



## **Structural Funds: Investing in Roma**

### **Management Committee meeting**

#### **THEMATIC CONFERENCE: COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF ETHNIC DATA AND ITS USE FOR PROJECTS FOLLOW-UP AND MONITORING**

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In line with the main objective of the network, one of the most important outputs of EURoma by 2013 should be to compile and analyze information on how the Structural Funds have been invested on the social inclusion of the Roma population during the period 2007-2013 (how much money, what kind of projects, in which field of activity, how many direct or indirect beneficiaries, results, etc.). Therefore, network members should start providing information on project level that includes certain ethnic data. We are all aware this is a sensitive topic which each Member State is dealing at its own way. In this sense, next Management Committee meeting in Budapest will have a specific debate on this issue with the aim of discussing the different views and, hopefully, coming out with some concrete and practical ideas and hints as to how to be able to provide the needed ethnic data to EURoma.

There will be some short presentations of around 15 minutes each with a broad view of the topic (EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, Hungarian Statistical Office and Hungarian National Development Agency). Afterwards discussion is expected from all members. As a hint to guide discussion at the meeting, please consider the following questions in advance:

- ✓ At this point, does the Management Authority in your country collect information regarding ethnic origin of beneficiaries at project level? Is that information both regarding direct beneficiaries and indirect beneficiaries? If not, which are the reasons or obstacles?
- ✓ If there are cases where ethnic data registration is not happening, how do you think these obstacles can be overcome so that EURoma can give account of how Structural Funds are used for Roma social inclusion in the near future?
- ✓ Does the Management Authority have established mechanism as to gather information of all projects funded by Structural Funds and aimed at Roma beneficiaries -directly and indirectly- that are operating at all levels (national, regional and local level)? If yes, please describe the mechanism. If not, please think of possible solutions.