

PORTUGAL

	Key steps since 2011	Assessment
Education	Improving access to early childhood education and care through awareness-raising activities targeting Roma mothers and by using the mediators. Vocational training courses. Implementation of programme (Choices) aiming at promotion of social inclusion among children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.	<i>Measuring the impact of mainstream activities on the situation of Roma children is necessary. Further attention should be paid to the situation of Roma girls. Desegregation measures need to be reinforced.</i>
Employment	Measures focusing mainly on tailored training to facilitate access to employment and to enhance self-employment.	<i>The focus needs to be put on an integrated approach and active labour market policies with tailor-made interventions for the Roma. Targeting Roma under the Youth Guarantee should be considered.</i>
Health	Mobile units of the National Health Service.	<i>Further work on monitoring the health outcomes should be considered.</i>
Housing	Mapping the housing situation of Roma communities in 308 municipalities through a survey.	<i>Housing interventions to provide non-discriminatory access of Roma to quality housing should be part of systematic and integrated approach with long-term objective of desegregation.</i>
Anti-discrimination	Creation of a Consultative Group for Roma communities' integration. Launching of National Study on Roma communities. Programme for Municipal Roma mediators. Awareness raising campaigns. Organisation of first Roma Women seminar.	<i>The effective practical enforcement of anti-discrimination law needs to be ensured.</i>
Funding	No specific amount has been allocated exclusively for Roma integration. However, Roma inclusion has been supported by national and EU funds under various types of mainstream measures, including social inclusion measures. In the 2007-2013 financial period, Portugal has allocated 6 % (~€ 381 million) of its total ESF budget for integrating disadvantaged people.	<i>Further use of existing possibilities under the EU funds to support Roma inclusion should be considered.</i>
Structural priorities that should be considered		<i>Measuring the impact of mainstream policies on Roma people is necessary. An integrated approach, supported by adequate sustainable funding is needed. A constructive dialogue with Roma NGOs and local and regional municipalities as necessary needs to be reinforced.</i>