



# State of play of negotiations

## Roma inclusion in the next programming period

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## *Process*

- **Overview of schedule**
- **Negotiation on regulations**
- **Informal dialogue**

## *Content – main provisions*

- **CPR**
- **ESF regulation**

# Schedule

*Partnership agreements: end of 2013*

*Operational programmes: middle of 2014*

*This presupposes*

- **CPR adoption by Council in Autumn**
- **EP approval in July**



# Negotiation on regulations

*Trilogue on CPR: all main blocks discussed*

*Trilogue on funds regulations, including ESF, ongoing*

*Political trilogues on main outstanding issues*

# Informal dialogue

*Commission position papers (Oct-Nov 2012)*

*1-2 informal dialogue meetings*

*Informal draft PAs*

*One formal submission by BG*

*"Maturity" check*

# Content – main provisions

## *I. Quantity*

- **More funding for investment into people and employment and social policy reforms: ESF minimum share**
- **More funding on social inclusion: 20%**
- **Specific investment priority**

## *II. Quality*

- **Effective partnership**
- **Better access to funds**
- **Integrated approach**

# Amount of funding

## *ESF minimum share*

- COM proposal
- Council PGA: thematic objective based approach
- EP: COM prop. + region level flexibility + safety net
- COM non-paper: EP + more differentiation between category of regions + ERDF safety net

## *Social inclusion minimum share*

- Formally OK but 20% of what?

## *IP*

- EP: „Comprehensive socio-economic” integration of ...

## II. Quality

### *Effective partnership*

- **ESF Article 6: Involvement of partners**

### *Better access to funds*

- **ESF Article 14: Simplified cost options**

### *Integrated approach*

- **CPR Art. 14.: Partnership Agreement to address the specific needs of target groups at highest risk of exclusion by all relevant funds**