



The National Development Agency and the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs from Hungary call for further consultation on the introduction of Equal Opportunity Funding Policy, better monitoring and pre-primary education in EU Member States on the event of the EURoma Network meeting

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EURoma is a European Network made up of representatives of twelve countries, determined to promote the use of Structural Funds provided by the European Union to enhance the effectiveness of policies targeting Roma people and to promote their social inclusion. **Members of the network are Managing Authorities and Government Bodies dealing with Roma integration. During the EURoma meeting in Budapest at 6-8. May, 2009, one of the main topic was Equal Opportunity Funding Policy, the reach for better monitoring data, and the utmost importance of the at least one year of systematic pre-primary education for all children between 3-6 of years.**

The **Equal Opportunity Funding Policy** was introduced by Hungary in the region on the field of public education and urban-rehabilitation. The objective of the Equal Opportunity Funding Policy is to promote the educational and residential de-segregation in the EU funding policy.

1000 Equal Opportunity Plan of Public Education was prepared, as part of the Public Education Development Program, which will support the **introduction of de-segregated educational policy by schools and municipalities** in Hungary. Further details: www.okm.gov.hu.

160 Anti-segregation Plan was prepared, as part of the Urban-rehabilitation Program, which provide information about necessary steps for **social inclusion (housing, employment, healthcare, social care, etc.) of people, living in Roma ghettos**. Further details: www.szmm.gov.hu.

The Equal Opportunity Plan of Public Education and the Anti-segregation Plan are approved by independent experts. All tenders and projects are managed by the Managing Authorities of the Regional Policy and Human Resources of the **National Development Agency**.

The National Development Agency and the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of Hungary as the consequence of the three days meeting would suggest the followings for further consultation:

- **General use the Equal Opportunity Funding Policy, as a basic principles for consideration for EU decision makers, to be implemented in resource allocation policy;**
- **A working group for better monitoring data on extremely marginalized people (Roma) should be set up in the framework of the members of the network, the European Commission, Eurostat and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights;**
- **Call for the importance of the at least one year long, systematic pre-primary education for all children between 3-6 of years;**

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