

Evidence-based policy making & local engagement for Roma inclusion



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What is the FRA?

Purpose

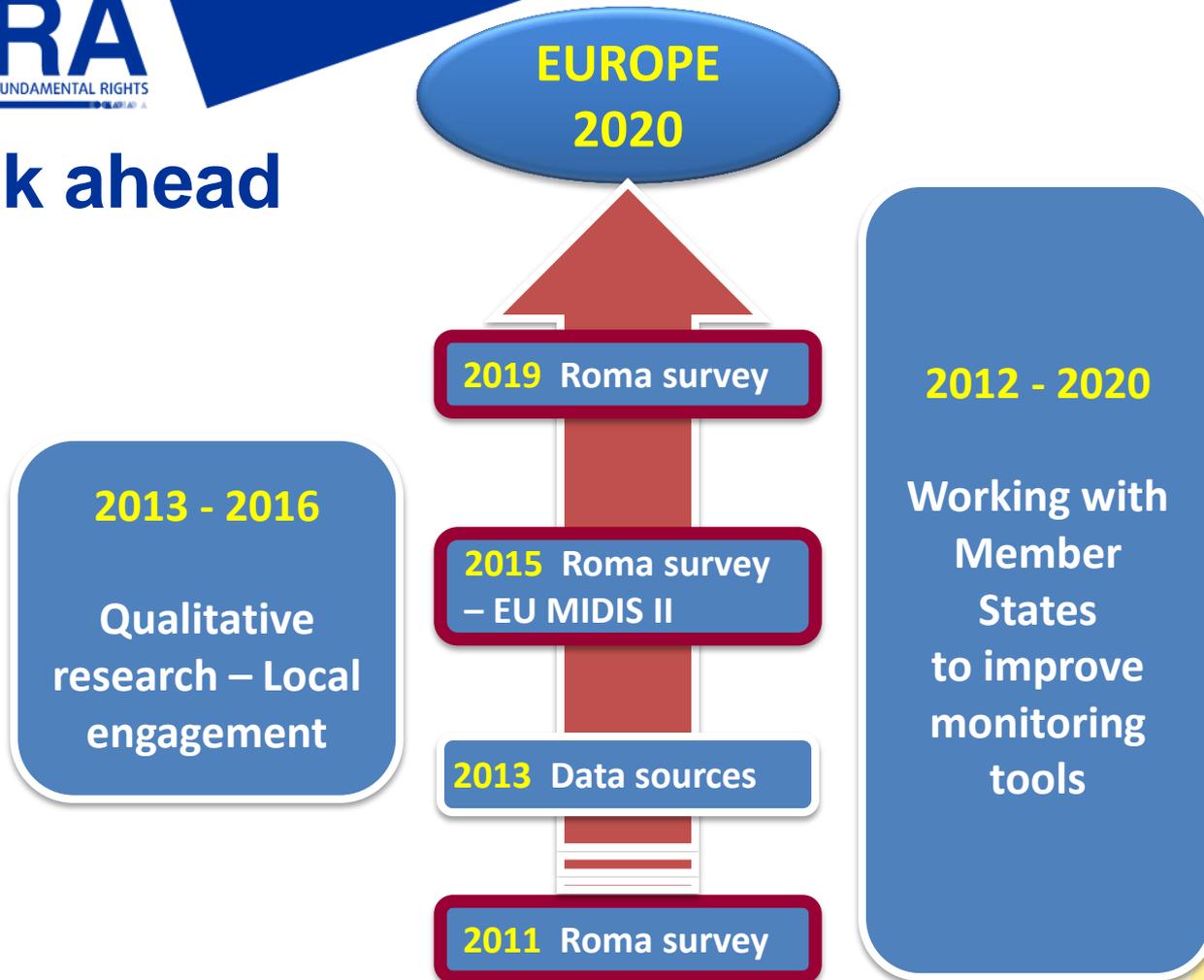
- to provide **assistance and expertise on fundamental rights issues** to the European Union institutions and the Member States, when they implement EU law, in order to support them when they take measures or formulate courses of action within their respective spheres of competence to fully respect fundamental rights
- to promote dialogue with civil society, in order to raise public awareness of fundamental rights and actively disseminate information about its work
(Council Regulation (EC) 168/2007 of 15 /02/2007)

- EC Communication 5.4.2011 ‘An EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies’
- EC Communication 21.5.2012 ‘National RIS: a first step in the implementation of the EU Framework’
- EC Communication 26.6.2013 – ‘Proposal for a Council Recommendation on effective Roma integration measures in the Member States’
- Council Recommendation on effective Roma integration measures in the Member States – 9.12.2013
- EC Communication 2.4.2014 ‘Report on the implementation of the EU Framework for National Roma integration strategies’

The EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies tasks FRA with:

- ✓ **Expanding its research** to cover all EU MSs (2012 - 2013)
- ✓ **Collecting data regularly** (2012 – 2020) across the EU
- ✓ **Assisting MSs** in developing effective monitoring tools

The work ahead



What do the results show?

