

1st Management Committee Meeting of the Network

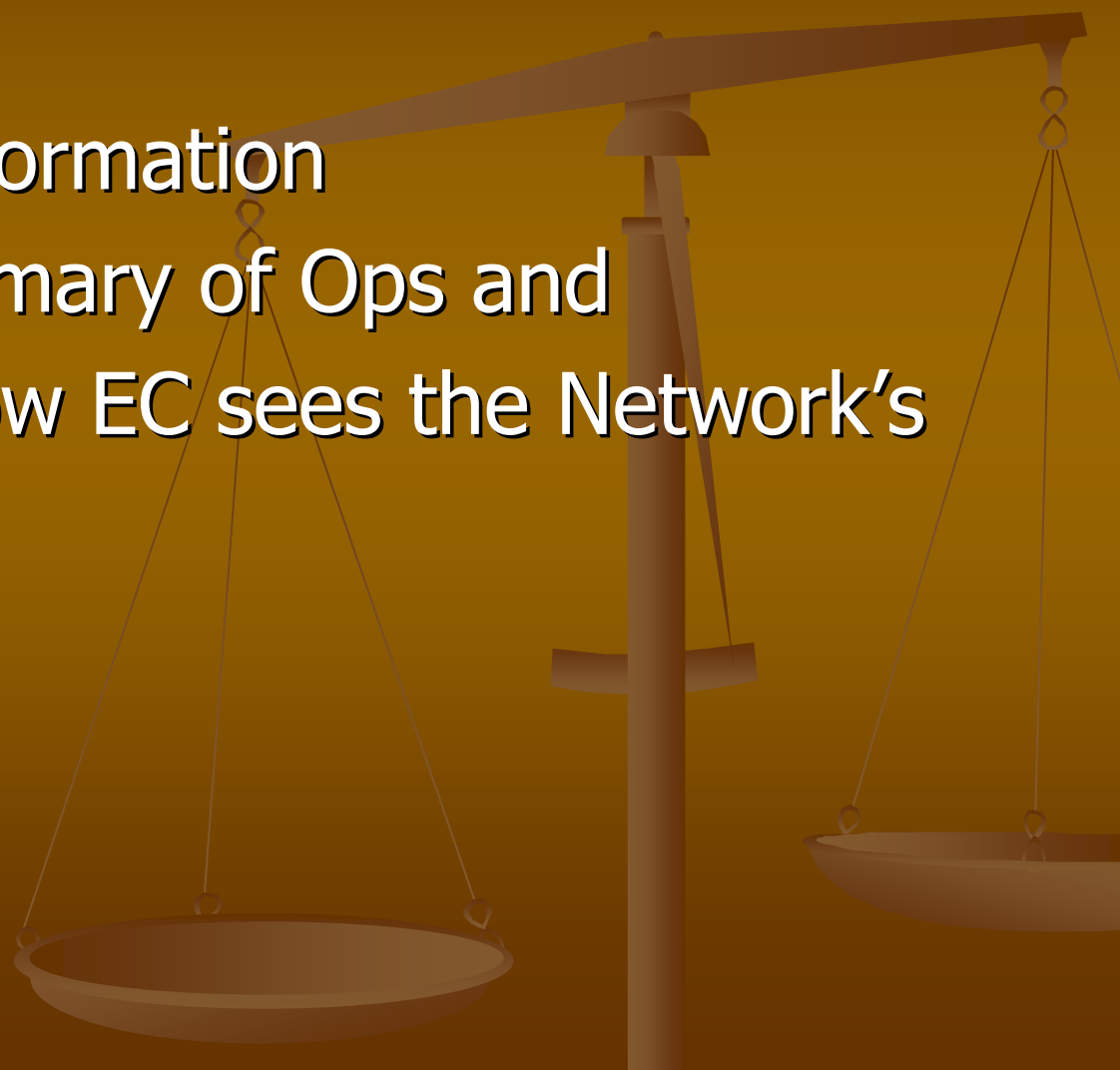
24-25 January 2008

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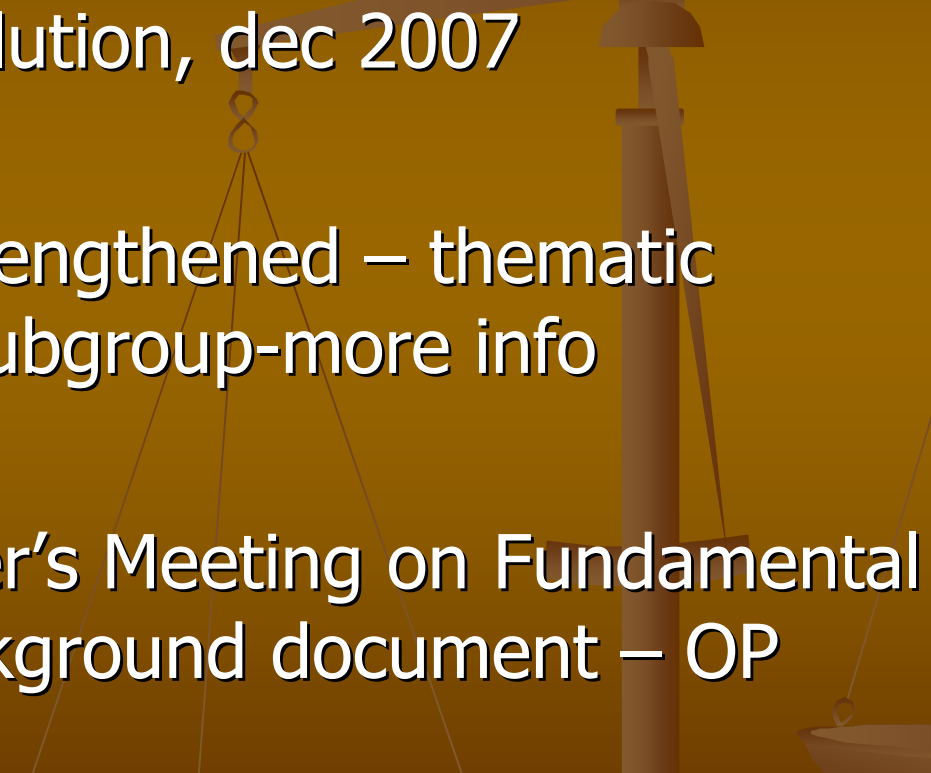
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My tasks:

- I. give some information
- II. Provide summary of Ops and
- III. translate how EC sees the Network's useful role.

