

Theme D - Workshops

Achieving results, looking ahead: EU Cohesion Policy's evaluation and future prospects

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Roma Inclusion: Experiences from Cohesion Policy programmes

An estimated 8–10 million Roma are Europe's largest ethnic minority and, in many countries, they are the fastest-growing ethnic group. In most EU Member States, the Roma are deprived of the financial means essential for adequate living conditions, as well as lack of access to education, jobs, and social and health services. Cohesion policy has the potential to improve the situation of these Roma communities. However, it is important to adopt a holistic approach and learn from good practice gathered at the European level when implementing programmes involving a significant Roma population. This workshop aims to exchange experiences on working with and for Roma within the cohesion policy programmes.

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14:30 - 17:00

*Venue: European Commission, Centre Borschette
CCAB 2A*

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