

GERMANY

	Key steps since 2011	Assessment
Education	<p>Federal Working Group on Roma education, involving Ministries, Roma NGOs, foundations, researchers and activists set up.</p> <p>A series of state and municipal level projects supporting German Sinti and Roma, and Roma from other EU Member States (e.g. in learning German language, after-school activities, supporting transition between school and the labour market etc.).</p>	<p><i>Several positive steps have been taken, in particular at local level (e.g. Berlin Action Plan).</i></p> <p><i>Evidence gathering should be developed to assess the situation and the impact of measures on the Roma.</i></p> <p><i>Early school leaving should be carefully tackled, particularly in Vocational Education and Training.</i></p>
Employment	<p>Support based on an individual approach provided within the mainstream active labour market policies.</p>	<p><i>Using the individual approach bringing Roma to the open labour market is positive.</i></p> <p><i>Evidence gathering should be developed to assess the situation and the impact of measures on the Roma.</i></p>
Health	<p>Roma can benefit from mainstream policy measures.</p>	<p><i>Evidence gathering should be developed to assess the situation and the impact of measures on the Roma.</i></p>
Housing	<p>Social housing provided at state and municipal level.</p>	<p><i>Attention needs to be paid to eliminating discriminatory practices in the property market.</i></p>
Anti-discrimination	<p>Awareness-raising activities against racism and all kinds of discrimination, promoting inter-cultural dialogue, in particular in schools.</p>	<p><i>Developing tools to enable Roma empowerment in close cooperation with non-governmental organisations is necessary.</i></p>
Funding	<p>In many cases 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.</p> <p>In the 2007-2013 financial period, Germany has allocated 20% (~€ 1 878 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>The coordination role of the National Roma Contact Point should be reinforced. The development of local action plans should be supported. Evidence gathering should be developed to enable assessment of the situation and the impact of mainstream measures and targeted activities undertaken on the Roma. The involvement of civil society in Roma-related activities should be reinforced.</i></p>	