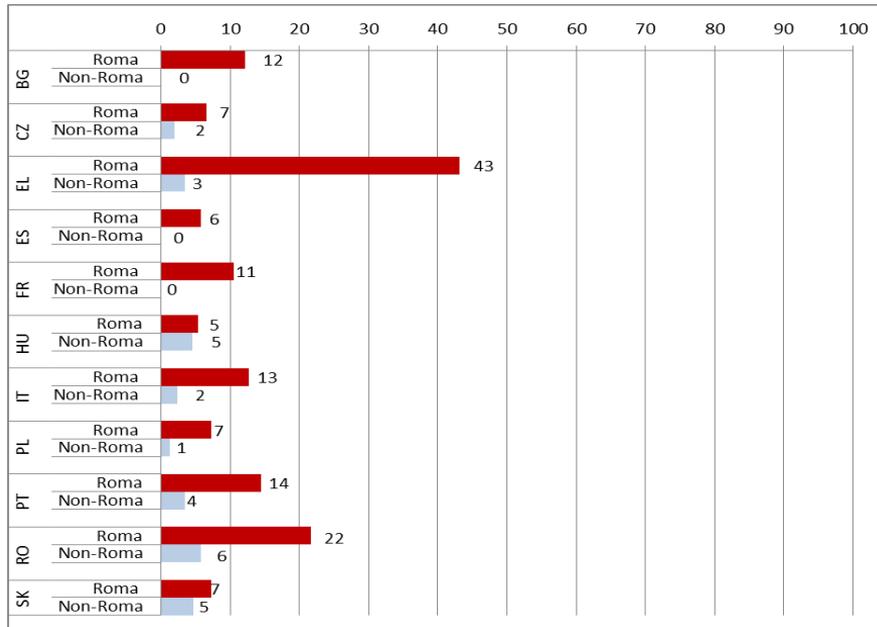
- Roma in Europe: the situation on the ground

FRA Roma survey data explorer – results from the 2011
Roma survey

<http://fra.europa.eu/DVS/DVT/roma.php>

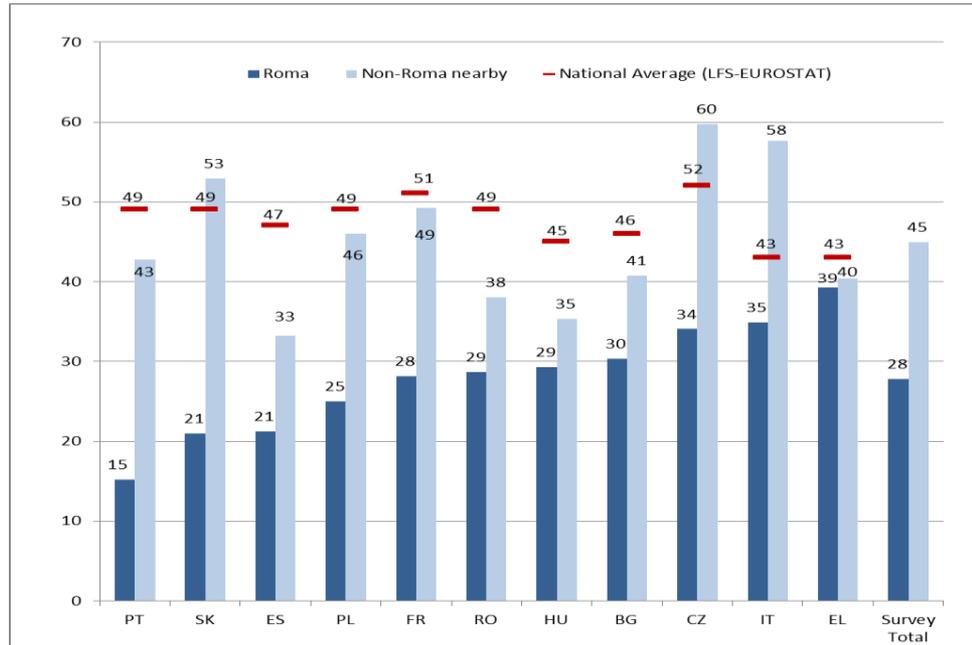
	EU 2020 target	FRA Roma Survey Data
Education	<p>Reducing school drop-out rates below 10%</p> <p><i>Early school leaving (%)</i></p>	<p>14% of Roma children of compulsory school age are not in education (3% non-Roma)</p> <p>On average 89% of Roma aged 18-24 left school before completing upper secondary education (38% non-Roma)</p>
	<p>At least 40% of 30-34-year-olds completing third level education</p> <p><i>Tertiary education (%)</i></p>	<p>10% of Roma aged 25-64 completed secondary education or higher</p>
Employment	<p>75% of the 20-64 year-olds to be employed</p> <p><i>Employment rate (%)</i></p>	<p>On average fewer than one out of three Roma are in paid employment</p> <p>28 % of Roma and 45 % of non-Roma living nearby aged 16 and above indicate paid work as their main activity</p>
Poverty & social inclusion	<p>At least 20 million fewer people in or at risk of poverty and social exclusion</p>	<p>90 % of the Roma surveyed live in households with an equivalised income below national poverty lines</p>

