

IRELAND

	Key steps since 2011	Assessment
Education	<p>Mainstream measures, e.g. to fight early school leaving (School Completion Programme), support at-risk pupils (Home School Community Liaison), support the transition from primary to post-primary education (education passport) and provide English language support.</p> <p>Closing of all segregated schools/ pre-schools for Travellers.</p>	<p><i>A number of mainstream measures have been taken to support disadvantaged pupils.</i></p> <p><i>The impact of mainstream policies and measures on Travellers and Roma should be monitored.</i></p> <p><i>Measures addressing education should be better coordinated with other policies, in particular employment and housing.</i></p>
Employment	<p>National Action Plan for Social Inclusion 2007-2016.</p> <p>Review of the Special Initiative for Travellers to improve its effectiveness.</p> <p>A number of local projects (e.g. Community development projects; support to Travellers' entrepreneurship in Galway).</p>	<p><i>Local initiatives promoting Roma employability should be scaled up.</i></p> <p><i>Providing relevant labour market training and assistance for entrepreneurship among Travellers and Roma should be considered.</i></p>
Health	<p>Mainstream measures have been accompanied by a number of local initiatives aimed at supporting access of Travellers and Roma to healthcare.</p> <p>Mainstream measures (Future Health 2012-2015; Healthy Ireland 2013-2025).</p> <p>A wide range of specific health services and initiatives (e.g. GP Roma Mobile Clinic, vaccination campaigns, development of training on healthcare and Travellers, various initiatives from the Health Service Executive).</p>	<p><i>Local initiatives have been taken to specifically support the access of Roma and Travellers to healthcare.</i></p> <p><i>The impact of mainstream measures and local initiatives aimed at improving access of Travellers and Roma to healthcare should be monitored.</i></p> <p><i>The health policy measures should be better coordinated with other policies, in particular housing.</i></p> <p><i>Awareness-raising on health issues among Travellers and Roma should be carried out in close cooperation with civil society organisations.</i></p>
Housing	<p>Implementation of the 2009-2013 Traveller Accommodation Programmes by local authorities and development of new 2014-2018 Traveller Accommodation Programmes.</p>	<p><i>The housing actions should be carried out as part of an integrated approach, paying attention to education, employment and health challenges.</i></p> <p><i>Adequate funding needs to be secured for local authorities to deal with higher risk of homelessness among Travellers and Roma.</i></p>
Anti-discrimination	<p>Various local initiatives (e.g. factsheet on travellers for enterprises in Galway) and activities from the Equality Authority (e.g. workshop promoting Traveller Employment in the Private sector).</p> <p>Work on building positive relations between the police and the Travellers /</p>	<p><i>A systematic approach to tackle prejudices against the Traveller and Roma communities, including working with the media should be developed.</i></p>

	<p>Roma.</p> <p>Publication of anti-bullying procedures to be adopted and implemented by all primary and post-primary schools.</p>	
Funding	<p>Roma and Travellers' 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, Ireland has allocated 28,6 % (~€ 107,5 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>
Structural priorities that should be considered	<p><i>Mechanisms to ensure a constructive dialogue, better communication and coordination between public authorities, Travellers and Roma communities and local and regional authorities should be reinforced. The role of the National Roma Contact Point needs to be reinforced. Travellers' and Roma integration should be addressed across all relevant policy areas. Measuring the impact of mainstream measures on Travellers and Roma remains necessary.</i></p>	