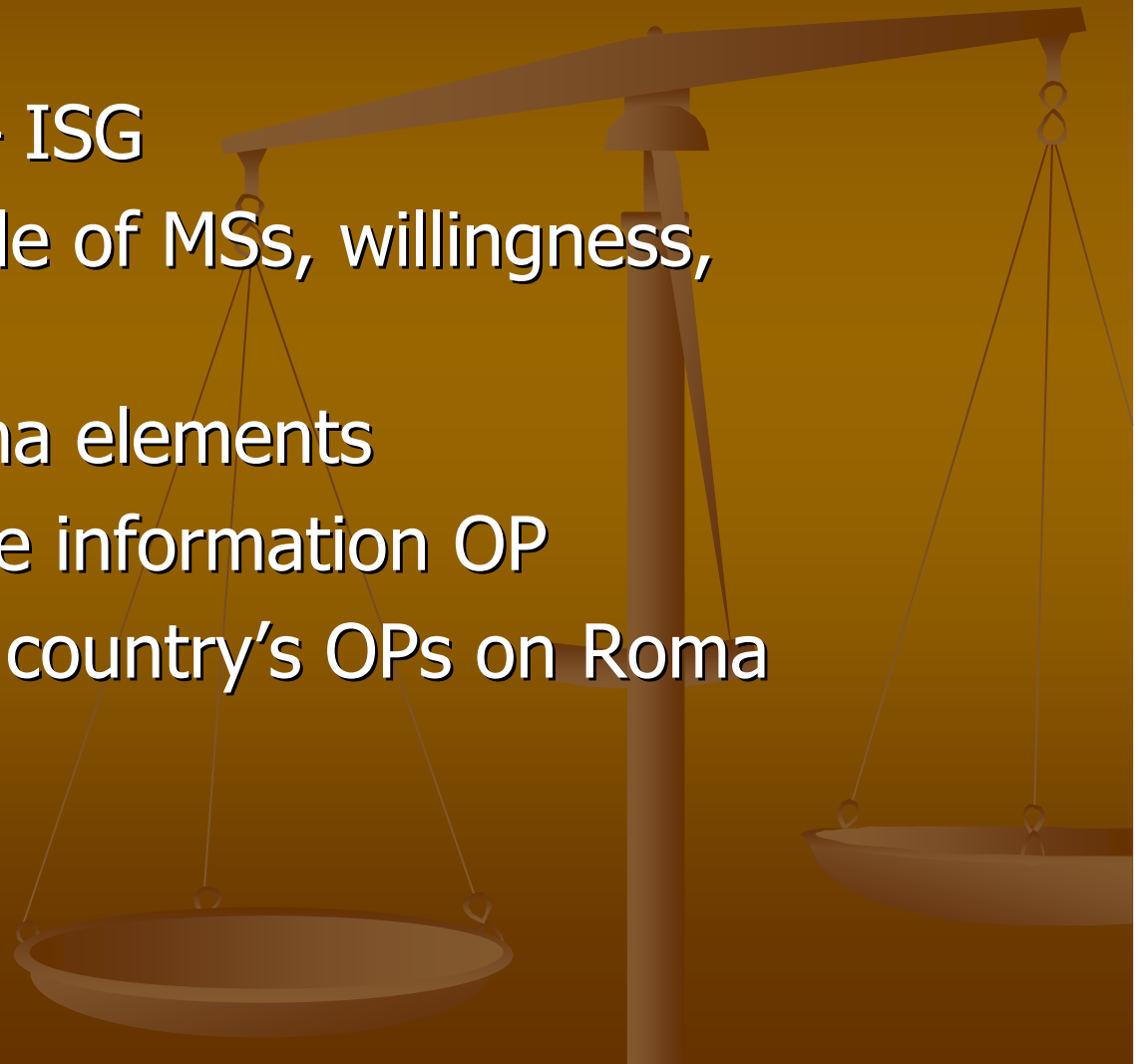


I. short update

- Council Resolution, dec 2007
 - ISG to be strengthened – thematic groupings- subgroup-more info
 - Commissioner's Meeting on Fundamental Rights – background document – OP collections
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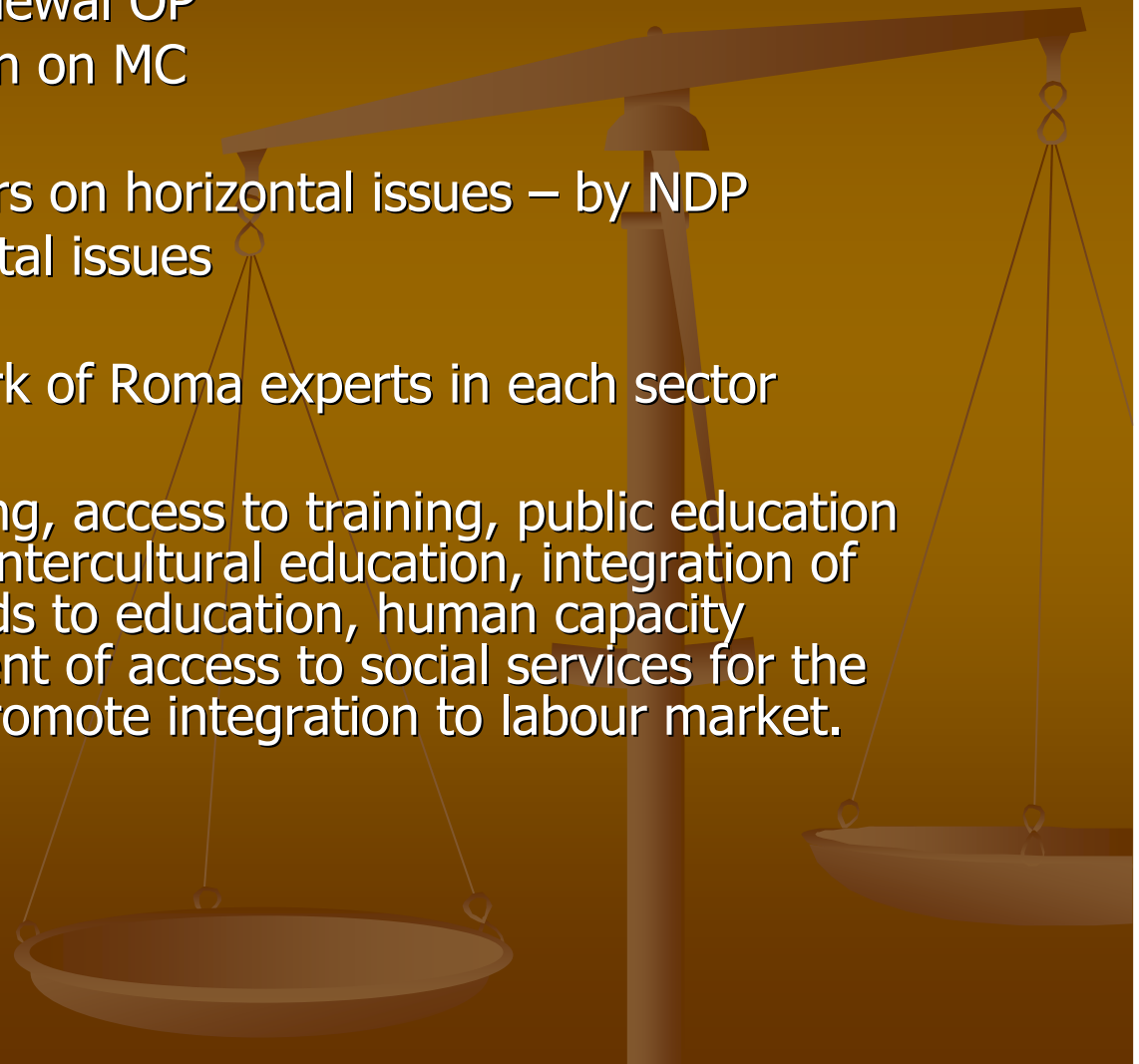
II. information on the OPs

- Aide Memoire – ISG
- Active, great role of MSs, willingness, commitment
- OPs define Roma elements
- ISG – collect the information OP
- Extract of each country's OPs on Roma direct/indirect



Few examples: Hungarian OPs

- 2 Ops HRDOP, Social Renewal OP
- Roma NGO representation on MC
- HRDOP guide+rapporteurs on horizontal issues – by NDP
- MC sub-group on horizontal issues
- SROP – manual + network of Roma experts in each sector
- 8 Axis: prevention, training, access to training, public education efficiency improvement, intercultural education, integration of children with special needs to education, human capacity development, improvement of access to social services for the disadvantaged groups, promote integration to labour market.



Bulgarian OPs:

- HRDOP – special chapter on “Assistance to the Roma community” horizontal measure.
- MC has Roma NGO + National Council on Ethnic and Demographic issues with Roma sub-committee is perm member of MC + Equality Body is member
- 5/8 Axis identify Roma as target group: job creation, dev. Inclusive labour market, raising productivity and adoptability of employed, improvement of quality education + training “knowledge based economy”, social inclusion.

