



Structural Funds: Investing in Roma

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Joint Report on Social Protection and Social Inclusion 2009

Questionnaire for debate

Katarina Lindhal, Deputy Head of Unit *Inclusion, Social Policy Aspects of Migration, and Streamlining of Social Policies* of DG EMPL (European Commission) will present to Network partners the key messages of the Joint Report focusing on those aspects that are more relevant for the social inclusion of the Roma.

The Report assesses the renewed national strategies which Member States presented in autumn 2008 as part of the Open Method of Coordination in the field of social policies. The Joint Report is accompanied by a set of 27 country profiles assessing the social situation and strategies for each Member State and by a Commission services working document which provides a more detailed thematic account of challenges and policy responses

You will find the link to the Joint Report at EURoma web page www.euromanet.eu or directly at http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/spsi/joint_reports_en.htm.

After this presentation, Network partners are encouraged to participate at the debate. We propose you some questions for reflection and discussion:

- ✓ How does the NAPincl address the Roma issue in your country? Which is the strategic approach? Are the Roma considered a priority objective, a target group...? What kind of actions aimed at the Roma population are planned to be developed in the framework of the NAPincl in your country?
- ✓ How is the ESF contribution to the objectives of the NAPincl to address the social inclusion of the Roma? To what extent and how ESF planning and programming is linked and respond to national and EU social objectives and guidelines in this issue? Is there a real synergy of resources, policy priorities, working approaches, etc.?
- ✓ How do you assess the progress made in relation to NAPincl 2006-2008 as concerns the involvement of ESF? Which are the challenges ahead (2010)? How ESF may contribute to greater impact of social policies on the Roma population in future NAPincl?