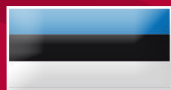




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The European Union and Roma – Factsheet Estonia

<http://ec.europa.eu/justice/roma-integration/estonia/>

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1. Key Information

Roma population	
Estimate in National Roma Integration Strategy	Approximately 600-1 000
Council of Europe Estimate	Approximately 1 050 (data from 2012) i.e. 0.08 % of the population
National Strategy	http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/roma-integration/estonia/national-strategy/national_en.htm
Funding	http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/roma-integration/estonia/index_en.htm

2. National Roma Integration – 2014 review

	Key steps taken since 2011	Identified Gaps
Education	Mapping the situation of minorities in education. Exchange of best practices among schools and regional communities.	Reinforce equal access to inclusive education. Offer Roma children with learning difficulties pedagogical and linguistic support in order to avoid leaving school early. Reinforce teacher training, and awareness-raising among parents and pupils.
Employment	Individual support through labour market policies. Study on the impact of equal treatment in the labour market.	Recommendations of the study on equal treatment approach must be put into practice.
Health	Support under health policy measures.	Reinforce access to healthcare. The impact of these measures on Roma needs to be monitored.

Housing	Support under housing policy measures.	Improving Roma access to quality housing. The impact on Roma of these measures needs to be monitored.
Anti-discrimination	Recognition of Roma Holocaust. Promotion of inter-cultural dialogue between Roma and non-Roma.	Effective enforcement of anti-discrimination laws needed.
Funding	No specific amount has been allocated exclusively for Roma integration. Roma inclusion has been supported by national and EU-level funds. In the 2007-2013 financial period, Estonia allocated 0.8 % (~€ 3 million) of its total European Social Fund (ESF) budget for integrating disadvantaged people.	Should allocate at least 20% of its total ESF budget to fighting social exclusion and poverty.
Priorities for the future (Commission recommendation)	Evidence-gathering should be developed to measure the impact of policy measures on Roma. A constructive dialogue with civil society and close cooperation with local and regional authorities is needed.	

3. Contacts

Contact Points	
National Roma Contact Point	Estonian Ministry of Culture Department of Cultural Diversity http://www.kul.ee/index.php?path=0x1377x1496
Managing Authorities for ESF (European Social Fund) funded projects	Haridus- ja Teadusministeerium Tel.: +372 735 02 22 www.strukturifondid.ee
Managing Authorities for ERDF (European Regional Development Fund) funded projects	http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/manage/authority/authorities.cfm?lan=EN&pay=ee

4. Promising practices

Sharing Roma culture

Several cultural events in Estonia contributed to raising awareness of Roma history and presence in the country. A Commemoration ceremony for the Roma Holocaust took place at the Roma Memorial in August 2013.

An exhibition entitled 'We, the Roma' was set up by the Estonian National Museum together with the Ministry of Culture and Roma civil society. The exhibition shed light on the uniqueness of the ethnic group and aimed to dispel myths and stereotypes. An important objective was to collect more information on the community's socio-economic situation and needs and to include members of the community in designing integration policy. The exhibition opened in October 2013 at the Valga County Museum and travelled to diverse locations all over Estonia.

<http://www.kultuur.info/event/exhibition-we-gypsies/?mobile>