

# Spain

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Roma population	Estimate in the document	approximately 750 000
	<i>Council of Europe estimates</i>	<i>approximately 725 000, i.e. 1.57% of the population</i>
Approach		National strategy

	KEY ELEMENTS	IDENTIFIED GAPS
Education	<p>The sound strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <p>Overall accurate depiction (supported by data) of the problems faced by Roma communities which inspire ambitious policies.</p> <p>Goal of increasing the proportion of Roma girls and boys that have attended pre-school prior to their compulsory schooling and increasing school completion of Roma girls and boys in primary education.</p> <p>Reduction of absenteeism in primary education and of early school leavers prior to 16.</p> <p>Increase of completion of compulsory secondary education and increase in academic success of Roma pupils.</p> <p>Reduction of illiteracy.</p>	<p><i>Difficulties of defining adapted and relevant indicators are acknowledged and addressed as problems to be solved.</i></p>
Employment	<p>The sound strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <p>Improvement of access to normalised employment and reduction of job precariousness among the Roma.</p> <p>Improvement of professional qualifications of Roma.</p>	<p><i>Employment measures should be reinforced by allocation of funding.</i></p> <p><i>Measures targeting in particular young Roma should be a priority.</i></p>
Health	<p>The sound strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <p>Comprehensive strategy for improvement of Roma health and reduction of social inequalities in healthcare through interventions in the adult population and among children.</p> <p>Reorientation of health services to reduce health inequalities.</p> <p>Clear, achievable targets and timelines set up on very concrete situations (i.e. traffic accidents, obesity, smoking etc. with a specific focus on Roma women.</p> <p>Focus on health of Roma immigrants.</p> <p>Comprehensive Action Plan for the development of the Roma population in place with focus on improving health of Roma.</p>	<p><i>The strategy could be further improved in respect of the financial allocations.</i></p>

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Housing	<p>Clear short and mid terms reachable objectives, mainly on two aspects: eradication of slums and sub-standard housing; improvement of accommodation quality for Roma.</p>	<p><i>Detailing a calendar, targets, indicators, budget and monitoring are needed to secure the efficient implementation of the strategy. The use of the structural funds to support the planning and implementation of social housing should be considered.</i></p>
Structural requirements and funding	<p>Consultation on the strategy has taken place at horizontal level with the relevant Ministries and with autonomous communities, the Federation of Municipalities and Provinces, and civil society organisations.</p> <p>Strong political will to further improve collaboration among the various decision-making levels, especially as regards a coordinated effort to make better use of EU Funds.</p> <p>Balance between universal and targeted policies and the reliance on mid- and long-term indicators and goals.</p> <p>Boosting the use of the ERDF in accordance with the possibilities offered by Article 7.2 of its regulations (reconstruction of housing and eradication of segregated settlements).</p> <p>The involvement of social agents and partners (Roma organizations and the Social Third Sector) is foreseen.</p>	<p><i>The strategy should better identify funding including from structural funds and from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).</i></p>