

ROMA PROGRAM

STATE OF ROMA PEOPLE IN BULGARIA I: NATIONAL INTEGRATION POLICY

Project Objectives

- Evaluation of the current state of Roma policy in Bulgaria;
- Outlining specific directions for subsequent policies and measures;
- Development of technological patterns for pursuing efficient Roma policy in Bulgaria.

Project Implementation Tools

- Compliance analysis of current policy and public needs and institutional priorities;
- Compliance analysis of Roma policy goals and the results and benefits that it is producing;
- Analysis of the policy's efficiency in terms of price for achievement of its benefits.

Project Status

Completed in 2005

Funding

Open Society Institute - Sofia

Results

Report/Evaluation

Main conclusions of the report:

- Roma policy aims high, but does not provide for sufficient tools for the achievement of its goals – there are no direct expenses for Roma people, or, when there are, they are extremely insufficient (it is funded exclusively through pre-accession funds); the direct participation of public budgets is reduced to minimum;
- The mixing of social and ethnic features, observed in all documents and programs, also constitutes a serious contradiction, leading to confusing concepts in the making of Roma policies;
- Roma policy is above all pursued by means of intermediaries – representatives of civil society. Roma policy is launched and pursued as an agreement between NGOs and the institutions. This poses the question of the representation of Roma people, the capacity of the organizations and their experts.

Experts and Partners

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