

Poland

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Roma population	Estimate in the document	approximately 12 731
	<i>Council of Europe estimates</i>	<i>approximately 12 731 i.e. 0.10 % of the population</i>
Approach		National strategy

	KEY ELEMENTS	IDENTIFIED GAPS
Education	<p>The strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on pre-school education. Roma teacher assistants and mediators. Funding children's transport to/from school. Funding meals at school. Compilation of textbooks and programmes of teaching the Romani language. 	<p><i>Focusing on desegregation and ensuring that other challenges like vocational education, learning of Polish language and gender issues should be adequately addressed.</i></p>
Employment	<p>The strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active labour market policy measures. Employment advisors providing assistance in the labour market, supporting entrepreneurship, subsidised jobs, vocational training. 	<p><i>Clearer measures to improve the public employment service, including accessible and targeted services for Roma job-seekers could improve results. Microfinance projects could enhance entrepreneurship.</i></p>
Health	<p>Specialised nurses are trained to better address Roma health needs.</p>	<p><i>Detailing a calendar, targets, indicators, and budget are needed to secure the effective implementation.</i></p>
Housing	<p>The strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing help for paying rent arrears; refurbishment of existing apartments and buildings; constructing of social flats, regulating the issue of land's property and its use, connecting houses with water supply and sewage systems. 	<p><i>The strategy could be further improved by concrete measures to provide non-discriminatory access to housing and more attention paid to an integrated approach.</i></p>
Structural requirements and funding	<p>The programme covers eight areas, including education, welfare (in fact housing), health and labour, but also culture and identity, civil society, security, and knowledge of the Roma community.</p>	<p><i>The sustainability of EU funded measures requires further attention. Specific attention should be devoted to applying an integrated approach.</i></p> <p><i>Involvement of local authorities in the implementation should be strengthened.</i></p>