

Ireland

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Roma population	Estimate in the document	approximately 22 435 Travellers and 3 000 Roma
	<i>Council of Europe estimates</i>	<i>approximately 37 500 i.e. 0.90 % of the population</i>
Approach		Integrated set of policy measures

	KEY ELEMENTS	IDENTIFIED GAPS
Education	<p>The strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <p>Strong existing approach of intercultural education, where the specific needs of Travellers and Roma are dealt with on same basis as of needs of all other students.</p> <p>Some local examples of support to Roma adult education and Roma mediators.</p> <p>Specific and sizeable funding allocated in 2008, 2009 and 2010 for the education of the Traveller community.</p>	<p><i>The approach should be integrated with interventions in other sectors. Detailing a calendar, targets, indicators, and budget will secure the implementation of the strategy. It would be important to address the issue of early school leaving</i></p>
Employment	<p>The strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <p>Local initiatives to enhance employment and enterprise support to Travellers.</p> <p>Provisions for an internship programme in the Civil service.</p>	<p><i>Scaling up initiatives, detailing a calendar, targets, indicators, and budget are needed to secure the effective implementation.</i></p>
Health	<p>The strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <p>Considerable work undertaken in the area of Traveller health.</p> <p>A wide range of specific Traveller-dedicated health services.</p> <p>Strong dialogue mechanisms between Ministry of Health or health services and Travellers.</p> <p>Analysis of health situation of travellers well described in "All Ireland Traveller Health Study".</p>	<p><i>The specific situation and challenges met by Roma regarding health should be better described.</i></p>

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Housing	<p>The strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <p>2009-2013 Traveller accommodation programme adopted by local authorities that defines annual targets and foresees annual reports.</p> <p>Traveller accommodation consultative committees both at local and national levels.</p>	<p><i>A long-term approach is missing.</i></p>
Structural requirements and funding	<p>The role of local and regional authorities is very much highlighted in the implementation of measures, especially in the housing sector.</p> <p>The monitoring system is detailed for each policy areas.</p>	<p><i>Measures to improve the consultation and political engagement of Roma and Travellers would be needed.</i></p> <p><i>A planning with financial resources for incoming years should be included.</i></p>