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Roma inclusion working group

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Eurocities Roma Inclusion: Challenges and Opportunities

- **Roma are the largest single minority in the E.U. where human rights are systematically violated.**
- **Education**
- **Employment**
- **Health**
- **Housing**



Education

- **Segregation: 60%-Slovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria**
- **Early school leaving**
- **Poor transition to upper secondary schools**
- **Discrimination**
- **High levels of illiteracy in adults**



Employment

- **63% N.E.E.T 2016. (56 % 2011)**
- **Skills/competence**
- **Discrimination**
- **Language/Education**



Health

- **Lack of health cover**
- **Under use of health system**
- **Teenage pregnancy**
- **Equal access to health**



Housing

- Limited supply of low cost/social housing
- Segregation
- Discrimination



- **Recognize the difference between domestic and migrant Roma**
- **Cities have a major role to play in addressing the myriad of issues facing our Roma communities**
- **There is no “ silver bullet” solution.**



Factors to ensure Roma inclusion of initiatives

- An integrated and coordinated approach.
- A combination of area-based and people base solutions
- A participatory approach to engage Roma from the outset
- A strong partnership between the municipality and Roma NGO's
- Funding secured to ensure post pilot sustainability of projects



Recommendations

- Identify and tackle discrimination at a local and municipal level
- Empower the participation of Roma in the policies that directly affect them
- Improve evidence and knowledge about the situation of your Roma
- Improve allocation and channeling of EU and national funds to projects.
- Include Roma integration as part of a broader strategy to address intra-EU poverty
- Learn from others.



Thank you very much for your time and participation.

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