

# Social inclusion of Roma in Serbia

- between challenges and good practice -



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# INTERNATIONAL LEGAL BASIS

- ▶ **EU framework for national strategies for Roma integration until 2020** , European Commission 2011
- ▶ Basis for the First Strategy for the Social Inclusion of Roma Men and Women in the Republic of Serbia for the period 2016- 2025 , adopted March 3, 2016
- ▶ **Poznan Declaration , Declaration of the Western Balkans Partners on Roma Integration in the EU Enlargement Process** Poznan, July 5, 2019
- ▶ **EU strategic framework for equality, inclusion and participation of Roma for the period 2020-2030** , Brussels, 7.10.2020
- ▶ Basis for the NEW Strategy for the Social Inclusion of Roma Men and Women in the Republic of Serbia for the period 2022-2030 ,  
**in the process of adoption**

# CHALLENGES

- ▶ In the period from 2018 to 2021, national action plans for the implementation of the first Strategy were not adopted
- ▶ Monitoring process of the implementation of the Strategy is not well established
- ▶ The Coordination Body was defined, which was not functional
- ▶ The implementation of the Strategy was mostly based on programs and projects from donor funds
- ▶ Adequate and quality analysis of the situation by The Coordination Body before the drafting of the new Strategy was not performed

# Best practice

## ▶ EMPLOYMENT :

Program "Inclusion of Roma and other marginalized groups in Serbia", implemented by the German organization for international cooperation GIZ.

➤ 759 unemployed Roma (465 women) from the NES ( National Employment Service ) records were included in :

- Professional practice
- Youth Employment Promotion Program "My First Salary"
- program for unemployed persons with a high level of qualification
- program for unemployed persons with intermediate level of qualifications
- Acquisition of practical knowledge for unskilled persons, redundancies and long-term unemployed
- Trainings at the request of the employer

Measure of work engagement according to the concept "Together for the community"

# Best practice

## EMPLOYMENT :

- ▶ Program IPA 2016 “EU support for Roma inclusion - empowerment local communities for Roma inclusion” implemented by Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities
- ▶ Program "Migration Management and Support for the Return of Asylum Seekers" organized by Help and SKRUG Roma League - grants in equipment for starting your own business, business and professional training

# Best practice

## ▶ HOUSING

- ▶ Program IPA 2016 “EU support for Roma inclusion - empowerment local communities for Roma inclusion” implemented by Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities - technical and planning documentation for substandard settlements and provided professional support to local self-government units in the process of legalization of residential buildings
- ▶ Program "Migration Management and Support for the Return of Asylum Seekers" organized by Help and SKRUG Roma League - construction and reconstruction of residential buildings

# Best practice

- ▶ HEALTH

- ▶ "Health for all - Improving and supporting the work of health mediators with vulnerable groups in Roma settlements in an emergency situation - the COVID-19 virus pandemic" , implemented by Ministry of Health, in cooperation with UNICEF and the Association of Citizens Association of Health Mediators

# CONCLUSIONS

- ▶ Social inclusion of Roma is won at the local level
- ▶ Intersectoral Mobile Teams for Roma Social Inclusion the most important institutional mechanism that contributes to the development and implementation of public policies in the field of Roma social inclusion
- ▶ Full and quality participation of the RNGO in the processes of defining local public policies and creating program initiatives in cooperation with local institutions is the key to achieving the planned results and achieved impacts on the Roma community



THANK YOU for your attention !

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