



Structural Funds: Investing in Roma

EURoma meeting

5-6 June 2014, Rome

Agenda

Meeting venue: **Angelicum Congress Hall**, Piazza Angelicum 1, Rome

Thursday, 5 June

9.00 – 9.30	Welcoming words from Italian partners Ms Antonella Attanasio, Head of Unit, Transnational Cooperation, ISFOL Mr Marco De Giorgi, General Director. National Office against Racial Discrimination (UNAR), Department of Equal Opportunities - Presidency of the Council of Ministers Ms Adriana Ciampa, Head of Unit, General Directorate for Inclusion and Social Policies, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy
9.30 - 9.45	Presentation of the Agenda Carolina Fernández EURoma Technical Secretariat
9.45 – 13.30	EU Roma Framework: Recent developments at European level and next steps Dominique Bé - Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction, DG EMPL, European Commission Planning of the 2014-2020 Structural and Investment Funds period: Follow up on key developments at programming level • <i>State of play of negotiations of 2014-2020 EU funds (with a focus on inclusion / Roma)</i> Anette Björnsson - ESF and FEAD Policy and Legislation, DGEMPL, European Commission.

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- **Summary of main findings and conclusions of the EUroma+ Network report on the use of the Structural Funds for Roma inclusion, carried out in the 8 countries participating in the project.**

Carolina Fernández- EUroma Technical Secretariat

- **Partnership Agreements: How has Roma inclusion been incorporated in PAs? Main progress made.**

Round of interventions from all Network partners.

Some questions to facilitate the debate:

- In terms of policy approach, how would you describe the progress made in the PA as regards the previous programming period?
- Does the PA in your country foresee targeted actions for Roma inclusion?
- To what extent are measures related to the access to general services, vocational training and education and the labour market, expected to reach the Roma?
- Are there measures to support the physical and economic regeneration of deprived urban and rural areas, including the reduction of the spatial concentration of poverty, in the PA, and to what extent are they expected to reach the Roma?
- Does the PA establish a favourable framework for an integrated approach aiming at Roma inclusion?
- How is the horizontal principle of non-discrimination reflected in the PA?
- To what extent is the PA in your country aligned with the NRIS?
- How would you assess the application of the Partnership Principle in the planning process of the PA in your country? Has the European Code of Conduct on Partnership played a key role in this process?
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Moderators: Carolina Fernández and José Manuel Fresno

	• Operational Programmes: How it is foreseen to include Roma inclusion within the OPs? Round of interventions from all Network partners. Some questions to facilitate the debate: ○ In general terms, what key changes are foreseen in the OPs that you consider will really improve the implementation process and lead to higher impact of the ESI Funds on Roma inclusion? ○ To what extent is it foreseen to mainstream Roma in the different OPs, when the OPs are related to education, employment, non-discrimination, social inclusion and the fight against poverty? ○ Is there a specific OP at the national level targeting Roma needs and/or are there regional OPs including the investment priority <i>Integration of marginalised communities such as the Roma</i>? ○ Is it foreseen to consider Roma needs in the integrated territorial and micro-territorial actions? ○ When referring to the Roma in the OPs, do they foresee clear targets which quantify the objectives as well as the beneficiaries? ○ Is there any other relevant change foreseen as regards the use of different funds, improvement of managing models, capacity of key actors, involvement of Roma community, etc.? ○ How would you assess in general terms the incorporation of lessons learnt during the previous programming period in the new one? Would you say that there has been a learning process? ○ ... Moderators: Carolina Fernández and José Manuel Fresno Coffee break 20 min.
13.30 – 15.00	Lunch

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15.00 – 16.30	Follow up on EURoma tools: Guide “<i>Making use of European Structural and Investment Funds for Roma Inclusion. A Guide for Local Authorities</i>”. • Presentation of the guide and discussion on main messages, potential impact, role of the MAs in involving local authorities, how to use it at national level, process of dissemination, etc. José Manuel Fresno – Advisor to EURoma Technical Secretariat
16.30 – 18.00	Transnational cooperation in the 2014-2020 programming period: Assessment of EURoma Network work and discussion about the future cooperation among Member States. • Process of reflection on the value, impact and way forward for the work done by the Network partners. Proposals and contributions from Member States. Carolina Fernández – EURoma Technical Secretariat Coffee break 20 min.
20.30	Dinner offered by host partners

Friday, 6 June

9.00 –12.00	Country monograph - ITALY In-depth presentation of the recent Italian developments on Roma inclusion and the use of the Structural Funds. General framework and concrete experiences. Welcoming words from Ms Paola Nicastro, General Director, Institute for the Development of Vocational Training of Workers (ISFOL) Moderator: Ms Sabina Anderini - ISFOL <i>The implementation of National Strategy for the inclusion of Roma, Sinthy and Caminanti in Italy</i>
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	Mr Pietro Vulpiani, National Office against Racial Discrimination (UNAR), Department of Equal Opportunities - Presidency of the Council of Ministers <i>The role of the ERDF in the 2014-2020 programming period in support of the inclusion of the Roma people</i> Ms Silvia Sorbelli, Department for Development and Economic Cohesion <i>An information system for monitoring social and economic integration of Roma, Sinti and Caminanti in Italy: a pilot project for mapping data sources and settlements</i> Ms Cristina Freguja, Director, Socio-economic statistics Directorate, Italian National Institute of Statistics (ISTAT) <i>The integrated governance system of social inclusion policies in favor of Roma and Sinti communities at local level in the framework of the National Strategy: the opportunities offered European funds</i> Ms Camilla Orlandi, Responsible immigration office, National Association of Italian Municipalities (ANCI) <i>The implementation of the European and National Strategy for the social inclusion of Roma and Sinti in Tuscany Region</i> Mr Giovanni Lattarulo, Head of Unit for immigration policies, Tuscany Region Coffee break 20 min
12.00 – 13.00	Internal issues of the Network: Discussion on upcoming EURoma activities
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30	Departure of participants