Romanian OPs:

- JIM Roma inclusion is high priority, NSR on social inclusion submitted 2006 3/1 priorities 2006-2008 priority Roma living conditions, imprv of access to education to labour market to housing, elimination of people w/o IDs.
- HRDOP 3 Axes: access to labour market through re/training, methods to combat discrimination. 150.000/65.000 Roma to be trained, LLL, early school leaving, low school performances, access to education "second chance" programme. Campaigns for favourable climate for Roma employment in enterprises, institutional dev of Roma, help for school re-integration through Roma mentors, mediators, Tutors, improvement of health conditions,
- MC, Roma NGOs + National Agency for Roma

Slovakian Ops


- 2004-06 HROP, SPD Bratislava Obj3, Equal
- 7 Roma measures for which - special CSF Roma working Committee for the Dev of Roma communities set up for 75-80% co-financing. ESF, ERDF 2 measures EAGGF 1 measure
- HROP 4 measures 75-80%

- 2007-2013 NSRF 4 horizontal priorities in all Ops, 4 priority areas: education, employment, healthcare and housing + poverty, discrimination gender equality. Emphasis on: active involvement of local communities.
- Pp: drafted "complex projects"- overall devt strategy for specific area w involvement of Roma community, reintegration of people after a prison sentence.
- The Social Development Fund inclusion of marg groups via community dev, access to social services + economic opportunities, creation of micro projects, employment services, individual counselling, education.

Spanish Ops

- Multi-objective OP “Fight against Discrimination” covers all Spanish regions + in regions with higher Roma population specific actions will be developed.
- The National Report on Strategies for Social protection and Social inclusion diagnoses the situation of Roma in Spain, their main problems ie. Discr. It includes surveys, plans at regional level, and the creation of the National Council of Roma people.

Polish OP

- 2007-13 Human Capital OP, Roma are around the “expected beneficiaries” of the Programme.
 - 2000-2006 HRDOP Roma were amongst the beneficiaries of projects aimed at social integration of marginal groups.
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Greek Ops

- 2007-13 Roma can benefit indirectly. In Greece Roma are not recognized as an ethnic or national minority group.
- 2000-2006 “Integrated action for the social integration of Roma” – national programme with certain actions financed from SF.
- OP Health-mobile units visited Roma settlements providing vaccination
- OP Empl “promotion of equality in accessing the labour market especially for those facing social exclusion”, Roma were final recipients.

