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THE ROLE OF THE ERDF IN THE 2014-2020 PROGRAMMING PERIOD IN SUPPORT OF THE INCLUSION OF THE ROMA PEOPLE

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Article 5

Investment priorities

Thematic objective 9

**Promoting social inclusion, fighting poverty and discrimination by
(inter alias)**

- a) investing in health and social infrastructure**
- b) providing support for physical, economic and social
regeneration of deprived communities in urban and rural areas**

Thematic ex ante conditionalities
Annex 11 – Reg. 1303/2013 – OT 9

Conditionality n. 9.2 : A national Roma inclusion strategic policy framework is in place
Self –assessment results from central Government included in the PA

- **First criteria: *satisfied* because Italy adopted the NSF in February 2012**
- **Second criteria: *satisfied* because it sets up achievable national goals in order to bridge the gap between Roma and general population in education, employment, healthcare and housing (the four goals for Roma integration)**
- **Third criteria: *satisfied* because the NSF identifies relevant disadvantaged micro-regions or segregated neighborhoods where Roma live using already available territorial and socio-economic indicators**
- **Fourth criteria: *satisfied* because it includes strong monitoring methods to assess the impact of Roma integration actions**
- **Fifth criteria: *satisfied* because it was planned and will be implemented and monitored in cooperation and in continuous dialogue with Roma partners and local authorities**
- **Sixth criteria: *satisfied* because it provides support for stakeholders submitting project applications**

The main innovations in the use of additional resources

- **targeted actions focusing** for the first time on the integration of Roma according to the four priorities of the NSF (education, employment, health and housing)
- **a specific expected result (9.5)** in the PA for the inclusion of Roma population via the interventions funded by the ESF and the ERDF at national and local level (NOPs and ROPs) to facilitate the physical and economic regeneration of urban communities
- **reinforcement of the integrated approach** among the SF due to the local development initiatives and the integrated territorial plans included in the urban Agenda o foster legality in areas with high social exclusion
- **within the targeted operations** the ERDF will support at local level (via the ROPs) **the development of preventive health services, the regeneration of camps and the creation and recovery of housing and real estate** by way of an integrated approach with the area of education, employment and health

but there is something else

A part from the targeted initiatives for Roma, the ERDF

➤ will fund at local level **social housing for vulnerable targets**: there is not a list of groups addressed by the operations in the PA but Roma as *vulnerable groups* can be included among the beneficiaries of housing initiatives set out by local authorities

in the 2014-2020 the integration of Roma can be also mainstreamed within the design of integrated projects.

➤ As it happens at national level within the **NOP CITIES** designed for the 14 metropolitan cities where the most part of Roma live

➤ The **NOP CITIES** is focused on the joint strategy of the National urban agenda that strengthens the role of cities as key areas for development, sustainability and social cohesion

➤ It includes three drivers for public services, social inclusion and economic development

➤ It is multifund (ESF and ERDF) to ensure the integrated approach within the TO 2, 4 and 9

Within the TO 9

- the NOP CITIES will fund integrated projects for social inclusion at urban level to fight poverty
- It will be focused on some key dimensions such as housing problems, employment privation and cultural exclusion of targeted marginalized groups (as Roma population, homeless, immigrants)
- It will fund synergic actions in socio-cultural infrastructures and immaterial activities to support education, to reduce early school leaving and to spread the legality and security in the cities.
- right now a technical group is evaluating projects submitted by Roma, Venezia, Cagliari, Napoli e Catania for the regeneration of the existing camps and the overcome of the camp systems in favor of housing (3% of ERDF allocated for the NOP is concentrated on these projects) .

At local level, the definition of regional programmes is in late and it doesn't allow to give any information about the strategic options to improve the Roma inclusion in line with the expected result 9.5 of the PA



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