skills development based on local needs
- Providing assistance to support the full potential in using online services
- Physical infrastructure (digital equipment and internet access)
- Enhance the use of online services and/or arrange missing services in online format
- Stronger social participation in the online world through more conscious use of one's own digital devices or community owned digital equipment

#### II. Planned call for proposals

Total budget allocation: € 6.000.000

Grant amount: € 125-200.000

Aim: strengthening marginalised Roma communities

- Capacity building of civil society organisations, grassroot initiatives
- Implementation of local initiatives based on community-based participatory planning (involvement of local communities and possibly local institutional actors)
- Local initiatives might include:
  - Projects relating to employment, improving housing conditions or town/urban management, social inclusion and community building, education, health
- Participatory approach involvement of the local <u>Roma</u> and non-Roma communities (community building, volunteering)

#### III. Planned call for proposals

Aim: improved education and empowerment of disadvantaged Roma students

Total budget allocation: € 7.500.000

Grant amount: € 125-285.000

- Continuous peer mentoring among disadvantaged Roma students and not disadvantaged students (online and offline)
- Coordinating role of organisations involved in youth work and/or educational activities:
  - Recruitment and motivation, supervision of mentoring, involvement of families, etc.
  - Community building events, skills development activities to support the involved students' learning and career planning,
  - Providing complementary support services and in-kind support

#### IV. Planned call for proposals

Total budget allocation: € 7.500.000

Aim: strengthened Roma identity and awareness of Roma culture

Grant amount: € 200-375.000

- Increase the online visibility of the rich Roma cultural, linguistic, historical and artistic heritage,
- Digital content creation, development of web-based online platforms and digitalization of offline elements could also be supported,
- Web-based content and online media services serving educational, awareness raising purposes and interactive functions (e.g. e-learning materials, educational digital task bank, series of conversations, etc.)

## Strengthening bilateral relations

#### Joint project implementation, such as:

- Educational exchange programmes,
- Cooperation in fostering increased online visibility of minority cultures, languages and diversity, using digital technologies for supporting awareness raising,

### Enhanced knowledge exchange and knowledge transfer

• Study visit, international training, attending professional workshops, conferences in the donor states, etc.

## Tentative programme schedule

- Finalisation of the programme concept based on the inputs from the consultation
- Elaboration of the calls for proposals
- The publication of calls is planned for autumn
- Approximately 2 years of project implementation period
- Project implementation period ends: 30 April 2024

## Thank you for your attention!

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