



Questionnaire on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions

An EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020¹

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Please complete and submit by **5 August 2011**. You can upload the completed questionnaires directly on to the Subsidiarity Monitoring Network webpage (<http://subsidiarity.cor.europa.eu> – remember to log in). Alternatively, you can send them by email to subsidiarity@cor.europa.eu.

Name of the Authority:	
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Please complete the following questions:

The European Commission has invited the Committee of the Regions to "endorse" the EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020 as presented in the text of the Communication (cf. page 14 of the Communication).

- In your opinion, is EU action in the form of a Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies necessary and would it provide an added value compared with action only at Member State level? Please explain your answer.*

Would you at the level of your local or regional authority endorse the Communication "An EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020"?

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2. *Are you aware of the existence of a Roma population in your territory? If yes, do you think is there a need to further promote their integration?*

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3. *The EU Framework requests all EU27 Member States to prepare or revise their national Roma integration strategies and present them to the European Commission by the end of December 2011. It also requires those national strategies to be "designed, implemented and monitored in close cooperation and continuous dialogue" with local and regional authorities. In your Member State, are you aware of the existence of a National Roma Integration Strategy? If yes, could you describe the degree of involvement (if any) of your institution in the preparation of the National Roma Integration Strategy that your national government is due to send to the European Commission by the end of 2011?*

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4. *According to the European Commission "most Member States currently do not make yet sufficient use of available EU funds to address the needs of the Roma".*

Has your institution made use of structural funds to finance projects in the field of Roma integration? Could you provide examples?

In your opinion, why are EU structural funds seldom used to foster the integration of Roma people?

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5.	<i>The European Commission sets a range of goals in specific policy areas that should be achieved in order to foster the integration of Roma. These areas are conceived as especially important. Could you provide example(s) of best practices in one or more areas identified as priorities by the European Commission:</i>
5.1	<i>Access to education (ensure that all Roma children complete at least primary school)</i>
5.2	<i>Access to employment (cut the employment gap between Roma and the rest of the population)</i>
5.3	<i>Access to healthcare (reduce the gap in health status between the Roma and the rest of the population)</i>
5.4	<i>Access to housing and essential services (close the gap between the share of Roma with access to housing and to public utilities (such as water, electricity and gas) and that of the rest of the population)</i>
6.	<i>In its Communication the European Commission states the importance of achieving a "clear commitment from Member States and national, regional and local authorities coupled with the involvement of Roma civil society organisations". Could you provide examples of successful involvement of Roma civil society organisations in projects for the integration of Roma people?</i>
