The role of young Roma in anti-discrimination and promotion of participation on local level

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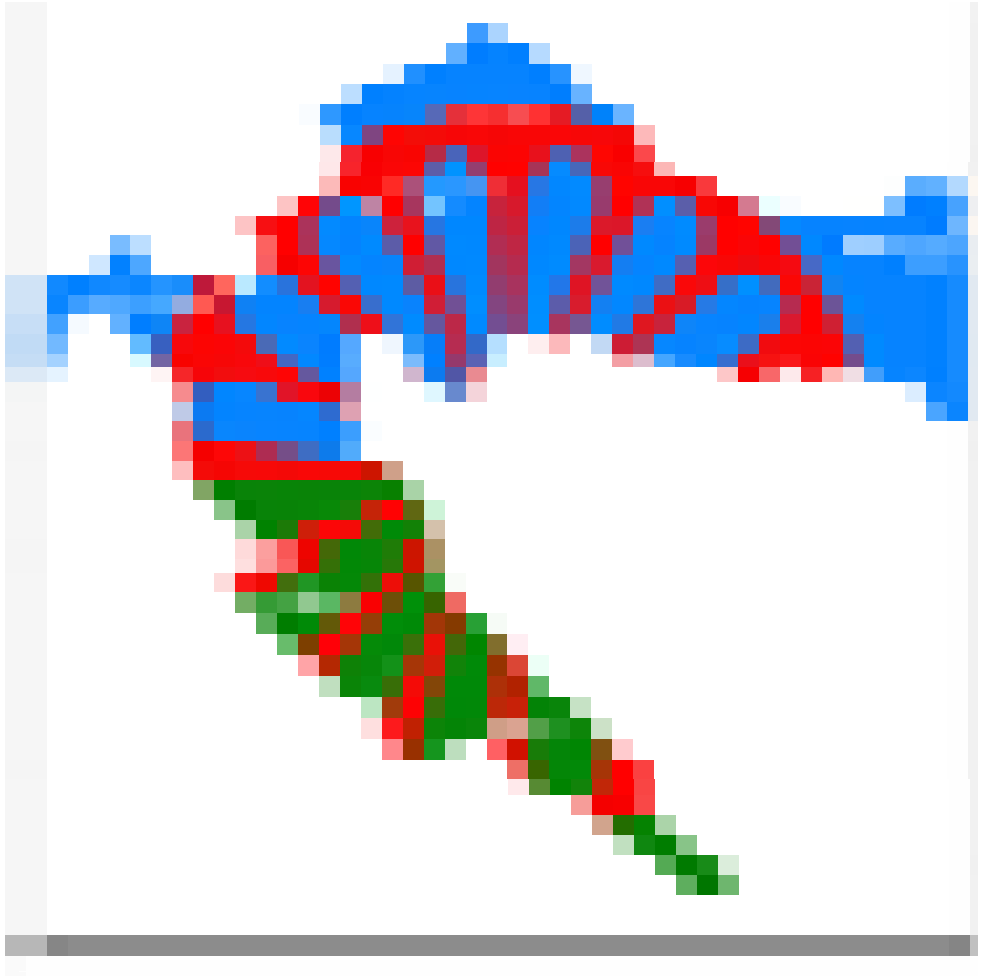

Roma in Croatia

According to 2011 census:
16,975 members of Roma national minority.

Declared as Roma in Zagreb - 2,755

Average age of Roma is 21.9

Roma related documents in the Republic of Croatia

- National Strategy for Roma inclusion, for the period 2013 to 2020
- Action Plan for the implementation of National Strategy for Roma inclusion from 2013 to 2020 for the period 2013– 2015
- Action Plan for the city of Zagreb for the implementation of the national Strategy for Roma inclusion from 2013 to 2020 for the period 2013– 2015
- Action Plan for Roma inclusion in Medjimurje county from 2013– 2015

National Strategy for Roma Inclusion for the period 2013-2020

- Campaign “Dosta”
- National youth programme
- Employment of young Roma in the health system

Education of Roma in the Republic of Croatia

(presentation of Dunja Potočnik)

Main general obstacles for successful education of Roma:

- Unavailability and inaccessibility of all levels of education, including pre-school
- Inadequate quality of available education
- Discrimination
- Marginalization
- Poverty
- Early drop out (mostly around the 5th and 6th grade of primary school)

- Pre school: Croatia 40% (Hungary and Spain 70%)

- 88% of Roma enrolls in primary school but only 40% finishes it (it is similar situation the EU countries)

- At all levels of education, women are 10 % less in comparison to men

- Only 9% finish highschool (it is the same in Portugal, Greece, Spain, France and Romania, while in Spain the percentage is the highest - around oko 30%)

City of Zagreb Action Plan for implementation of the National Strategy for Roma inclusion from 2013 to 2020, for the period 2013 – 2015

- Special attention Roma youth employment
- Co-funding the first employment of the unemployed Roma youth without seniority or experience

Action Plan for Roma inclusion in Medjimurje County (Croatia) from 2013– 2015

- Development of the Action Plan was supported by ODIHR-UNDP
- Young Roma participated in the process of planning
- Emphasis on the high unemployment rate of Roma, especially young Roma

Youth Network- Case Study

- It is necessary to improve the quality and quantity of co-operation between the Government of the Republic of Croatia with associations and non-governmental organizations dealing with this issue

- It is necessary to work on the development of the Romani language

- The introduction of the Roma culture, Roma language and Roma traditions in our schools

Ka mukhav miri dira, te šaj sarine te džanen so me semas kathe. Mangav te džanen so dendem sa mandar kodoja dunjaja te ovel sužeder.

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I will leave my mark, to let everyone know that I was here. I want them to know that I gave my best to make this world a better one.

Questionnaire to Councils

- How many young Roma up to 29 years old has your Council?
- How many young Roma have in your county that have their own associations and actively participate in reducing discrimination and promoting Roma?
- How many young Roma participate in other non-Roma organizations?
- Is there council youth in your local county, if so how many Roma participate in it?
- Have the Council participated in some political process that is related to youth?
- Did your council have any activity regarding anti-discrimination against Roma? Did young Roma participate in these activities?
- Would you have something special to highlight and add regarding young Roma participation in social and political life?

Thank you!

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