

TACKLING ROMA NEEDS IN THE 2014-2020 STRUCTURAL FUNDS PROGRAMMING PERIOD:

**GUIDE TO IMPROVE THE PLANNING
PROCESS
(Up date)**

The purpose of the guide

- **The general aim** of the guide is to support the effective inclusion of Roma in the next Programming Period of the SF by providing a tool for the Member States in the planning process,
- **Its specific objectives are:**
- **To provide a tool** for the EU Member States (Units responsible for planning different SF, as well as different institutions involved) that they may use at the drafting stage to include Roma in their CSF and OPs.
- **To identify and suggest different possible forms of tackling Roma needs** and addressing Roma socio-economic inclusion in the next SF programming period.
- **To identify the key issues that OPs should presently address** within the strategic areas (employment, education, housing, healthcare, anti-discrimination and gender equality) identified in the EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies, within the framework of the strategic priorities set by the SF Regulations.
- **To propose practical recommendations**, based on prior experience, which may inform the design of OPs and other form of implementation in order to gain effectiveness in the use of SF for Roma inclusion.

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Revisions pending approval of the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework

- Add examples related to different planning processes and implementation mechanisms
- Analyse in greater depth the obstacles and difficulties on the basis of the lessons learned in the current programming period
- Concentration on some pragmatic issues – eg. segregation, partnerships, etc.
- Add more references to the ERDF
- Value the importance of short-term projects under certain circumstances
- More references to monitoring and evaluation (guidelines)
- Add some examples on how to use the Common Basic Principles