Czech Republic

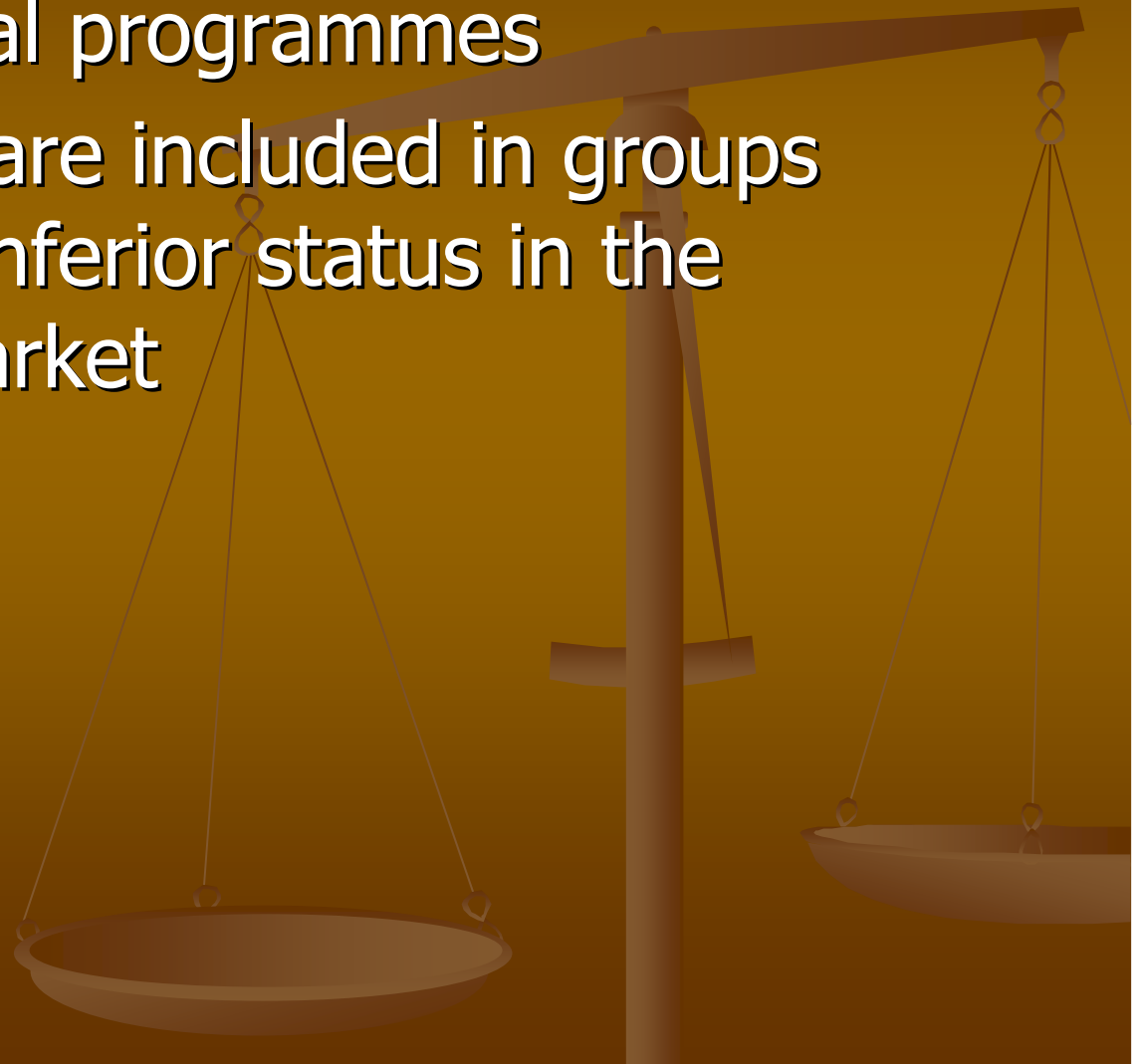


- 2007-2013 Roma minority is directly included in the Ops. The Working Group on Roma will continue its work.
- HRandEmpl OP-priorities: Active Labour Market Policies, Social Integration and EO
- OP Education for Competitiveness: priority initial education
- OP Prague Adoptability, priorities Promote Entry to Labour Market, Modernise Education.

