

CYPRUS

	Key steps since 2011	Assessment
Education	<p>Most measures targeting Roma pupils along with other potentially vulnerable groups are carried out under the Zones of Education priority (since most Roma are concentrated in these areas).</p> <p>Measures include multicultural education and overcoming linguistic barriers, teacher training, provision of bilingual teachers and provision of special support to Roma students.</p>	<p><i>Government involvement in Roma integration is most prominent in the field of education. Given the strong concentration of Roma in some geographic areas, Zones of Education Priority seem to be appropriate to foster the inclusion of Roma and other children.</i></p> <p><i>The main challenges include: safeguarding the right to education of Roma students, especially non-Greek speaking Roma; persuading Roma families to enrol their children in school, establishing intercultural dialogue and respect between persons of different ethnic origins.</i></p>
Employment	<p>Social inclusion of Roma is part of the Cypriot government's overall strategy for the effective social inclusion of all vulnerable groups.</p> <p>Assistance, including vocational guidance, counselling and training programmes, is provided through public employment services.</p>	<p><i>The impact of policies should be measured in order to ensure that the needs of the Roma are met.</i></p>
Health	<p>Healthcare is offered free of charge to all Turkish Cypriots, including Roma, regardless of whether they reside in the government-controlled part of the island or the part occupied by Turkey.</p>	<p><i>The impact of health policy measures should be measured in order to ensure that the needs of the Roma are met.</i></p>
Housing	<p>Two housing projects, one in Limassol and one in Paphos, have been launched.</p>	<p><i>The implementation of the housing projects should be closely monitored.</i></p>
Anti-discrimination		<p><i>Awareness raising campaigns should be considered to promote Roma integration.</i></p>
Funding	<p>No specific amount has been allocated exclusively for Roma integration. However, Roma inclusion has been supported by national and EU funds under various mainstream policy measures, including social inclusion measures.</p> <p>In the 2007-2013 financial period, Cyprus has allocated 11,4 % (~€ 13 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>Monitoring the impact of mainstream measures and activities undertaken on Roma should be considered.</i></p>	