

Sweden

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Roma population	Estimate in the document	approximately 50 000
	<i>Council of Europe estimates</i>	<i>approximately 42 500 i.e. 0.46 % of the population</i>
Approach		National strategy

	KEY ELEMENTS	IDENTIFIED GAPS
Education	<p>The strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <p>Pilot project in a number of localities in 2012-2015, with the involvement of the National Agency for Education and of the Schools Inspectorate.</p> <p>Development of knowledge and data on the situation of Roma in education.</p> <p>Training of school mediators.</p> <p>Information campaigns targeting local authorities.</p> <p>Producing teaching materials in Romani Chib language.</p>	<i>Developing funding and timeframe for the implementation would be needed.</i>
Employment	<p>The strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <p>Focus on the systematic actions and pilot projects run by the Public Employment Office and municipalities to improve the foothold of the Roma youth on the labour market.</p> <p>The possibility to introduce special mentors or “bridge builders” shall be analysed (as part of the pilot projects).</p> <p>The Public Employment Services (PES) is given the task to distribute information to the Roma and to make sure that the Roma receive the help they need (as part of the pilot projects).</p>	<i>Measuring the impact of the equal treatment approach on the situation of Roma people would be useful. It would be pertinent to refer more to policies and measures in employment for vulnerable groups, from which the Roma can also benefit.</i>
Health	<p>The strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <p>A number of measures to get better understanding of the health situation of Roma.</p> <p>Roma mediators in municipalities (pilot projects).</p> <p>Focus on health of Roma women.</p>	<i>Measuring the impact of the equal treatment approach on the situation of Roma people is necessary.</i>

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Housing	<p>The strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <p>Prevention of discrimination of the Roma on the housing market.</p> <p>The Government intends to give the Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning (Boverket) the task to report on the housing situation of the Roma in order to better understand the housing situation of the Roma and to be able to achieve the target of equal housing.</p> <p>.</p>	<p><i>Measuring the impact of the equal treatment approach on the situation of Roma people is necessary.</i></p>
Structural requirements and funding	<p>The strategy builds on the results of the work of a Roma delegation and subsequent public consultation.</p> <p>The 20-year strategy covers all 4 key areas, as well as culture/ language and the empowerment of civil society.</p> <p>Local and regional authorities were involved in preparing the strategy and will have extensive responsibility in the implementation.</p> <p>Funding is secured from national budget. The Swedish Government will report yearly on progress in the annual budget bills to the Parliament. Evaluation of the implementation is foreseen after 5 years.</p>	<p><i>The lack of available data is a challenge to be addressed.</i></p> <p><i>EU funding could be used in a more extensive manner for supporting Roma inclusion.</i></p>