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The European Union and Roma – Factsheet Portugal

<http://ec.europa.eu/justice/roma-integration/portugal/>

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1. Key Information

Roma population	
Estimate in National Roma Integration Strategy	Approximately 40 000 - 60 000
Council of Europe Estimate	52 000 (data from 2012) i.e. 0.49% of the population
National Strategy	http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/roma-integration/portugal/national-strategy/national_en.htm
Funding	http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/roma-integration/portugal/index_en.htm

2. National Roma Integration – 2014 review

	Key steps taken since 2011	Identified Gaps
Education	<p>Improved access to education and healthcare through awareness-raising activities.</p> <p>Vocational training courses.</p> <p>Promotion of social inclusion amongst children.</p>	<p>The impact of these measures now needs to be monitored.</p> <p>Further attention needed for Roma girls.</p> <p>Desegregation measures need to be reinforced.</p>
Employment	Tailored training to facilitate access to employment and self-employment	Develop a more integrated approach and facilitate access to the labour market.
Health	National Health Service provides care to Roma through mobile units.	Roma healthcare should be further improved.

Housing	Survey on the housing situation of Roma communities in 308 municipalities	Provide Roma with non-discriminatory access to quality housing.
Anti-discrimination	<p>Consultative Group for the integration of Roma communities.</p> <p>National Study on Roma communities.</p> <p>Programme for Municipal Roma mediators.</p> <p>Awareness raising campaigns. Roma Women seminars.</p>	Ensure the enforcement of anti-discrimination law.
Funding	<p>No specific amount has been allocated exclusively for Roma integration.</p> <p>Roma inclusion has been supported by national and EU funds.</p> <p>In the 2007-2013 financial period Portugal has allocated 6 % (~€ 381 million) of its total European Social Fund (ESF) budget for integrating disadvantaged people.</p>	<p>Further use of EU funds to support Roma inclusion needed.</p> <p>Portugal should allocate at least 20% of its total ESF to fighting social exclusion and poverty</p>
Priorities for the future (Commission recommendation)	<p>The impact of Roma policies needs to be measured.</p> <p>Adequate and sustainable funding is needed.</p> <p>A constructive dialogue with Roma NGOs and local and regional municipalities is necessary.</p>	

3. Contacts

Contact Points

National Roma Contact Point

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http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/manage/authority/authorities.cfm?lan=EN&pay=pt

Fundamental Rights Agency Country Report:

<http://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2012/situation-roma-11-eu-member-states-survey-results-glance>

4. Promising practices

Project 'NET-KARD'

The NET-KARD project 'Cooperation and Networking between Key Actors against Roma Discrimination' is financed under the EU Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme. The project aims to act decisively against Roma discrimination, and to better assist victims by promoting cooperation and networking among key agents involved in advocating equal rights, such as lawyers, police services, Roma associations and media professionals. The project involves organisations from Portugal but also Italy, Romania and Spain, with experience in fighting discrimination.

The activities of the project include the publication of a national report on discrimination against Roma by each partner country, based on a common working methodology established by project partners. The aim is to provide an overview about the situation of Roma in those countries, the legislative framework against discrimination, the reports and data available on this issue, and the public and private organisations working against Roma discrimination.