

Austria

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Roma population	Estimate in the document	approximately 50 000
	<i>Council of Europe estimates</i>	<i>approximately 25 000 i.e. 0.3 % 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>Within a broad education strategy, some innovative, tailor-made measures for Roma pupils are supported at local level. These include projects on Roma school assistants providing learning support for children and mediation, developed by Roma associations.</p> <p>Counselling and training adults so as to enhance their employability.</p>	<p><i>More measures taking into account the specificities of the different Roma groups are needed.</i></p>
Employment	<p>The strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <p>Diversity management within the Public Employment Service (including PES staff with migration background and training of staff).</p> <p>Within a general approach to labour market inclusion offering support to all job-seekers, some instruments for disadvantaged people and/or people with a migration background.</p> <p>The advice centre for Roma in Burgenland and projects providing intercultural coaching and training for Roma ("THARA" projects).</p>	<p><i>The approach should reach out to all Roma. Scaling up the current successful initiatives should be considered.</i></p>
Health	<p>The strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <p>Accessible and affordable healthcare for all.</p> <p>Health insurance coverage extended to recipients of social assistance.</p> <p>Efforts to overcome language barriers in health care.</p> <p>Regional project on free access to psychotherapy to Roma victims of the holocaust and their descendants.</p>	<p><i>Scaling up initiatives, detailing a calendar, targets, indicators, and budget are needed to secure the effective implementation.</i></p>
Housing	<p>The strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <p>Relatively well developed social housing (in particular in Vienna).</p> <p>Projects against discrimination on the housing market.</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 intention is declared to involve civil society organisations in the evaluation, further development and implementation of the measures.</p> <p>A discussion platform with stakeholders will be created.</p>	<p><i>Measuring the impact of the equal treatment approach on the situation of Roma people is necessary.</i></p> <p><i>A clear indication of the funding is also indispensable.</i></p>