

An information system for monitoring social and economic integration of Roma, Sinti and Caminanti in Italy: a pilot project for mapping data sources and settlements

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THE ITALIAN CONTEXT

- **No reliable official data** on the number of Roma people living in Italy, and **no large scale quantitative surveys** on their living conditions.
- **Between 110,000 and 150,000** persons belonging to this ethnic minority according to the Italian National Office against Racial Discrimination (UNAR).
- It includes **different groups** living on our territory from ancient times (at least since 1400), and foreign Roma arrived in several waves.



A NEW APPROACH

National Office against Racial Discrimination (UNAR)
National Association of Italian Municipalities (ANCI)
Italian National Institute of Statistics (ISTAT)



a pilot project for **mapping both data sources and authorized/unauthorized camps**

in the four **Convergence Objective Regions**
(Campania, Puglia, Calabria, and Sicily)

THE AIM

- To identify and develop **indicators and methodologies to collect information** on Roma, Sinti and Caminanti population, with specific regard to the most vulnerable, at risk of social exclusion, in conditions of hardship and material deprivation.
- To design a **pilot information system on the available sources** on Roma, Sinti and Caminanti population, with particular regard to the National Strategy areas of interest: **health, housing, education, work.**

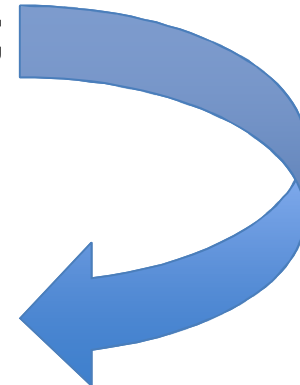


THE OPERATIONAL AREAS

- ✓ **mapping** of relevant available administrative or survey data, coming from various sources (central or local government, academia, etc.);



- ✓ **identification of specific indicators** (possibly harmonized at a European level) to monitor Roma integration, also by indicating **new or revised sources of information**;



- ✓ **definition of a pilot information system**

THE FIELDWORK

A **questionnaire** to be submitted (*face to face*) to “**privileged interlocutors**” of public bodies (e.g. Birth Register Offices and social services offices) and private social organizations (e.g. relevant NGOs) **with reference to four cities** (Naples, Catania, Bari, Lamezia Terme).



The aim is surveying the **main characteristics of each Institution/Association involved with Roma population** (area of expertise, knowledge of the National Strategy for Inclusion of Roma, etc.) and the availability and characteristics of **their (produced or used) sources of information.**

QUESTIONNAIRE CONTENTS

For each data source:

- ✓ **characteristics of the covered population:**
reference territorial area, reference population (in terms of ethnic group, housing situation, employment status, health status and use of health services, schooling or training) and methods to identify RSC people;
- ✓ **main data characteristics:**
source typology, level of access and use, observation unit and reporting methods, if the Institution concerned is also responsible for data collection;

QUESTIONNAIRE CONTENTS

- ✓ **Information contained in the data referring to RSC population:**
 - *socio-demographic characteristics* (age, sex, country of birth, citizenship, etc.),
 - *education* (enrollment, attendance, attainment of educational qualifications, etc.),
 - *labour force status* (job type, sector of employment, amount of salary/income, etc.),
 - *health* (health conditions and use of health related services),

QUESTIONNAIRE CONTENTS

- *social services fruition* (minors under protection, children in foster care centres, protection interventions for battered women, etc.),
- *housing conditions* (authorized and unauthorized camps, spontaneous settlements, social housing, etc),
- *economic condition* (income's amount and source).

EXPECTED RESULTS

- ✓ **Picture of the information available on the territories** concerned
- ✓ **Differences, both in terms of content and collection's modalities,** of different sources
- ✓ **Shortcomings affecting their comparability** paying specific attention to the population's coverage, the definitions and the quality of the data collected
- ✓ Set of **available indicators and guidelines to improve the quality of data**

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Thank you for your attention!