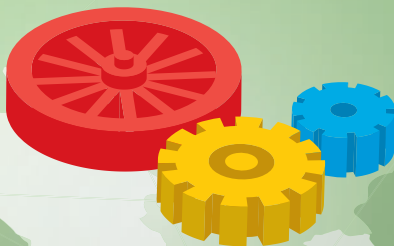




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The Regional Cooperation Council's Roma Integration 2020 Action Team is working towards

strengthening institutional obligations of governments to incorporate and deliver specific Roma integration goals in mainstream policy and public budget and thus **reduce socio-economic** gap between Roma and non-Roma population in the Western Balkans and Turkey

WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE?

Our goals are:

- Faster implementation, improved cross-sector coordination and built institutional capacities on Roma integration
- Roma issues mainstreamed in the overall regional cooperation by fitting policies into the regional context and standards
- Established proper Roma integration monitoring system
- Mirrored EU practices on Roma integration in the enlargement region



WHAT DID WE DO SO FAR TO GET THERE?

We have:

- **Launched the Roma Integration 2020** project by establishing the Action Team and bringing together high officials from the region to reinforce their commitment to the Roma integration and the project
- **Organised public debate platforms** on Roma integration in each participating economy
- **Established a Task Force** consisted of National Roma Contact Points and civil society representatives from the region to meet once a year and set regional standards for Roma integration policies
- **Proposed Monitoring and Reporting standards** on Roma integration that have been adopted by the Roma Integration 2020 Task Force at its first meeting
- **Trained relevant public officials** dealing with Roma integration in the areas of education, employment, housing, health, civil registration, finances and statistics on monitoring and reporting on Roma integration
- **Provided technical and expert assistance** to the governments in the region to formulate annual plans accompanied with adequate budget for the implementation of their Roma integration policies



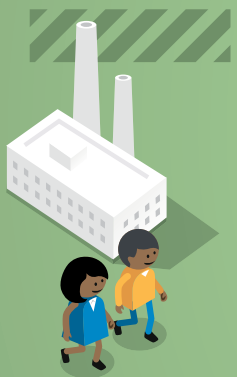
WHERE DOES THE REGION STAND NOW?

The Western Balkans economies and Turkey:

- Adopted national policies for integration of Roma as strategies and/or action plans
- Appointed National Roma Contact Points (NRCPs) to participate in the Roma Integration 2020 project, leading Roma integration policies
- Agreed on regional standards for monitoring and reporting on Roma integration policies
- Implemented a number of promising Roma integration measures with a perspective to be institutionalised
- Acknowledged the need to improve budget planning, allocation and spending for their Roma integration policies
- Identified necessity to mainstream Roma issues into general socio-economic policies, particularly those on education, employment, housing, health and civil registration
- Recognised lack of advanced monitoring system on Roma integration
- Noticed the need for more decisive action in tackling discrimination against Roma as a root-cause for poverty, marginalisation and exclusion



WHAT THE PEOPLE/BUSINESS THINK?



ONLY 7%

of businesses in South East Europe say they are hiring Roma, with the highest percentage in

ALBANIA 18%

AND LOWEST IN MONTENEGRO

ONLY 3%



According to the findings of the **RCC's Balkan Barometer 2016**, Roma population have a considerably better chance of finding work in export companies, large firms and mature companies, as it is reported that

20% OF SUCH BUSINESSES SAY ROMA POPULATION WORKS IN THEIR COMPANIES.

70%

of people in SEE agree that the governments should provide affirmative measures and promote opportunities for Roma when applying for a public sector job.

76%

of SEE citizens think that governments should introduce affirmative measures for Roma population applying for secondary school or university.

69%

of South East Europeans say the governments should do more to ensure better housing conditions for Roma.

WHAT WILL WE DO TO CHANGE THIS AND HOW?

Institutional Support for:

- **Institutional Structure:** NRCPs & inter-disciplinary bodies;
- **Strengthening Capacity:** consultative meetings and trainings;
- **Recommending Policies:** policy briefs and advice;
- **National Platforms** (public dialogue forums);
- **Regional Workshops** for capacity building and exchange.

Regional Cooperation

- **High level** meetings on joint policy setting;
- **Task Force** meetings steering the project;
- **Streamlining** Roma integration within RCC's work;
- **Visibility:** bulletin, website, monography.

EU & International Cooperation

- **Reporting:** Annual reporting on implementation and impact;
- **EU & international** participation and exchange;
- **EU Framework** mirroring and contribution to EU accession.



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Roma Integration 2020 Action Team works to reduce socio-economic gap between Roma and non-Roma population in the Western Balkans and Turkey through implemented national measures involving allocation of adequate resources and introduction of specific steps into policies on education, employment, health, housing and civil registration.

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HOUSING
HEALTH

CIVIL REGISTRATION
NON-DISCRIMINATION
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