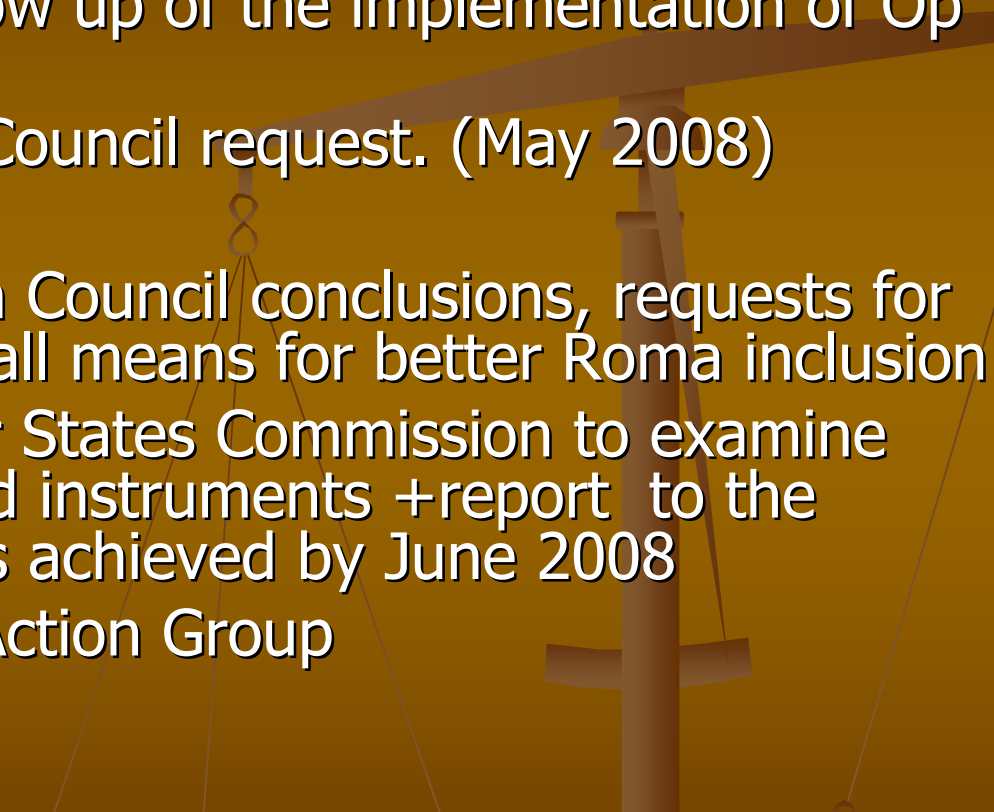
- 2004-2006 direct references to Roma
- HRDOP-Priorities: Active employment, social integration and equal Opportunities
- Single Programming Document for the Objective 3 Region of Prague, Priorities: Active Employment policy, Social Integration and EO, +2 measures of joint Regional OP.

Finland

- 2000-2006 Equal programmes
- 2007-13 Roma are included in groups suffering from inferior status in the employment market
- Sweden
- Portugal

