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The European Union and Roma – Factsheet Germany

<http://ec.europa.eu/justice/roma-integration/germany/>

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1. Key Information

Roma population	
Estimate in National Roma Integration Strategy	Approximately 70 000
Council of Europe Estimate	Approximately 105 000 (data from 2012) i.e. 0.13 % of the population

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

2. National Roma Integration – 2014 review

	Key steps taken since 2011	Identified Gaps
Education	<p>Federal Working Group on Roma education, involving Ministries, Roma NGOs, foundations, researchers and activists.</p> <p>Series of state and municipal projects supporting Roma, including German language learning, after-school activities, support in transition between school and the labour market.</p>	<p>The impact of these measures now needs to be monitored.</p> <p>Could tackle early school leaving more rigorously, particularly in Vocational Education and Training.</p>



Employment	Support based on an individual approach within active labour market policies.	The impact of these measures now needs to be monitored.
Health	Policy measures in place.	The impact of these measures now needs to be monitored.
Housing	<p>Social housing provided at state and municipal level.</p> <p>In Kiel, the 'Maro Temm e.G.' housing project helped Sinti and Roma of all generations to live together and preserve their culture and language (Romani) without being segregated.</p>	Further work needed to eliminate discriminatory practices in the property market.
Anti-discrimination	<p>In 2012, the German state of Schleswig-Holstein decided to amend its constitution to recognise Roma and Sinti that are German nationals and live there as an ethnic minority.</p> <p>Awareness-raising activities against racism and all kinds of discrimination. Promoting inter-cultural dialogue, in particular in schools.</p>	Step up cooperation with non-governmental organisations.
Funding	<p>No specific amount has been allocated exclusively for Roma integration.</p> <p>Roma inclusion has been supported by national and EU funds.</p> <p>In the 2007-2013 financial period, Germany has allocated 20 % (~€ 1 878 million) of its total European Social Fund (ESF) budget for integrating disadvantaged people.</p>	Consider further use of existing possibilities under the EU funds to support Roma inclusion.
Priorities for the future (Commission recommendation)	<p>Reinforce coordination role of the National Roma Contact Point.</p> <p>Support further development of local action plans.</p> <p>Reinforce the involvement of civil society in Roma-related activities.</p> <p>Monitor the impact of all these measures.</p>	

3. Contacts

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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=de
Fundamental Rights Agency Country Report:	http://fra.europa.eu/en/country-data/2013/country-thematic-studies-situation-roma

4. Promising practices

Project 'Task Force Okerstraße' and project 'Schritt-Weise'

In Berlin, the project 'Task Force Okerstraße' aims to ensure that Roma are accepted as neighbours and are integrated into the community. Roma families are given advice, helped in their dealings with the authorities and assisted in disputes with their landlords. Furthermore, care is offered to children, and young people are encouraged to take part in leisure activities.

In Dortmund, the project 'Schritt-Weise' aims to promote the school integration of Bulgarian and Romanian children and adolescents. Currently, about 150 children and youths from the target groups are taught at Dortmund schools. Around 100 families receive advice and guidance also outside the school. The project is part of the integrated action programme 'Soziale Stadt NRW – Dortmund Nordstadt' and is funded by the EU, the federal government, the state of North-Rhine Westphalia, and the city of Dortmund. The project started in 2011 and ends in December 2014.

<http://www.diakoniedortmund.de/index.php?id=526>