



# Recent developments and upcoming plans of Hungary

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Decade of Roma Inclusion, International Steering  
Committee meeting

# Legal background

- 68/2007 parliamentary resolution – Decade of Roma Inclusion Program **Strategic Plan** (2007-2015) – adopted by the Parliament unanimously June 25, 2007



- 1105/2007 Government Decree – **Governmental Action Plan** (2008-2009) – adopted by the Government December 19, 2007

# Action Plan, governmental measures (2008-2009)

- Concrete policies, projects, deadlines and sources.
- **Priority areas:**
  - education,
  - employment + development of enterprises,
  - housing,
  - health,
  - anti-discrimination
  - culture, media, sport
  - + gender equality as horizontal issue

# Implementation of Action Plan (2008-2009)

- **Targeting:**
  - **„Group targeting”** – measures to groups where the Roma are overrepresented, (long-term unemployment, low educational attainment, early school leaving, etc.)
  - **„Territorial targeting”** – measures to territories where the Roma are overrepresented (most disadvantaged territories, Roma settlements, ghettos)
  - **Programs focused on Roma minority** (culture and antidiscrimination)
- **Sources:**
  - national resources + EU Funds (in the New Hungarian Development Plan)
  - Amount: several ten billions HUF

# Resource allocation

- **Goal:** ensure access of Roma among disadvantaged people.
- **Target programs** – e.g.
  - Scholarship program for Roma children (sources: 4,8 million euro).
  - Desegregation programs in public education
  - Eradication of shanty towns (sources: 12 million euro, 2005-2009)

# Development policy based on principle of equal opportunity

- **Goal:** support projects which contribute to decrease of segregation of Roma in housing and education
- **Development of public education institutions**
  - Sources: 11,4 billion HUF = 45,6 million euro
  - Ca. 1000 villages have prepared reports on the situation of equal opportunities in public education.
- **Urban rehabilitation – Regional Development Program (ROP)**
  - Sources: 51 billion HUF = 180 million euro (2008)
  - All applicants (large and medium-sized cities) should provide anti-segregation plan – ca. 170 plan has been prepared
- **Independent experts approval**
- **Guidelines on equal opportunity in the field of employment, health, housing and education are being prepared.**

# Legislative provisions

Education – amendment of the act on public education

- **Support the most disadvantaged children** going to kindergarten (from January 1, 2009)
- **Equal opportunity plans** are necessary in projects, programs supported by national sources.
- In each schools of cities **the rate of the most disadvantaged children** (comparing with all of the school-aged children) can be max. 15% more than this rate of the city.

**Thank you for your attention!**