

## LATVIA

	Key steps since 2011	Assessment
<b>Education</b>	<p>Mapping the situation and participation of Roma in education.</p> <p>Measures focusing on early-childhood education, primary and secondary education.</p> <p>Roma teachers' assistants.</p> <p>Support centres for Roma parents.</p> <p>Training of professionals.</p>	<p><i>Systematic measures to reinforce desegregation and inclusion into mainstream education are needed, starting with ensuring access to quality-inclusive early childhood education and care as well as pre-school education.</i></p> <p><i>Evidence gathering should be developed to assess the situation and the impact of measures on the Roma.</i></p> <p><i>Training and employment of Roma teachers' assistants should be continued.</i></p> <p><i>Proper monitoring of enrolment and attendance is necessary in order to effectively fight early school leaving.</i></p> <p><i>Further attention should be paid to tackling illiteracy.</i></p>
<b>Employment</b>	<p>Active labour market policy measures envisaging support for Roma as a vulnerable group among other unemployed, socially inactive or ethnic minorities.</p>	<p><i>More efforts should be placed in active inclusion labour market policies providing individualised support to Roma. The promotion of employment through training and reskilling relevant to labour market should be addressed.</i></p>
<b>Health</b>	<p>Support provided within the mainstream health policy measures.</p>	<p><i>A more systematic and integrated approach is necessary to improve access of Roma to healthcare, including health insurance coverage. Training of healthcare professionals should also be promoted.</i></p>
<b>Housing</b>	<p>Support provided within the mainstream housing policy measures.</p>	<p><i>A more systematic and integrated approach is necessary to improve access of Roma to quality housing.</i></p>
<b>Anti-discrimination</b>	<p>Awareness-raising activities (including from the Ombudsman) promoting inter-cultural dialogue.</p>	<p><i>The effective practical enforcement of anti-discrimination law needs to be ensured.</i></p>
<b>Funding</b>	<p>No specific amount has been allocated exclusively for Roma integration. However, Roma inclusion has been supported by national and EU funds under various types of mainstream measures, including social inclusion measures.</p> <p>In the 2007-2013 financial period, Latvia has allocated 7,3 % (~€42 million) of its total ESF budget for integrating disadvantaged people.</p>	<p><i>Further use of existing possibilities under the EU funds to support Roma inclusion should be considered.</i></p>
<b>Structural priorities that should be considered</b>	<p><i>The implementation of effective Roma inclusion measures in education, housing, healthcare and employment should be secured, together with the allocation of adequate funding. Evidence gathering should be developed to measure the situation and the impact of activities on the Roma. A constructive dialogue with civil society and close cooperation with local and regional authorities need to be ensured. This is necessary for the successful implementation of mainstream social inclusion measures for all disadvantaged groups.</i></p>	