- Roma children are at greater risk of leaving education before the end of compulsory school age – an average of 14% of Roma children did not attend compulsory school (3% non-Roma)



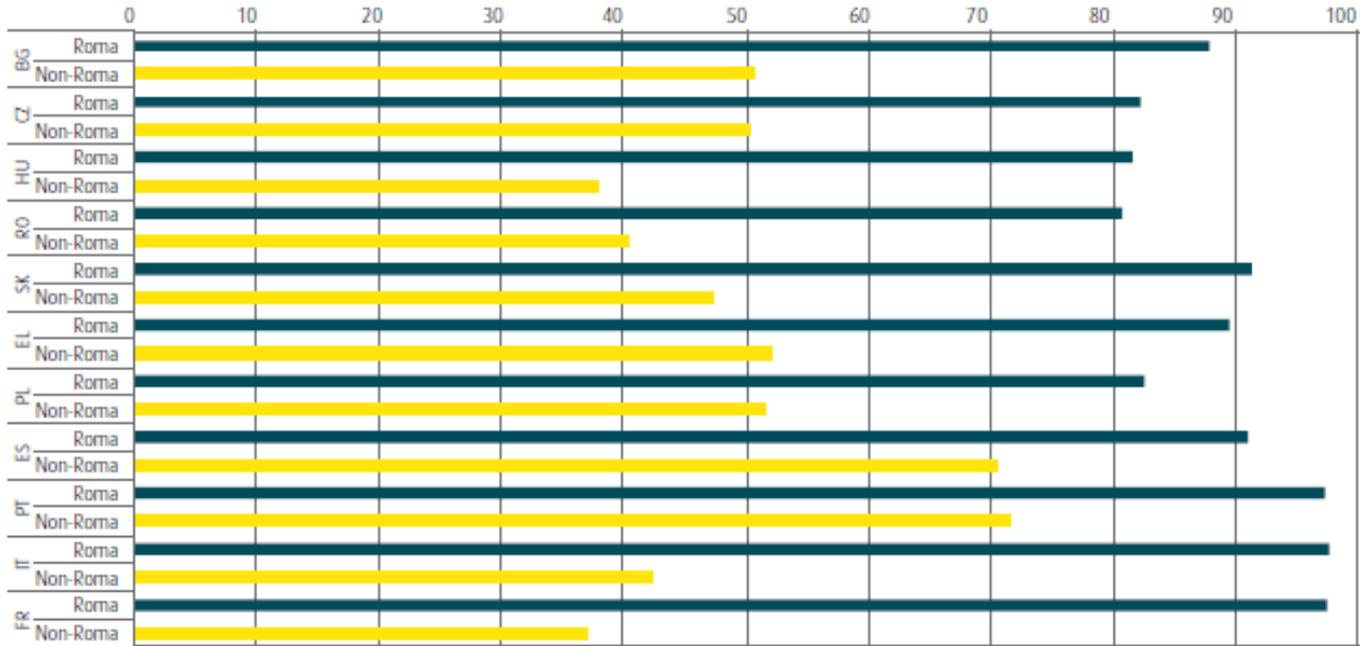
- Share of children of compulsory school age not attending school in 2010/2011 (%)*

- Participation of Roma in the labour market is low and there is a significant gap between Roma and non-Roma



- Self-declared main activity status “paid work” (including full-time, part-time, ad hoc jobs, self-employment) in FRA Roma survey (age 16+) and Eurostat Labour Force Survey 2011 (15+) (%)

- Persons living in households at risk of poverty (%)



- Source: FRA Roma pilot survey 2011

Evidence-based policy making

- Data collection on the situation of Roma as evidence to support Member States in monitoring situation of Roma and implementation of NRIS
- Tracking progress over time
- Quantitative and qualitative data

Cooperation with Member States

FRA's ad hoc working party on measuring Roma integration

❑ Overall purpose

- serves to **exchange experience** and pool knowledge
- to identify promising practices on how to measure and monitor Roma integration
- **Aim**: support Member States in their efforts to **establish effective national monitoring mechanisms** to yield **comparable results**
- **Development of Structure-Process-Outcome indicators framework**
- A **pilot group** of representatives of 14 Member States
- European Commission + UNDP + EUROFOUND, open for participation by other MS
- Reporting to the NRCPs network

Local Engagement for Roma Inclusion (LERI)

- Local level is key for national strategies to be successful on the ground – LERI responds to these challenges
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mky_dWD3MJc

- Participatory action research (PAR) on local Roma integration plans. It is expected to
 - improve policy maker’s understanding of the **situation of Roma & what works in Roma inclusion processes, what doesn’t & why**
 - Better understanding of the processes (how projects, activities, strategies implemented; how EU and other funds for Roma integration are used)
 - examine and develop ways of **improving the design, implementation and monitoring** of Roma integration policies and actions at local level
 - all that done by Roma and not for Roma
- 11 MS, 22 localities
- 2013 - 2017



Thank you!

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