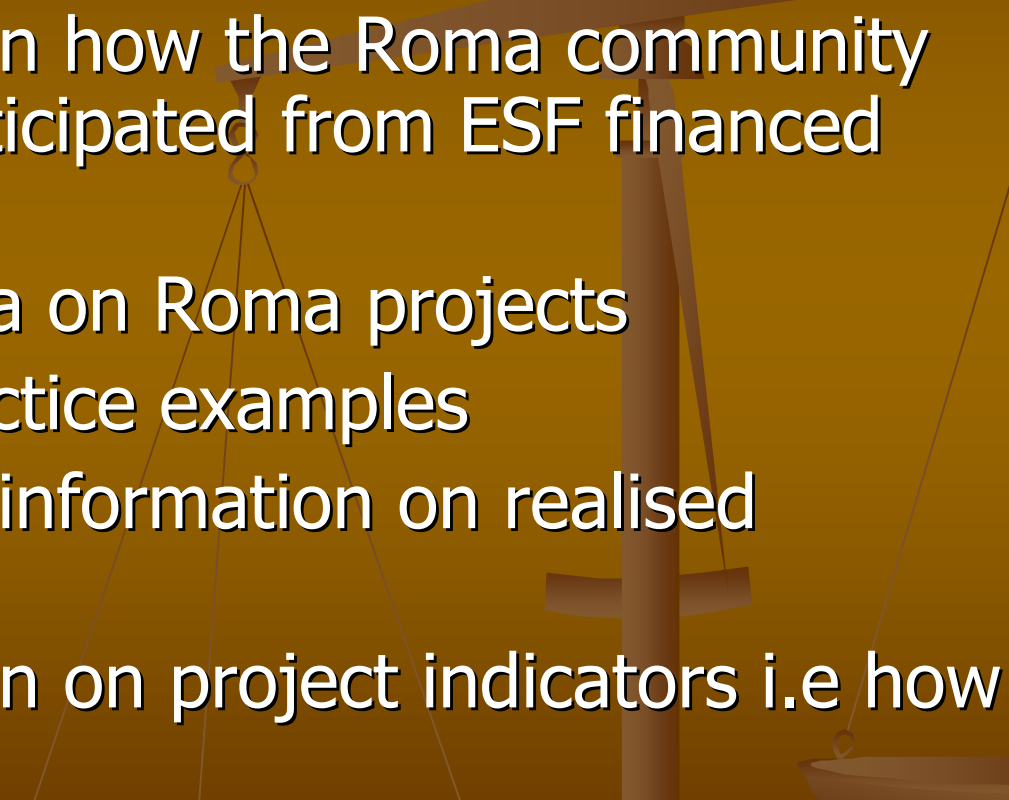


III. The Network's possible useful role

- 1) Next step is the follow up of the implementation of Op measures
 - 2) Contribution to the Council request. (May 2008)
 - 2007 Dec European Council conclusions, requests for the MS+EU to use all means for better Roma inclusion
 - Invites the Member States Commission to examine existing policies and instruments +report to the Council on progress achieved by June 2008
 - Set-up of a Roma Action Group
 - Communication
 - Roma Forum
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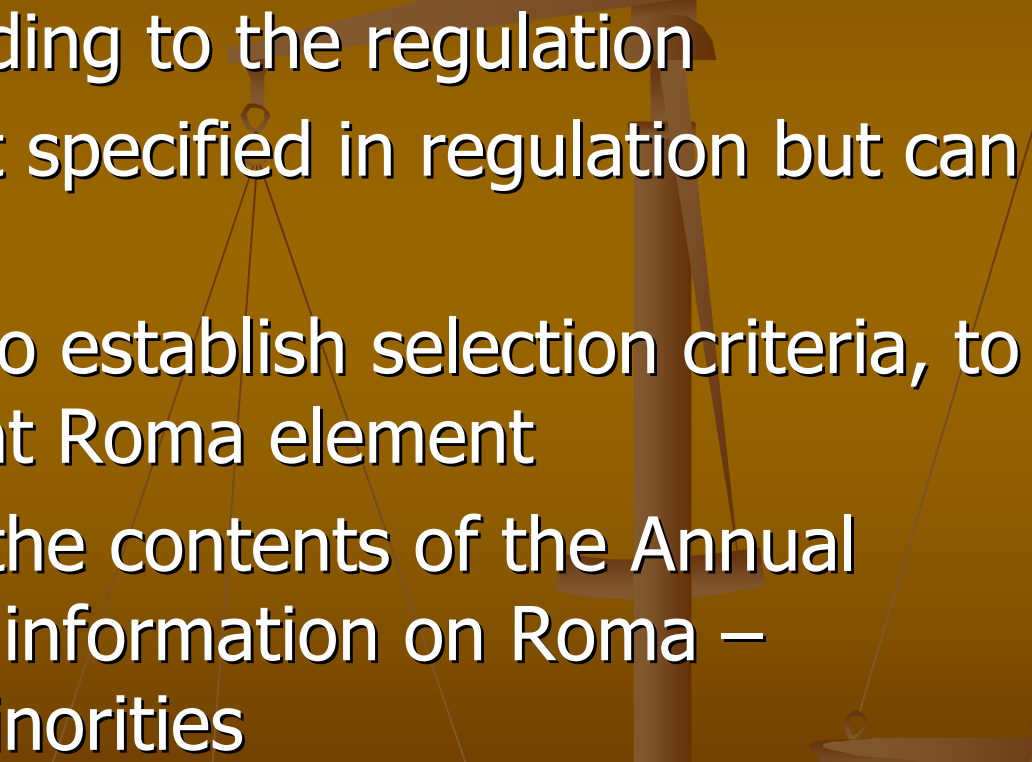
HOW?

By:

- Provide information how the Roma community has benefited/participated from ESF financed projects
 - help to collect data on Roma projects
 - point out best practice examples
 - highlight financial information on realised projects
 - provide information on project indicators i.e how many
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And...

3) Investment to future best results

- a) to act out according to the regulation
 - b) crucial role - not specified in regulation but can be generated
 - c) Next 6 months to establish selection criteria, to take into account Roma element
 - d) Make sure that the contents of the Annual Report contains information on Roma – regulation on minorities
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Thank you very much
for your attention!