

## SWEDEN

|                            | Key steps since 2011  | Assessment   |
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| <b>Education</b>           | <p>Government program initiated to allow all Roma children to receive education in Romani language; development of teaching materials in Romani language.</p> <p>Mapping the situation of Roma children in school and pre-school and training mediators in five pilot municipalities ("bridge-builders" programme).</p> <p>Production of teaching supplement about national minorities with special focus on Roma distributed in schools.</p> | <p><i>Steps have been taken in order to assess the situation of Roma children in school and to provide teaching on the Romani language. The provision of teaching on the Romani language should be accompanied by the allocation of appropriate funding and administrative capacity. Evidence gathering should be further developed to enable measuring the impact of mainstream measures and activities undertaken on the Roma.</i></p> <p><i>Prioritising further efforts on promoting vocational training and increasing participation in secondary and tertiary education would be relevant. Awareness raising campaigns among Roma (in particular focusing on parents) are also needed.</i></p> |
| <b>Employment</b>          | <p>Mapping the situation of Roma employment in five pilot municipalities ("bridge-builders" programme)</p> <p>Focus on training Roma women so as to step up their employability.</p>  | <p><i>Steps have been taken in order to assess the situation of Roma employment; adult vocational training possibilities have also been provided. However, evidence gathering should be further developed to enable measuring the impact of mainstream measures and activities undertaken on the Roma.</i></p> <p><i>Reaching out to private employers (via antidiscrimination campaign, or fiscal incentives) to support employment of Roma could be considered.</i></p>  |
| <b>Health</b>              | <p>Roma mediators within healthcare services (with special focus on Roma women and girls).</p> <p>Various programs: to assess the situation of Roma women, dedicated to reproductive health with particular attention on Roma girls or on health communicators.</p>   | <p><i>Important progress in the attention paid to Roma health and to women's rights. More awareness-raising campaigns on healthcare issues targeting Roma mothers, girls and youth would be necessary.</i></p>   |
| <b>Housing</b>             | <p>Mapping the situation of Roma housing in five pilot municipalities ("bridge-builders" programme).</p>  | <p><i>Access of Roma to social housing could be supported by EU funds in a more extensive manner.</i></p> <p><i>Attention needs to be paid to eliminating discriminatory practices in the property market.</i></p>   |
| <b>Anti-discrimination</b> | <p>Report from the Equality Ombudsman on discrimination of Roma.</p> <p>Awareness-raising activities (including for Roma victims on their rights and possibilities of seeking redress) and promotion of inter-cultural dialogue between Roma and non-Roma.</p>  | <p><i>As highlighted in the Swedish Ombudsman's report, ensuring equality and non-discriminatory practices, in particular on the property market, is still a challenge. The effective practical enforcement of discrimination legislation needs to be effectively ensured.</i></p>   |
| <b>Funding</b>             | <p>Roma inclusion has been supported by national and EU funds under various types of mainstream measures, including social</p>  | <p><i>Further use of existing possibilities under the EU funds to support Roma inclusion should be considered.</i></p>   |

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|  | <p>inclusion measures.</p> <p>In the 2007-2013 financial period, Sweden has allocated 3,4 % (~€23 million) of its total ESF budget for integrating disadvantaged people.</p>   |  |
| <p><b><i>Structural priorities that should be considered</i></b></p> | <p><i>A constructive dialogue with civil society and close cooperation with local and regional authorities need to be reinforced.</i></p> <p><i>Measuring the impact of mainstreaming measures and activities for Roma should be considered.</i></p> |  |