

The European Union and Roma – Factsheet Luxembourg

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/roma-integration/luxembourg/

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1. Key Information

| Roma population | |
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| Estimate in National Roma Integration Strategy | No estimate |
| Council of Europe Estimate | Approximately 300 (data from 2012) i.e. 0.06 % of the population |

| National Strategy | http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/roma-integration/luxembourg/national- strategy/national_en.htm |
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| Funding | http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/roma-integration/luxembourg/index_en.htm |

2. National Roma Integration - 2014 review

| | Key steps taken since 2011 | Identified Gaps |
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| Education | Training on the reception and integration of Roma children at school was organised for teachers during the school year 2011-2012. Welcome classes are offered to newcomers. Intercultural mediation is offered in several languages. | The impact of these measures now needs to be measured. |
| Employment | Job integration and subsidised employment programmes are in place. | Promising initiatives should be extended. Fight discrimination in the labour market. |

| Health | Measures to prevent early pregnancy and promoting sexual health are in place, as well as facilitating access to dental services. | The impact of these measures now needs to be measured. Could consider awareness-raising measures aimed both at Roma and health professionals. |
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| Housing | In early 2013, the government of Lux- embourg adopted a national strategy against homelessness and housing exclusion. | The impact of these measures now needs to be measured. |
| Anti-discrimination | Newly established Welcome and Integration Contract (Contrat d'Accueil et d'Intégration – CAI) offering language courses. | Should develop further measures to address prejudices against Roma, including working with the media. |
| Funding | No specific amount has been allocated exclusively for Roma integration. Roma inclusion has been supported by national and EU funds. In the 2007-2013 financial period, Luxembourg allocated 9.6 % (~€ 2 million) of its total European Social Fund (ESF) budget for integrating disadvantaged people. | Should allocate at least 20% of its total ESF budget to fight social exclusion and poverty. |
| Priorities for the future (Commission recommendation) | The impact of these measures now need | ds to be measured. |

3. Contacts

| Contact Points | |
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| National Roma Contact Point | Ministry of Family and Integration Reception and Integration Agency http://www.mfi.public.lu/index.html or http://www.olai.public.lu/en/index.html |

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Managing Authorities for ERDF (European Regional Development Fund) funded projects

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/manage/authority/authorities.cfm?lan=EN&pay=lu

Fundamental Rights Agency Country Report:

 $\underline{http://fra.europa.eu/en/country-data/2013/country-thematic-studies-situation-roma}$

4. Promising practices

Roma integration though education

In Luxembourg, all children can benefit from specific support measures in elementary school as well as in secondary school, such as welcome classes, information and guidance, special lessons, support with regular lessons and second chance classes.

A training course about the reception and integration of Roma children at school was organised for teachers during the school year 2011-2012.

Teachers can ask for the intervention of intercultural mediators can speak a range of different languages and help with issues regarding schooling and education. Since January 2012, the efficiency of intercultural mediation is assured by a decree regulating its missions and its functioning (Règlement grand-ducal du 10 mai 2012).